

60. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Cummings (MD) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. CUMMINGS OF MARYLAND**

Page 232, after line 18, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 555. MORTGAGE PROTECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE**  
2 **ARMED FORCES, SURVIVING SPOUSES, AND**  
3 **CERTAIN VETERANS AND OTHER IMPROVE-**  
4 **MENTS TO THE SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RE-**  
5 **LIEF ACT.**

6 (a) MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, SURVIVING  
7 SPOUSES, AND CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the  
9 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App.  
10 501 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section  
11 303A, as added by section 553, the following new  
12 section:

13 **“SEC. 303B. MORTGAGES AND TRUST DEEDS OF CERTAIN**  
14 **SERVICEMEMBERS, SURVIVING SPOUSES,**  
15 **AND DISABLED VETERANS.**

16 “(a) MORTGAGE AS SECURITY.—This section applies  
17 only to an obligation on real or personal property owned  
18 by a covered individual that—

1           “(1) originated at any time and for which the  
2 covered individual is still obligated; and

3           “(2) is secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or  
4 other security in the nature of a mortgage.

5           “(b) STAY OF PROCEEDINGS.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with sub-  
7 section (d)(1), in a judicial action pending or in a  
8 nonjudicial action commenced during a covered time  
9 period to enforce an obligation described in sub-  
10 section (a), a court—

11           “(A) may, after a hearing and on its own  
12 motion, stay the proceedings until the end of  
13 the covered time period; and

14           “(B) shall, upon application by a covered  
15 individual, stay the proceedings until the end of  
16 the covered time period.

17           “(2) OBLIGATION TO STOP PROCEEDINGS.—

18           Upon receipt of notice provided under subsection  
19 (d)(1), a mortgagee, trustee, or other creditor seek-  
20 ing to foreclose on real property secured by an obli-  
21 gation covered by this section using any judicial or  
22 nonjudicial proceedings shall immediately stop any  
23 such proceeding until the end of the covered time pe-  
24 riod.

1       “(e) SALE OR FORECLOSURE.—A sale, judicial or  
2 nonjudicial foreclosure, or seizure of property for a breach  
3 of an obligation described in subsection (a) that is not  
4 stayed under subsection (b) shall not be valid during a  
5 covered time period except—

6           “(1) upon a court order granted before such  
7 sale, judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure, or seizure  
8 with a return made and approved by the court; or

9           “(2) if made pursuant to an agreement as pro-  
10 vided in section 107.

11       “(d) NOTICE REQUIRED.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be covered under this  
13 section, a covered individual shall provide to the  
14 mortgagee, trustee, or other creditor written notice  
15 that such individual is so covered.

16           “(2) MANNER.—Written notice under para-  
17 graph (1) may be provided electronically.

18           “(3) TIME.—Notice provided under paragraph  
19 (1) shall be provided during the covered time period.

20           “(4) CONTENTS.—With respect to a  
21 servicemember described in subsection (g)(1)(A), no-  
22 tice shall include—

23           “(A) a copy of the servicemember’s official  
24 military orders, or any notification, certifi-  
25 cation, or verification from a servicemember’s

1 commanding officer that provides evidence of  
2 servicemember's eligibility for special pay as de-  
3 scribed in subsection (g)(1)(A); or

4 “(B) an official notice using a form de-  
5 signed under paragraph (5).

6 “(5) OFFICIAL FORMS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-  
8 fense shall design and distribute an official De-  
9 partment of Defense form that can be used by  
10 an individual to give notice under paragraph  
11 (1).

12 “(B) USE OF OFFICIAL FORM NOT RE-  
13 QUIRED.—Failure by any individual to use a  
14 form designed or distributed under subpara-  
15 graph (A) to provide notice shall not make such  
16 provision of notice invalid.

17 “(e) AGGREGATE DURATION.—The aggregate dura-  
18 tion for which a covered individual (except a  
19 servicemember described in subsection (g)(1)(A)) may be  
20 covered under this section is one year.

21 “(f) MISDEMEANOR.—A person who knowingly  
22 makes or causes to be made a sale, foreclosure, or seizure  
23 of property that is prohibited by subsection (e), or who  
24 knowingly attempts to do so, shall be fined as provided

1 in title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned for not more  
2 than one year, or both.

3 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘cov-  
5 ered individual’ means the following individuals:

6 “(A) A servicemember who is or was eligi-  
7 ble for hostile fire or imminent danger special  
8 pay under section 310 of title 37, United States  
9 Code, during a period of military service.

10 “(B) A servicemember placed on conva-  
11 lent status, including a servicemember trans-  
12 ferred to the temporary disability retired list  
13 under section 1202 or 1205 of title 10, United  
14 States Code.

15 “(C) A veteran who was medically dis-  
16 charged and retired under chapter 61 of title  
17 10, United States Code, except for a veteran  
18 described in section 1207 of such title.

19 “(D) A surviving spouse (as defined in sec-  
20 tion 101(3) of title 38, United States Code, and  
21 in accordance with section 103 of such title) of  
22 a servicemember who died while in military  
23 service if such spouse is the successor in inter-  
24 est to property covered under subsection (a).

1           “(2) COVERED TIME PERIOD.—The term ‘cov-  
2           ered time period’ means the following time periods:

3                   “(A) With respect to a servicemember who  
4                   is or was eligible for hostile fire or imminent  
5                   danger special pay under section 310 of title  
6                   37, United States Code, during a period of mili-  
7                   tary service, during the period beginning on the  
8                   first day on which the servicemember is or was  
9                   eligible for such special pay during such period  
10                  of military service and ending on the date that  
11                  is one year after the last day of such period of  
12                  military service.

