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**MODIFICATION TO THE AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MR. DREIER OF CALIFORNIA**

~~(Amendment #9 in the Report of the Committee on Rules)~~

The amendment as modified is as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 217. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACTIVE RESPONSE**
2 **CORPS.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State, in
4 consultation with the Administrator of the United States
5 Agency for International Development, is authorized to es-
6 tablish an Active Response Corps (referred to in this sec-
7 tion as the “Corps”) to provide assistance in support of
8 stabilization and reconstruction activities in foreign coun-
9 tries or regions that are in, are in transition from, or are
10 likely to enter into, conflict or civil strife.

11 (b) COMPOSITION.—If the Corps is established in ac-
12 cordance with subsection (a), the Secretary and Adminis-
13 trator shall coordinate in the identification and training,
14 and if necessary, in the recruitment and hiring, of nec-
15 essary personnel. Such personnel shall be composed of em-
16 ployees of United States civilian agencies or non-Federal
17 employees.



1 (c) USE OF ACTIVE RESPONSE CORPS.—The mem-
2 bers of the Active Response Corps shall be available—

3 (1) if the President determines that it is in the
4 national security interests of the United States to
5 engage in stabilization and reconstruction activities
6 in a country or region that is in, is in transition
7 from, or is likely to enter into, conflict or civil strife;
8 and

9 (2) if not engaged in such stabilization and re-
10 construction activities, for assignment in the United
11 States, at diplomatic missions of the United States,
12 and at missions of the United States Agency for
13 International Development.

14 (d) TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Coordinator for Sta-
16 bilization and Reconstruction is authorized to con-
17 duct and arrange for training and education of the
18 Active Response Corps.

19 (2) EMPHASIS.—Training and education shall
20 emphasize acquisition of general skills needed to op-
21 erate in a post-conflict environment and training
22 specific to the job skill set for which the member has
23 been identified to participate in the Active Response
24 Corps.



1 (3) CONTENTS.—Training and education may
2 consist of—

3 (A) conducting inter-agency training, in-
4 cluding training related to inter-agency deci-
5 sionmaking, operational planning, and execution
6 simulations, for mid-level government officials
7 and managers to prepare such officials and
8 managers to address stabilization and recon-
9 struction operations;

10 (B) conducting advanced training related
11 to stabilization and reconstruction operations
12 for members of the Active Response Corps;

13 (C) conducting pre-deployment training re-
14 lated to stabilization and reconstruction oper-
15 ations for civilians and military-civil affairs per-
16 sonnel;

17 (D) conducting exercises related to sta-
18 bilization and reconstruction operations for
19 United States and international experts;

20 (E) developing a uniform set of operating
21 procedures for stabilization and reconstruction
22 operations; and

23 (F) conducting ongoing evaluations and
24 after-action reviews of stabilization and recon-
25 struction operations.



1 (e) FACILITIES.—Training and education programs
2 should be coordinated with and utilize to the extent pos-
3 sible existing programs and facilities such as the George
4 P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center (com-
5 monly referred to as the “Foreign Service Institute”), the
6 National Defense University, the Center for Stabilization
7 and Reconstruction Studies at the Naval Postgraduate
8 School, and the United States Institute for Peace.

9 (f) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.—

10 (1) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF RE-
11 SERVE COMPONENT OF ACTIVE RESPONSE CORPS.—

12 The Secretary, in consultation with the heads of
13 other relevant Executive agencies, is authorized to
14 establish and maintain a roster of personnel who are
15 trained and available as needed to perform services
16 necessary to carry out the purpose of the Corps
17 under subsection (c). The personnel listed on the
18 roster shall constitute a reserve component of the
19 Active Response Corps.

20 (2) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—The reserve com-
21 ponent may include employees of the Department of
22 State, including Foreign Service Nationals, employ-
23 ees of the United States Agency for International
24 Development, employees of any other Executive
25 agency (as such term is defined in section 105 of



1 title 5, United States Code), and employees from the
2 legislative and judicial branches who—

3 (A) have the training and skills necessary
4 to enable them to contribute to stabilization
5 and reconstruction activities under this section;
6 and

7 (B) have volunteered for deployment to
8 carry out such stabilization and reconstruction
9 activities.

10 (g) USE OF RESERVE COMPONENT.—The Secretary
11 may deploy members of the reserve component in support
12 of stabilization and reconstruction activities in a foreign
13 country or region if the President makes a determination
14 regarding a stabilization and reconstruction crisis. The
15 Secretary is authorized to employ contractor personnel,
16 nongovernmental organization personnel, and State and
17 local government employees, who—

18 (1) have the training and skills necessary to en-
19 able them to contribute to stabilization and recon-
20 struction activities under this section; and

21 (2) have volunteered to carry out such stabiliza-
22 tion and reconstruction activities.

23 (h) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
25 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on



1 the status of efforts to establish the Active Response
2 Corps. The report shall include recommendations—
3 (1) for any legislation necessary to implement
4 subsection (a); and
5 (2) concerning the regulation and structure of
6 the Active Response Corps, including recommenda-
7 tions related to pay and employment security for,
8 and benefit and retirement matters related to, mem-
9 bers of the Corps.

