

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 4435  
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At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

**1 SEC. \_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The people of Afghanistan have taken the  
4 lead in providing for the security of their country  
5 and the successful elections are a positive step in the  
6 self-determination of the future of Afghanistan.

7 (2) However, no country can be successful in  
8 the long-term if a majority of its population is not  
9 included in the dialogue and decision-making of such  
10 country.

11 (3) The women of Afghanistan have made his-  
12 toric strides in the last several years and the elec-  
13 tions prove that the women need and have a right  
14 to have a voice in the future of Afghanistan.

15 (4) To that end, the women of Afghanistan are  
16 vital to the development of Afghanistan and the na-  
17 tional security of Afghanistan;

1           (5) Women are needed to serve Afghanistan in  
2           the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), not  
3           just for the future standing of women in society, but  
4           for cultural reasons.

5           (6) Therefore, it is important that Afghanistan  
6           move forward in increasing the number of women in  
7           the ANSF with the current facilities and capacity to  
8           meet the requirements Afghanistan has proposed to  
9           achieve.

10          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
11          gress that—

12                 (1) the allocation of \$25,000,000 for fiscal year  
13                 2014 for the ANSF should be prioritized for the re-  
14                 cruitment, retention, and training of women in the  
15                 ANSF;

16                 (2) current facilities to support women in the  
17                 ANSF should be fully utilized before additional in-  
18                 frastructure is constructed;

19                 (3) the Government of Afghanistan should en-  
20                 sure that the fund provided prioritize efforts to in-  
21                 crease the number of women serving in the ANSF,  
22                 as proposed in the Master Ministerial Development  
23                 Plan for Afghan National Army (ANA) Gender Inte-  
24                 gration;

1           (4) as part of such plan, the conversion of the  
2           13,000 women that were trained to support the elec-  
3           tions is an important step in increasing the number  
4           of women in the ANSF;

5           (5) the United Nations Assistance Mission in  
6           Afghanistan's report, "A Way to Go: An Update on  
7           Implementation of the Law on Elimination of Vio-  
8           lence Against Women in Afghanistan", should be in-  
9           tegrated into efforts to enable women to serve in the  
10          ANSF; and

11          (6) the United States should continue to advo-  
12          cate for the rights and participation of women in Af-  
13          ghanistan in all levels of government and society.