13                  “(B) With respect to a servicemember de-  
14                  scribed in paragraph (1)(B), during the one-  
15                  year period beginning on the date on which the  
16                  servicemember is placed on convalescent status  
17                  or transferred to the temporary disability re-  
18                  tired list under section 1202 or 1205 of title  
19                  10, United States Code.

20                  “(C) With respect to a veteran described in  
21                  paragraph (1)(C), during the one-year period  
22                  beginning on the date of the retirement of such  
23                  veteran.

24                  “(D) With respect to a surviving spouse of  
25                  a servicemember as described in paragraph

1 (1)(D), during the one-year period beginning on  
2 the date on which the spouse receives notice of  
3 the death of the servicemember.”.

4 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
5 tents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by in-  
6 serting after the item relating to section 303 the fol-  
7 lowing new item:

“Sec. 303B. Mortgages and trust deeds of certain servicemembers, surviving  
spouses, and disabled veterans.”.

8 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 107  
9 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C.  
10 App. 517) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 “(e) OTHER INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of this sec-  
13 tion, the term ‘servicemember’ includes any covered indi-  
14 vidual under section 303B.”.

15 (b) INCREASED CIVIL PENALTIES FOR MORTGAGE  
16 VIOLATIONS.—Paragraph (3) of section 801(b) of the  
17 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App.  
18 597(b)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(3) to vindicate the public interest, assess a  
20 civil penalty—

21 “(A) with respect to a violation of section  
22 207, 303, or 303B regarding real property—

23 “(i) in an amount not exceeding  
24 \$110,000 for a first violation; and

1                   “(ii) in an amount not exceeding  
2                   \$220,000 for any subsequent violation; and

3                   “(B) with respect to any other violation of  
4                   this Act—

5                   “(i) in an amount not exceeding  
6                   \$55,000 for a first violation; and

7                   “(ii) in an amount not exceeding  
8                   \$110,000 for any subsequent violation.”.

9           (c) CREDIT DISCRIMINATION.—Section 108 of such  
10 Act (50 U.S.C. App. 518) is amended—

11           (1) by striking “Application by” and inserting

12           “(a) APPLICATION OR RECEIPT.—Application by”;

13           and

14           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
15           section:

16           “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—In addition to the protections  
17 under subsection (a), an individual who is entitled to any  
18 right or protection provided under this Act may not be  
19 denied or refused credit or be subject to any other action  
20 described under paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection  
21 (a) solely by reason of such entitlement.”.

22           (d) REQUIREMENTS FOR LENDING INSTITUTIONS  
23 THAT ARE CREDITORS FOR OBLIGATIONS AND LIABIL-  
24 ITIES COVERED BY THE SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF

1 ACT.—Section 207 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act  
2 (50 U.S.C. App. 527) is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
4 subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

5 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
6 lowing new subsection (d):

7 “(d) LENDING INSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS.—

8 “(1) COMPLIANCE OFFICERS.—Each lending in-  
9 stitution subject to the requirements of this section  
10 shall designate an employee of the institution as a  
11 compliance officer who is responsible for ensuring  
12 the institution’s compliance with this section and for  
13 distributing information to servicemembers whose  
14 obligations and liabilities are covered by this section.

15 “(2) TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER.—Dur-  
16 ing any fiscal year, a lending institution subject to  
17 the requirements of this section that had annual as-  
18 sets for the preceding fiscal year of \$10,000,000,000  
19 or more shall maintain a toll-free telephone number  
20 and shall make such telephone number available on  
21 the primary Internet website of the institution.”.

22 (e) PENSION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS COVERED BY  
23 MEDICAID PLANS FOR SERVICES FURNISHED BY NURS-  
24 ING FACILITIES.—Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United

1 States Code, is amended by striking “November 30, 2016”  
2 and inserting “March 1, 2017”.

3 (f) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Section 303B of the  
4 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, as added by subsection  
5 (a), and the amendments made by this section (other than  
6 the amendment made by subsection (e)), shall take effect  
7 on the date that is one year after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act.



61. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Lujan Grisham (NM) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MS. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM OF  
NEW MEXICO**

Page 232, after line 18, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 555. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOGNITION OF DE-**  
2 **PENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES WHO SERVE IN COMBAT ZONES.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PRESENTATION OF LAPEL  
5 BUTTONS.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code,  
6 is amended by inserting after section 1126 the following  
7 new section:

8 **“§ 1126b. Dependent-of-a-combat-veteran lapel but-**  
9 **ton: eligibility and presentation**

10 “(a) DESIGN AND ELIGIBILITY.—A lapel button, to  
11 be known as the dependent-of-a-combat-veteran lapel but-  
12 ton, shall be designed, as approved by the Secretary of  
13 Defense, to identify and recognize the dependent of a  
14 member of the armed forces who is serving or has served  
15 in a combat zone for a period of more than 30 days.

16 “(b) PRESENTATION.—The Secretary concerned may  
17 authorize the use of appropriated funds to procure de-

1 pendent-of-a-combat-veteran lapel buttons and to provide  
2 for their presentation to eligible dependents of members.

3 “(c) EXCEPTION TO TIME-PERIOD REQUIREMENT.—  
4 The 30-day period specified in subsection (a) does not  
5 apply if the member is killed or wounded in the combat  
6 zone before the expiration the period.

7 “(d) LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE AND SELL LAPEL  
8 BUTTONS.—Section 901(c) of title 36 shall apply with re-  
9 spect to the dependent-of-a-combat-veteran lapel button  
10 authorized by this section.

