

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
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OFFERED BY MR. COFFMAN OF COLORADO**

After section 1256, insert the following new section  
(and redesignate subsequent sections accordingly):

1 **SEC. 1257. REMOVAL OF BRIGADE COMBAT TEAMS FROM**  
2 **EUROPE.**

3 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, because defense  
4 spending among European NATO countries fell 12% since  
5 2008, from \$314 billion to \$275 billion, so that currently  
6 only 4 out of the 28 NATO allies of the United States  
7 are spending the widely agreed-to standard of 2% of their  
8 GDP on defense, the United States must look to more  
9 wisely allocate scarce resources to provide for the national  
10 defense.

11 (b) REMOVAL REQUIRED.—The President shall end  
12 the permanent basing of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment (2CR)  
13 in Vilseck, Germany and return that Brigade Combat  
14 Team currently stationed in Europe to the United States,  
15 without permanent replacement, leaving one Brigade  
16 Combat Team and one Combat Aviation Brigade.

17 (c) USE OF ROTATIONAL FORCES TO SATISFY SECUR-  
18 RITY NEEDS.—It is the policy of the United States that

1 the deployment of units of the United States Armed  
2 Forces on a rotational basis at military installations in  
3 European member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty  
4 Organization pursuant to the Army Force Generation  
5 (ARFORGEN) process is a force-structure arrangement  
6 sufficient to permit the United States—

7           (1) to satisfy the commitments undertaken by  
8           United States pursuant to Article 5 of the North At-  
9           lantic Treaty, signed at Washington, District of Co-  
10          lumbia, on April 4, 1949, and entered into force on  
11          August 24, 1949 (63 Stat. 2241; TIAS 1964);

12          (2) to address the current security environment  
13          in Europe; and

14          (3) to contribute to peace and stability in Eu-  
15          rope.

16          (d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
17          tion shall be construed so as to require the removal of  
18          Landstuhl Regional Medical Center or to prohibit the utili-  
19          zation of the 82nd Airborne’s Division Readiness Brigade,  
20          Marine Corps Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Teams, Ma-  
21          rine Corps Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task  
22          Forces, Marine Corps expeditionary units, Special Oper-  
23          ations Command forces, or other quick-response forces to

- 1 respond to threats in Europe and in the vicinity of the
- 2 U.S. European Command (EUCOM) area.

