

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 1960
OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF
MASSACHUSETTS**

Strike section 1222 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1222. COMPLETION OF ACCELERATED TRANSITION OF**
2 **UNITED STATES COMBAT AND MILITARY AND**
3 **SECURITY OPERATIONS TO THE GOVERN-**
4 **MENT OF AFGHANISTAN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United
6 States that, in coordination with the Government of Af-
7 ghanistan, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
8 member countries, and other allies in Afghanistan, the
9 President shall—

10 (1) complete the accelerated transition of
11 United States combat operations to the Government
12 of Afghanistan by not later than December 31,
13 2013;

14 (2) complete the accelerated transition of
15 United States military and security operations to the
16 Government of Afghanistan and redeploy United
17 States Armed Forces from Afghanistan (including
18 operations involving military and security-related

1 contractors) by not later than December 31, 2014;
2 and

3 (3) pursue robust negotiations leading to a po-
4 litical settlement and reconciliation of the internal
5 conflict in Afghanistan, to include the Government
6 of Afghanistan, all interested parties within Afghani-
7 stan and with the observance and support of rep-
8 resentatives of donor nations active in Afghanistan
9 and regional governments and partners in order to
10 secure a secure and independent Afghanistan and
11 regional security and stability.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that should the President determine the necessity
14 to maintain United States troops in Afghanistan to carry
15 out missions after December 31, 2014, and such presence
16 and missions should be authorized by a separate vote of
17 Congress not later than June 1, 2014.

18 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
19 tion shall be construed so as to limit or prohibit any au-
20 thority of the President to—

21 (1) modify the military strategy, tactics, and
22 operations of United States Armed Forces as such
23 Armed Forces redeploy from Afghanistan;

24 (2) attack Al Qaeda forces wherever such forces
25 are located;

- 1 (3) provide financial support and equipment to
2 the Government of Afghanistan for the training and
3 supply of Afghanistan military and security forces;
4 or
5 (4) gather, provide, and share intelligence with
6 United States allies operating in Afghanistan and
7 Pakistan.