11 “(e) COMBAT ZONE DEFINED.—In this section, the  
12 term ‘combat zone’ has the meaning given that term in  
13 section 112(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

14 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
15 issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out  
16 this section. The Secretary shall ensure that the regula-  
17 tions are uniform for each armed force to the extent prac-  
18 ticable.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
20 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
21 after the item relating to section 1126 the following new  
22 item:

“1126b. Dependent-of-a-combat-veteran lapel button: eligibility and presen-  
tation.”.



62. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Brownley (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 232, after line 18, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 555. TRANSITION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
2 **FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM MILI-**  
3 **TARY TO CIVILIAN LIFE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Members of the Armed Forces and their  
6 families make great sacrifices on behalf of the  
7 United States, and, when their active duty service is  
8 successfully concluded, members deserve the oppor-  
9 tunity to also make a successful transition to the ci-  
10 vilian labor force.

11 (2) When transitioning from active duty in the  
12 Armed Forces to civilian employment, members  
13 often face barriers that make it difficult to fully uti-  
14 lize the skills and training they gained during their  
15 military service.

16 (3) Members and veterans are too often re-  
17 quired to repeat education or training in order to re-  
18 ceive industry certifications and State occupational  
19 licenses, even though their military training and ex-

1       perience often overlaps with the certification or li-  
2       censing requirements.

3           (4) When members are transferred from mili-  
4       tary assignment to military assignment, their  
5       spouses often face barriers to transferring their cre-  
6       dentials and to securing employment in their new lo-  
7       cation.

8           (5) More than one million members will make  
9       the transition to civilian life in the coming years.

10          (6) The Department of Defense established the  
11       Military Credentialing and Licensing Task Force in  
12       2012.

13          (7) The Joining Forces program, a national ini-  
14       tiative to mobilize all sectors of society to give mem-  
15       bers of the Armed Forces and their families the op-  
16       portunities and support they have earned, will make  
17       it easier for members and their families to transfer  
18       skills learned while the member was serving in the  
19       Armed Forces to civilian employment.

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

22           (1) the Federal Government and State govern-  
23       ments should make the transition of a member of  
24       the Armed Forces and the member's spouse from  
25       military to civilian life as seamless as possible by

1 creating opportunities for the member and spouse to  
2 earn, while the member is in the Armed Forces, ci-  
3 vilian occupational credentials and licenses, with an  
4 emphasis on well-paying industries and occupations  
5 that have a high demand for skilled workers, includ-  
6 ing: manufacturing, information technology, trans-  
7 portation and logistics, health care, and emergency  
8 medical services;

9 (2) the Federal Government should assist State  
10 governments in translating military training and ex-  
11 perience into credit towards professional licensure;  
12 and

13 (3) State governments should streamline ap-  
14 proaches for assessing the equivalency of military  
15 training and experience, and accelerate occupational  
16 licensing processes for members, veterans, and their  
17 spouses.



63. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Green, Gene (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. GENE GREEN OF TEXAS**

Page 243, after line 8, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 568. INTERNET ACCESS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMY,**  
2 **NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND MARINE CORPS SERV-**  
3 **ING IN COMBAT ZONES.**

4 (a) PROVISION OF INTERNET ACCESS REQUIRE-  
5 MENT.—The Secretaries of the military departments shall  
6 ensure that members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and  
7 Marine Corps who are deployed in an area for which immi-  
8 nent danger pay or hazardous duty pay is authorized  
9 under section 310 or 351 of title 37, United States Code,  
10 have reasonable access to the Internet in order to permit  
11 the members—

12 (1) to engage in video-conferencing and other  
13 communication with their families and friends; and

14 (2) to enjoy the educational and recreational ca-  
15 pabilities of the Internet via websites approved by  
16 the Secretary concerned.

17 (b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of a mili-  
18 tary department may waive the requirement imposed by  
19 subsection (a) for an area, or for certain time periods in

1 an area, if the Secretary determines that the security envi-  
2 ronment of the area does not reasonably allow for rec-  
3 reational Internet use.

4 (c) NO CHARGE FOR ACCESS AND USE.—Internet ac-  
5 cess and use shall be provided to members under this sec-  
6 tion without charge.

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement imposed by  
8 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2014.



64. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Andrews (NJ) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. ANDREWS OF NEW JERSEY  
(Offered on behalf of himself and Mr. Markey of  
Massachusetts)**

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_ . SECRETARY OF DEFENSE REPORT ON FEASI-**  
2 **BILITY OF REQUIRING AUTOMATIC OPER-**  
3 **ATION OF CURRENT PROHIBITION ON AC-**  
4 **CRUAL OF INTEREST ON DIRECT STUDENT**  
5 **LOANS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE**  
6 **ARMED FORCES.**

7 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, after consulta-  
9 tion with relevant Federal agencies, shall submit to Con-  
10 gress a report addressing the following:

11 (1) Whether application of the benefits provided  
12 under section 455(o) of the Higher Education Act of  
13 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(o)) could occur automati-  
14 cally for members of the Armed Forces eligible for  
15 the benefits.

1           (2) How the Department of Defense would im-  
2           plement the automatic operation of the current pro-  
3           hibition on the accrual of interest on direct student  
4           loans of certain members, including the Federal  
5           agencies with which the Department of Defense  
6           would coordinate.

7           (3) If the Secretary determines that automatic  
8           operation is not feasible, an explanation of the rea-  
9           sons for that determination.



65. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Blackburn (TN) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MRS. BLACKBURN OF TENNESSEE**

At the end of subtitle F of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 568. REPORT ON THE TROOPS TO TEACHERS PRO-**  
2 **GRAM.**

3 Not later than March 1, 2014, the Secretary of De-  
4 fense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services  
5 of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on  
6 the Troops to Teachers program that includes each of the  
7 following:

8 (1) An evaluation of whether there is a need to  
9 broaden eligibility to allow service members and vet-  
10 erans without a bachelor's degree admission into the  
11 program and whether the program can be strength-  
12 ened.

