

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

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following
new section:

**1 SEC. 1051. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING FOR
2 HOMEBASING OF CERTAIN F-35 AIRCRAFT.**

3 (a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to
4 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
5 for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense may
6 be obligated or expended to implement a final decision af-
7 fecting the homebasing of F-35 aircraft on the West
8 Coast of the United States until the date on which the
9 Secretary submits to the congressional defense committees
10 the comparative financial analysis under subsection (b).

11 (b) ANALYSIS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
13 a comparative financial analysis of homebasing F-35
14 aircraft at Naval Air Facility El Centro and Naval
15 Air Station Lemoore.

16 (2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The analysis con-
17 ducted under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
18 lowing:

1 (A) Annual operational costs to perform
2 the training missions at each location specified
3 in paragraph (1).

4 (B) Annual costs associated with detach-
5 ment training at each location specified in para-
6 graph (1).

7 (C) Estimated annual costs of flying F-35
8 aircraft to and from each location specified in
9 paragraph (1) to the depots for such aircraft.

10 (D) Cost savings that might be achieved by
11 homebasing such aircraft at Naval Air Facility
12 El Centro, which is in close proximity to the F-
13 35 aircraft of the Marine Corps located at both
14 Miramar Marine Corps Air Station and Yuma
15 Marine Corps Air Station.

16 (E) Cost savings that might be achieved by
17 homebasing the F-35 aircraft at Naval Air Sta-
18 tion Lemoore.

19 (F) Estimated annual costs of F-35 air-
20 craft detachment training that would continue
21 at each location specified in paragraph (1), even
22 if the location is not used as the homebase for
23 F-35 aircraft.

24 (G) Comparison of military construction
25 costs associated with homebasing such aircraft

1 at Naval Air Facility El Centro versus Naval
2 Air Station Lemoore.

3 (H) Comparison of the net cost savings to
4 be achieved over 10 and 20 year budget hori-
5 zons by homebasing such aircraft at Naval Air
6 Facility El Centro versus Naval Air Station
7 Lemoore.

