

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 4435  
OFFERED BY MR. POE OF TEXAS**

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XII,  
insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_. INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF UNITED STATES**  
2 **EFFORTS TO DISRUPT, DISMANTLE, AND DE-**  
3 **FEAT AL-QAEDA, ITS AFFILIATED GROUPS,**  
4 **ASSOCIATED GROUPS, AND ADHERENTS.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
6 gress that—

7 (1) al-Qaeda, its affiliated groups, associated  
8 groups, and adherents continue to pose a significant  
9 threat to United States national security interests;

10 (2) al-Qaeda continues to evolve and reorganize  
11 to adapt to United States counterterrorism meas-  
12 ures; and

13 (3) al-Qaeda has become more decentralized  
14 and less hierarchical over the past decade.

15 (b) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
17 shall provide for the conduct of an independent as-  
18 sessment of the United States efforts to disrupt, dis-

1 mantle, and defeat al-Qaeda, including its affiliated  
2 groups, associated groups, and adherents since May  
3 2, 2011.

4 (2) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by  
5 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

6 (A) An assessment of al-Qaeda core’s rela-  
7 tionship with any and all affiliated groups, as-  
8 sociated groups, and adherents.

9 (B) An assessment of the aims, objectives,  
10 and capabilities of al-Qaeda core and any and  
11 all affiliated groups, associated groups, and ad-  
12 herents.

13 (C) An assessment of the Administration’s  
14 efforts to combat al-Qaeda core and any and all  
15 affiliated groups, associated groups, and adher-  
16 ents.

17 (D) An assessment of the Authorization  
18 for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107–40)  
19 and its relevance to the current structure and  
20 objectives of al-Qaeda core, its affiliated groups,  
21 associated groups, and adherents.

22 (E) A comprehensive order of battle for al-  
23 Qaeda core, its affiliated groups, associated  
24 groups, and adherents.

25 (3) REPORT.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
2           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
3           entity selected for the conduct of the assess-  
4           ment required by paragraph (1) shall provide to  
5           the Secretary and the appropriate committees  
6           of Congress a report containing its findings as  
7           a result of the assessment.

8           (B) FORM.—The report shall be submitted  
9           in unclassified form, but may include a classi-  
10          fied annex.

11          (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-  
12          FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-  
13          tees of Congress” means—

14               (1) the congressional defense committees;

15               (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
16          the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;  
17          and

18               (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
19          Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
20          House of Representatives.