13 (2) An evaluation of whether a pilot program  
14 should be established to demonstrate the potential  
15 benefit of an institutional based award for troops to  
16 teachers, as long as any such pilot maximizes bene-  
17 fits to soldiers and minimizes administrative and

- 1 other overhead costs at the participating academic
- 2 institutions.



66. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Culberson (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON OF TEXAS**

Page 255, after line 9, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 589. REQUIRED GOLD CONTENT FOR MEDAL OF**  
2 **HONOR.**

3 (a) ARMY.—

4 (1) GOLD CONTENT.—Section 3741 of title 10,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) by striking “The President” and in-  
7 serting “(a) AWARD.—The President”; and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
9 subsection:

10 “(b) GOLD CONTENT.—The metal content of the  
11 Medal of Honor shall be 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
12 alloy.”.

13 (2) EXCEPTION FOR DUPLICATE MEDAL.—Sec-  
14 tion 3754 of such title is amended by adding at the  
15 end the following new sentence: “Section 3741(b) of  
16 this title shall not apply to the issuance of a dupli-  
17 cate Medal of Honor under this section.”.

18 (b) NAVY.—

1 (1) GOLD CONTENT.—Section 6241 of title 10,  
2 United States Code, is amended—

3 (A) by striking “The President” and in-  
4 serting “(a) AWARD.—The President”; and

5 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
6 subsection:

7 “(b) GOLD CONTENT.—The metal content of the  
8 Medal of Honor shall be 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
9 alloy.”.

10 (2) EXCEPTION FOR DUPLICATE MEDAL.—Sec-  
11 tion 6256 of such title is amended by adding at the  
12 end the following new sentence: “Section 6241(b) of  
13 this title shall not apply to the issuance of a dupli-  
14 cate Medal of Honor under this section.”.

15 (c) AIR FORCE.—

16 (1) GOLD CONTENT.—Section 8741 of title 10,  
17 United States Code, is amended—

18 (A) by striking “The President” and in-  
19 serting “(a) AWARD.—The President”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
21 subsection:

22 “(b) GOLD CONTENT.—The metal content of the  
23 Medal of Honor shall be 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
24 alloy.”.

1           (2) EXCEPTION FOR DUPLICATE MEDAL.—Sec-  
2           tion 8754 of such title is amended by adding at the  
3           end the following new sentence: “Section 8741(b) of  
4           this title shall not apply to the issuance of a dupli-  
5           cate Medal of Honor under this section.”.

6           (d) COAST GUARD.—

7           (1) GOLD CONTENT.—Section 491 of title 14,  
8           United States Code, is amended—

9                   (A) by striking “The President” and in-  
10                  serting “(a) AWARD.—The President”; and

11                  (B) by adding at the end the following new  
12                  subsection:

13           “(b) GOLD CONTENT.—The metal content of the  
14           Medal of Honor shall be 90 percent gold and 10 percent  
15           alloy.”.

16           (2) EXCEPTION FOR DUPLICATE MEDAL.—Sec-  
17           tion 504 of such title is amended by adding at the  
18           end the following new sentence: “Section 491(b) of  
19           this title shall not apply to the issuance of a dupli-  
20           cate Medal of Honor under this section.”.

21           (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22           this section shall apply with respect to Medals of Honor  
23           awarded after the date of the enactment of this Act.



67. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO TO THE RULES COMMITTEE**  
**PRINT OF H.R. 1960**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. BUSTOS OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of subtitle H of title V (page 255, after line 9), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 589. REPORT ON ARMY REVIEW, FINDINGS, AND AC-**  
2 **TIONS PERTAINING TO MEDAL OF HONOR**  
3 **NOMINATION OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM L.**  
4 **ALBRACHT:**

5 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit  
7 to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives a report describing the Army's review, find-  
9 ings, and actions pertaining to the Medal of Honor nomi-  
10 nation of Captain William L. Albracht. The report shall  
11 account for all evidence submitted with regard to the case.



68. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Hunter (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following  
new section:

**1 SEC. 589. CONSIDERATION OF SILVER STAR AWARD NOMI-  
2 NATIONS.**

3 The Secretary of the Army shall consider the nomina-  
4 tions for the Silver Star Award, as previously submitted,  
5 for retired Master Sergeants Michael McElhiney, Ronnie  
6 Raikes, Gilbert Magallanes, and Staff Sergeant Wesley  
7 McGirr.



69. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Esty (CT) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MRS. ESTY OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 5\_\_ . REPLACEMENT OF MILITARY DECORATIONS.**

2 (a) PROMPT REPLACEMENT REQUIRED; ANNUAL RE-  
3 PORT.—Section 1135 of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-  
6 section (d); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
8 lowing new subsections:

9 “(b) PROMPT REPLACEMENT REQUIRED.—When a  
10 request for the replacement of a military decoration is re-  
11 ceived under this section or section 3747, 3751, 6253,  
12 8747, or 8751 of this title, the Secretary concerned shall  
13 ensure that—

14 “(1) all actions to be taken with respect to the  
15 request, including verification of the service record  
16 of the recipient of the military decoration, are com-  
17 pleted within one year; and

1           “(2) the replacement military decoration is  
2           mailed to the person requesting the replacement  
3           military decoration within 60 days after verification  
4           of the service record.

