

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Add at the end of subtitle B of title IX, the following:

1 SEC. 9 ____ . FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

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

3 (1) Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
4 Staff, Admiral Mullen recognized the National Debt
5 as the primary threat to the long-term security of
6 the United States.

7 (2) The National Debt of the United States is
8 currently approaching \$17.5 trillion.

9 (3) The Department of Defense represents ap-
10 proximately half of the discretionary budget.

11 (4) It is clear that the need to reduce debt and
12 deficits for long-term security requires smarter,
13 more cost effective, solutions to address the security
14 risks of today.

15 (5) Budget constraints are forcing the Depart-
16 ment of Defense to reduce the number of active duty
17 military personnel, combat aircraft, and warships
18 available to meet our national security needs.

1 (6) The United States Armed Forces have
2 ended combat operations and withdrawn from Iraq.

3 (7) The United States Armed Forces are com-
4 pleting the process of withdrawing from Afghanistan
5 this year.

6 (8) The Reserve Forces Policy Board issued a
7 report titled “Reserve Component Use, Balance,
8 Cost and Savings: A Response to Questions for the
9 Secretary of Defense” on February 11, 2014 which
10 recognized the National Guard and Reserve as a
11 strategically sound and cost-effective potential alter-
12 native to current force structures.

13 (9) The men and women of the National Guard
14 and Reserves have proven themselves as a capable
15 and ready force fighting alongside the active compo-
16 nents of the Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

17 (10) The National Guard and Reserve leverages
18 civilian expertise to diversify the capabilities and ex-
19 pertise of troops in combat zones and assigned to
20 peacekeeping missions.

21 (11) The National Guard and Reserve provides
22 an excellent avenue for maintaining a strong corps
23 of non-commissioned officers who are the lifeblood of
24 a well-trained and effective fighting force.

1 (12) The National Guard has an important do-
2 mestic mission in support of the governors and citi-
3 zens of the States.

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

6 (1) the United States of America needs a
7 smarter more cost effective force structure to meet
8 our near-term and long-term security needs, protect
9 the homeland, maintain our dominance on the bat-
10 tlefield, keep our commitments to our allies, and re-
11 duce the burden of those unwavering commitments
12 on American taxpayers;

13 (2) the United States of America has been well
14 served both at home and abroad by the men and
15 women of the National Guard and Reserve;

16 (3) the United States of America should entrust
17 the National Guard and Reserve with further re-
18 sponsibility for maintaining our strategic readiness;

19 (4) the Department of Defense should imple-
20 ment the first ten recommendations made by the Re-
21 serve Forces Policy Board’s February 11, 2014 re-
22 port “Reserve Component Use, Balance, Cost and
23 Savings: A Response to Questions for the Secretary
24 of Defense” to better utilize the National Guard and
25 Reserve;

1 (5) before taking any action to implement the
2 eleventh and twelfth recommendations of Reserve
3 Forces Policy Board's February 11, 2014 report
4 "Reserve Component Use, Balance, Cost and Sav-
5 ings: A Response to Questions for the Secretary of
6 Defense" the Secretary of Defense and Chief of the
7 National Guard Bureau should conduct thorough re-
8 views of the needs of the domestic mission of the
9 National Guard in conjunction with the governor
10 and adjutant general of each State affected by that
11 action and take no action within a State against the
12 recommendation of the governor of that State with-
13 out a compelling reason and first reporting an inten-
14 tion to take such action, along with specific replies
15 to the governor's recommendations, to Congress at
16 least ninety days prior to taking that action;

17 (6) in addition to the above implementation, the
18 Secretary of Defense should direct the Reserve
19 Forces Policy Board to lead and conduct a review to
20 draw on the implementation of the above rec-
21 ommendations, evaluate current strategy and force
22 structure, identify those missions that would be most
23 cost-effective to assign to the National Guard and
24 Reserve, and develop recommendations to be re-
25 ported and briefed to President of the United States,

1 the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint
2 Chiefs of Staff, and the Chairs and Ranking Mem-
3 bers of the House and Senate Armed Services Com-
4 mittees, or to their representatives on strategically
5 sound options for transferring missions and end
6 strength from the active-component to the National
7 Guard and Reserve-components of the total force
8 where those missions can be more cost-effectively as-
9 signed; and

10 (7) in developing those recommendations the
11 Reserve Forces Policy Board should regularly con-
12 sult with and take comments for consideration from
13 the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the
14 Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and the Gov-
15 ernors of the Several States, or their designated rep-
16 resentatives.