5           “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense  
6           shall submit to the congressional defense committees an  
7           annual report regarding compliance by the military de-  
8           partments with the performance standards imposed by  
9           subsection (b). Each report shall include—

10           “(1) for the one-year period covered by the re-  
11           port—

12           “(A) the average number of days it took to  
13           verify the service record and entitlement of  
14           members and former members of the armed  
15           forces for replacement military decorations;

16           “(B) the average number of days between  
17           receipt of a request and the date on which the  
18           replacement military decoration was mailed;  
19           and

20           “(C) the average number of days between  
21           verification of a service record and the date on  
22           which the replacement military decoration was  
23           mailed; and

1           “(2) an estimate of the funds necessary for the  
2           next fiscal year to meet or exceed such performance  
3           standards.”.

4           (b) **PLAN REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days after  
5           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
6           Defense shall submit to the congressional defense commit-  
7           tees (as defined in section 101(a)(16) of title 10, United  
8           States Code) a plan to implement the amendments made  
9           by subsection (a), including an estimate of the funds nec-  
10          essary for fiscal year 2015 to meet or exceed the perform-  
11          ance standards imposed by such amendments.



70. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Kind (WI) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. KIND OF WISCONSIN**

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 589. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF**  
2 **HONOR TO FIRST LIEUTENANT ALONZO H.**  
3 **CUSHING FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING THE**  
4 **CIVIL WAR.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Subject to subsection (c), not-  
6 withstanding the time limitations specified in section 3744  
7 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limita-  
8 tion with respect to the awarding of certain medals to per-  
9 sons who served in the Armed Forces, the President is  
10 authorized and requested to award the Medal of Honor  
11 under section 3741 of such title to then First Lieutenant  
12 Alonzo H. Cushing for conspicuous acts of gallantry and  
13 intrepidity at the risk of life and beyond the call of duty  
14 in the Civil War, as described in subsection (b).

15 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor  
16 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of then First  
17 Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing while in command of Bat-  
18 tery A, 4th United States Artillery, Army of the Potomac,

1 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1863, during the  
2 American Civil War.

3 (c) REPORT SUBMISSION.—Subsection (a) shall take  
4 effect upon receipt by the Committees on Armed Services  
5 of the Senate and House of Representatives of the report,  
6 as required in House Report 112-705, providing informa-  
7 tion on the process and materials used by review boards  
8 for the consideration of Medal of Honor recommendations  
9 for acts of heroism that occurred during the Civil War.



71. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
McKinley (WV) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. MCKINLEY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

Page 273, after line 10, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 595. ELECTRONIC TRACKING OF CERTAIN RESERVE**  
2 **DUTY.**

3 The Secretary of Defense shall establish an electronic  
4 means by which members of the Ready Reserve of the  
5 Armed Forces can track their operational active-duty serv-  
6 ice performed after January 28, 2008, under section  
7 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304 of title  
8 10, United States Code. The tour calculator shall specify  
9 early retirement credit authorized for each qualifying tour  
10 of active duty, as well as cumulative early reserve retire-  
11 ment credit authorized to date under section 12731(f) of  
12 such title.



72. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE Kirkpatrick (AZ) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

*H. Kirkpatrick*

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MRS. KIRKPATRICK OF ARIZONA**

Page 273, after line 10, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 595. PROVISION OF SERVICE RECORDS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with subsection (b),  
3 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Sec-  
4 retary of Veterans Affairs, shall make the covered records  
5 of each member of the Armed Forces available to the Sec-  
6 retary of Veterans Affairs in an electronic format.

7 (b) TIMELINE.—The Secretary of Defense shall en-  
8 sure that the covered records of members are made avail-  
9 able to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as follows:

10 (1) With respect to a member of the Armed  
11 Forces who was discharged or released from the  
12 Armed Forces during the period beginning on Sep-  
13 tember 11, 2001, and ending on the day before the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, not later than 120  
15 days after the date of such discharge or release.

16 (2) With respect to a member of the Armed  
17 Forces who is discharged or released from the  
18 Armed Forces on or after the date of the enactment

1 of this Act, not later than 90 days after the date of  
2 such discharge or release.

3 (c) CERTIFICATION.—For each member of the Armed  
4 Forces whose covered records are made available under  
5 subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall transmit to  
6 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a letter certifying that—

7 (1) the Secretary of Defense thoroughly re-  
8 viewed the records of the member;

9 (2) the information provided in the covered  
10 records of such member is complete as of the date  
11 of the letter;

12 (3) no other information that should be in-  
13 cluded in such covered records exist as of such date;

14 and

15 (4) if other information is later discovered—

16 (A) such other information will be added to  
17 such covered records; and

18 (B) the Secretary of Defense will notify  
19 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of such addi-  
20 tion.

21 (d) SHARING OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMA-  
22 TION.—For purposes of the regulations promulgated  
23 under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability  
24 and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note),  
25 making medical records available to the Secretary of Vet-

1 erans Affairs under subsection (a) shall be treated as a  
2 permitted disclosure.

3 (e) CURRENTLY AVAILABLE RECORDS.—The Sec-  
4 retary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Sec-  
5 retary of Defense, shall ensure that the covered records  
6 of members of the Armed Forces that are available to the  
7 Secretary as of the date of the enactment of this Act are  
8 made electronically accessible and available in real-time to  
9 the Veterans Benefits Administration.

10 (f) COVERED RECORDS DEFINED.—In this section,  
11 the term “covered records” means, with respect to a mem-  
12 ber of the Armed Forces—

- 13 (1) service treatment records;
- 14 (2) accompanying personal records;
- 15 (3) relevant unit records; and
- 16 (4) medical records created by reason of treat-  
17 ment or services received pursuant to chapter 55 of  
18 title 10, United States Code.



73. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Swalwell (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. SWALWELL OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 273, after line 10, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 595. GIFTS MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF MILITARY MU-**  
2 **SICAL UNITS.**

3 Section 974 of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
6 subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(d) **PERFORMANCES FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONA-**  
10 **TION.**—Notwithstanding section 2601(c) of this title, any  
11 gift made to the Secretary of Defense under section 2601  
12 on the condition that such gift be used for the benefit of  
13 a military musical unit shall be credited to the appropria-  
14 tion or account providing the funds for such military musi-  
15 cal unit. Any amount so credited shall be merged with  
16 amounts in the appropriation or account to which credited,  
17 and shall be available for the same purposes, and subject

- 1 to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such
- 2 appropriation or account.”.



74. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Bishop, Tim (NY) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP OF NEW YORK**

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

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE RECOV-**  
2 **ERY OF THE REMAINS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS**  
3 **OF THE ARMED FORCES KILLED IN THUR-**  
4 **STON ISLAND, ANTARCTICA.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
6 ings:

7 (1) Commencing August 26, 1946, though late  
8 February 1947 the United States Navy Antarctic  
9 Developments Program Task Force 68, codenamed  
10 “Operation Highjump” initiated and undertook the  
11 largest ever-to-this-date exploration of the Antarctic  
12 continent.

13 (2) The primary mission of the Task Force 68  
14 organized by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd Jr.  
15 USN, (Ret) and led by Rear Admiral Richard H.  
16 Cruzen, USN, was to do the following:

17 (A) Establish the Antarctic research base  
18 Little America IV.

1 (B) In the defense of the United States of  
2 America from possible hostile aggression from  
3 abroad - to train personnel test equipment, de-  
4 velop techniques for establishing, maintaining  
5 and utilizing air bases on ice, with applicability  
6 comparable to interior Greenland, where condi-  
7 tions are similar to those of the Antarctic.

8 (C) Map and photograph a full two-thirds  
9 of the Antarctic Continent during the classified,  
10 hazardous duty/volunteer-only operation involv-  
11 ing 4700 sailors, 23 aircraft and 13 ships in-  
12 cluding the first submarine the U.S.S. Sennet,  
13 and the aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Philippine  
14 Sea, brought to the edge of the ice pack to  
15 launch (6) Navy ski-equipped, rocket-assisted  
16 R4Ds.

17 (D) Consolidate and extend United States  
18 sovereignty over the largest practicable area of  
19 the Antarctic continent.

20 (E) Determine the feasibility of estab-  
21 lishing, maintaining and utilizing bases in the  
22 Antarctic and investigating possible base sites.

23 (3) While on a hazardous duty/all volunteer  
24 mission vital to the interests of National Security  
25 and while over the eastern Antarctica coastline

1 known as the Phantom Coast, the PBM-5 Martin  
2 Mariner “Flying Boat” “George 1” entered a  
3 whiteout over Thurston Island. As the pilot at-  
4 tempted to climb, the aircraft grazed the glacier’s  
5 ridgeline and exploded within 5 seconds instantly  
6 killing Ensign Maxwell Lopez, Navigator and Wen-  
7 dell “Bud” Hendersin, Aviation Machinists Mate 1st  
8 Class while Frederick Williams, Aviation Radioman  
9 1st Class died several hours later. Six other crewmen  
10 survived including the Captain of the “George 1’s”  
11 seaplane tender U.S.S. Pine Island.

12 (4) The bodies of the dead were protected from  
13 the desecration of Antarctic scavenging birds  
14 (Skuas) by the surviving crew wrapping the bodies  
15 and temporarily burying the men under the star-  
16 board wing engine nacelle.

17 (5) Rescue requirements of the “George-1” sur-  
18 vivors forced the abandonment of their crewmates’  
19 bodies.

20 (6) Conditions prior to the departure of Task  
21 Force 68 precluded a return to the area to the re-  
22 cover the bodies.

23 (7) For nearly 60 years Navy promised the  
24 families that they would recover the men: “If the  
25 safety, logistical, and operational prerequisites allow

1 a mission in the future, every effort will be made to  
2 bring our sailors home.”.

3 (8) The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command  
4 twice offered to recover the bodies of this crew for  
5 Navy.

6 (9) A 2004 NASA ground penetrating radar  
7 overflight commissioned by Navy relocated the crash  
8 site three miles from its crash position.

9 (10) The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Com-  
10 mand offered to underwrite the cost of an aerial  
11 ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey of the crash  
12 site area by NASA.

13 (11) The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Com-  
14 mand studied the recovery with the recognized recov-  
15 ery authorities and national scientists and deter-  
16 mined that the recovery is only “medium risk”.

17 (12) National Science Foundation and sci-  
18 entists from the University of Texas, Austin, regu-  
19 larly visit the island.

20 (13) The crash site is classified as a “perishable  
21 site”, meaning a glacier that will calve into the  
22 Bellingshausen Sea.

23 (14) The National Science Foundation main-  
24 tains a presence in area - of the Pine Island Glacier.

1           (15) The National Science Foundation Director  
2 of Polar Operations will assist and provide assets for  
3 the recovery upon the request of Congress.

4           (16) The United States Coast Guard is pres-  
5 ently pursuing the recovery of 3 WWII air crewmen  
6 from similar circumstances in Greenland.

7           (17) On Memorial Day, May 25, 2009, Presi-  
8 dent Barak Obama declared: “. . .the support of  
9 our veterans is a sacred trust. . .we need to serve  
10 them as they have served us. . .that means bringing  
11 home all our POWs and MIAs. . .”.

12           (18) The policies and laws of the United States  
13 of America require that our armed service personnel  
14 be repatriated.

15           (19) The fullest possible accounting of United  
16 States fallen military personnel means repatriating  
17 living American POWs and MIAs, accounting for,  
18 identifying, and recovering the remains of military  
19 personnel who were killed in the line of duty, or pro-  
20 viding convincing evidence as to why such a repatri-  
21 ation, accounting, identification, or recovery is not  
22 possible.

23           (20) It is the responsibility of the Federal Gov-  
24 ernment to return to the United States for proper

1 burial and respect all members of the Armed Forces  
2 killed in the line of duty who lie in lost graves.

3 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—In light of the findings  
4 under subsection (a), Congress—

5 (1) reaffirms its support for the recovery and  
6 return to the United States, the remains and bodies  
7 of all members of the Armed Forces killed in the  
8 line of duty, and for the efforts by the Joint POW-  
9 MIA Accounting Command to recover the remains of  
10 members of the Armed Forces from all wars, con-  
11 flicts and missions;

12 (2) recognizes the courage and sacrifice of all  
13 members of the Armed Forces who participated in  
14 Operation Highjump and all missions vital to the  
15 national security of the United States of America;

16 (3) acknowledges the dedicated research and ef-  
17 forts by the US Geological Survey, the National  
18 Science Foundation, the Joint POW/MIA Account-  
19 ing Command, the Fallen American Veterans Foun-  
20 dation and all persons and organizations to identify,  
21 locate, and advocate for, from their temporary Ant-  
22 arctic grave, the recovery of the well-preserved fro-  
23 zen bodies of Ensign Maxwell Lopez, Naval Aviator,  
24 Frederick Williams, Aviation Machinist's Mate 1ST

1 Class, Wendell Hendersin, Aviation Radioman 1ST  
2 Class of the “George 1” explosion and crash; and  
3 (4) encourages the Department of Defense to  
4 review the facts, research and to pursue new efforts  
5 to undertake all feasible efforts to recover, identify,  
6 and return the well-preserved frozen bodies of the  
7 “George 1” crew from Antarctica’s Thurston Island.



75. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Terry (NE) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. TERRY OF NEBRASKA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_. MILITARY SALUTE DURING RECITATION OF**  
2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MEMBERS OF**  
3 **THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND**  
4 **BY VETERANS.**

5 Section 4 of title 4, United States Code, is amended  
6 by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Mem-  
7 bers of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may  
8 render the military salute in the manner provided for per-  
9 sons in uniform."



76. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Schakowsky (IL) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MS. SCHAKOWSKY OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6\_\_\_.** **EXCHANGE STORE SYSTEM PARTICIPATION IN**  
2 **THE ACCORD ON FIRE AND BUILDING SAFE-**  
3 **TY IN BANGLADESH.**

4 (a) SPECIAL PROCUREMENT GUIDANCE FOR GAR-  
5 MENTS MANUFACTURED IN BANGLADESH.—The senior  
6 official of the Department of Defense designated pursuant  
7 to section 2481(c) to oversee the defense commissary sys-  
8 tem and the exchange store system shall require, con-  
9 sistent with applicable international agreements, that the  
10 exchange store system—

11 (1) for the purchase of garments manufactured  
12 in Bangladesh for the private label brands of the ex-  
13 change store system, becomes a signatory of or oth-  
14 erwise complies with applicable requirements set  
15 forth in the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in  
16 Bangladesh;

17 (2) for the purchase of licensed apparel manu-  
18 factured in Bangladesh, gives a preference to licens-

1       ees that are signatories to the Accord on Fire and  
2       Building Safety in Bangladesh; and

3               (3) for the purchase of garments manufactured  
4       in Bangladesh from retail suppliers, gives a pref-  
5       erence to retail suppliers that are signatories to the  
6       Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh.

7       (b) NOTICE OF EXCEPTIONS.—If any garments man-  
8       ufactured in Bangladesh are purchased from suppliers  
9       that are not signatories to the Accord on Fire and Build-  
10      ing Safety in Bangladesh, the Department of Defense offi-  
11      cial referred to in subsection (a) shall notify Congress of  
12      the purchase and the reasons therefor.

13      (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirements imposed  
14      by this section shall take effect 90 days after the date of  
15      the enactment of this Act or as soon after that date as  
16      the Secretary of Defense determines to be practicable so  
17      as to avoid disruption in garment supplies for the ex-  
18      change store system.



77. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Thompson (PA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 299, after the matter following line 23, insert  
the following:

1 **SEC. 703. EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE MAN-**  
2 **AGEMENT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **TELEMEDICINE.**—In carrying out the Transi-  
4 tional Assistance Management Program, the Secretary of  
5 Defense shall extend the coverage of such program to indi-  
6 viduals by an additional 180 days for treatment provided  
7 through telemedicine.

8 (b) **MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND BEHAVIORAL SERV-**  
9 **ICES.**—

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall extend  
11 the coverage of the Transitional Assistance Manage-  
12 ment Program for covered treatment to covered indi-  
13 viduals for a period determined necessary by a  
14 health care professional treating the covered indi-  
15 vidual.

16 (2) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

17 (A) The term “covered individual” means  
18 an individual who—

1 (i) during the initial 180-day period of  
2 being enrolled in the Transitional Assist-  
3 ance Management Program, received any  
4 mental health care treatment or covered  
5 treatment; or

6 (ii) during the one-year period pre-  
7 ceding separation or discharge from the  
8 Armed Forces, received any mental health  
9 care treatment.

10 (B) The term “covered treatment” means  
11 behavioral services provided through telemedi-  
12 cine.

13 (3) SUNSET.—The authority of the Secretary  
14 to carry out paragraph (1) shall terminate on De-  
15 cember 31, 2018, if the Secretary determines that  
16 by that date the suicide rates for both members of  
17 the Armed Forces serving on active duty and for  
18 members of a reserve component are 50 percent less  
19 than such rates as of December 31, 2012.

20 (c) TELEMEDICINE DEFINED.—In this section, the  
21 term “telemedicine” means the use by a health care pro-  
22 vider of telecommunications to assist in the diagnosis or  
23 treatment of a patient’s medical condition, including for  
24 behavioral services.



78. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Guthrie (KY) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. GUTHRIE OF KENTUCKY**

Page 299, after the matter following line 23, insert  
the following:

1 **SEC. 703. COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON IMPROVEMENTS TO**  
2 **CARE AND TRANSITION OF SERVICE MEM-**  
3 **BERS WITH UROTRAUMA.**

4 (a) COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REQUIRED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,  
6 2014, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of  
7 Veterans Affairs shall jointly develop and implement  
8 a comprehensive policy on improvements to the care,  
9 management, and transition of recovering service  
10 members with urotrauma.

11 (2) SCOPE OF POLICY.—The policy shall cover  
12 each of the following:

13 (A) The care and management of the spe-  
14 cific needs of service members who are  
15 urotrauma patients, including eligibility for the  
16 Recovery Care Coordinator Program pursuant  
17 to the Wounded Warrior Act (10 U.S.C. 1071  
18 note).

1 (B) The return of service members who  
2 have recovered to active duty when appropriate.

3 (C) The transition of recovering service  
4 members from receipt of care and services  
5 through the Department of Defense to receipt  
6 of care and services through the Department of  
7 Veterans Affairs.

8 (3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Defense  
9 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop  
10 the policy in consultation with the heads of other ap-  
11 propriate departments and agencies of the Federal  
12 Government, with representatives of military service  
13 organizations representing the interests of service  
14 members who are urotrauma patients and with ap-  
15 propriate nongovernmental organizations having an  
16 expertise in matters relating to the policy.

17 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense and the Sec-  
18 retary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to Congress  
19 a report that includes a review identifying and options for  
20 responding to gaps in the care of service members who  
21 are urotrauma patients.



79. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE Gallego (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. GALLEGO OF TEXAS**

Page 308, line 7, strike “and” after the semicolon.

Page 308, line 11, strike the period and insert “;  
and”.

Page 308, after line 11, insert the following:

- 1           (3) determine the effectiveness of the efforts of
- 2           the Department of Defense in reducing suicide rates
- 3           of members of the Armed Forces.



80. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Terry (NE) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. TERRY OF NEBRASKA**

Page 306, after line 10, insert the following new subsection:

1 (f) ADDITIONAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
4 mittees a report on the methods, as of the date of the  
5 report, employed by the military departments to collect  
6 charges from third-party payers incurred at military med-  
7 ical treatment facilities, including specific data with re-  
8 spect to the dollar amount of third-party collections that  
9 resulted from each method currently being used through-  
10 out the military departments. The Secretary shall take  
11 into account the results of such report in evaluating the  
12 results of the pilot program under subsection (a)(1).



81. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Holt (NJ) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 726. DATA SHARING WITH STATE ADJUTANT GEN-**  
2 **ERALS TO FACILITATE SUICIDE PREVENTION**  
3 **EFFORTS.**

4 Upon the request of any adjutant general of a State,  
5 the Secretary of Defense shall share the contact informa-  
6 tion of members of the Individual Ready Reserve and indi-  
7 vidual mobilization augmentees who reside in the State of  
8 such adjutant general for the purpose of conducting sui-  
9 cide prevention outreach efforts.



82. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Kuster (NH) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MS. KUSTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 726. REPORT ON ROLE OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS IN DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
3 **FENSE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**

4 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
6 submit to the Committees on Armed Services and Vet-  
7 erans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the  
8 Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs of  
9 the Senate a report on the centers of excellence established  
10 under sections 1621, 1622, and 1623 of the National De-  
11 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law  
12 110-181; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note). Such report shall include  
13 each of the following:

- 14 (1) The amount of resources that have been ob-  
15 ligated by Department of Veterans Affairs in sup-  
16 port of each of the centers since the dates on which  
17 they were established, including the amount of per-

1       sonnel, time, money, and function provided in sup-  
2       port of the centers.

3           (2) An estimate of the amount of resources the  
4       Secretary expects the Department to dedicate to  
5       each of the centers during each of fiscal years 2014  
6       through 2018.

7           (3) A description of the role of the Department  
8       within each of the centers.



83. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Thompson (PA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 308, after line 21, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 726. PRELIMINARY MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS.**

2 Before any individual enlists in the Armed Forces or  
3 is commissioned as an officer in the Armed Forces, the  
4 Secretary of Defense shall provide the individual with a  
5 mental health assessment. The Secretary shall use such  
6 results as a baseline for any subsequent mental health ex-  
7 aminations, including such examinations provided under  
8 sections 1074f and 1074m of title 10, United States Code,  
9 and section 1074n of such title, as added by section 702.



84. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Jackson Lee (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS**

Page 308, after line 21, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 726. INCREASED COLLABORATION WITH NIH TO COM-**  
2 **BAT TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER.**

3 The Office of Health of the Department of Defense  
4 shall work in collaboration with the National Institutes of  
5 Health to—

6 (1) identify specific genetic and molecular tar-  
7 gets and biomarkers for triple negative breast can-  
8 cer; and

9 (2) provide information useful in biomarker se-  
10 lection, drug discovery, and clinical trials design that  
11 will enable both—

12 (A) triple negative breast cancer patients  
13 to be identified earlier in the progression of  
14 their disease; and

15 (B) the development of multiple targeted  
16 therapies for the disease.



85. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Jackson Lee (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS**

Page 308, after line 21, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 726. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MENTAL HEALTH COUN-**  
2 **SELORS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the Secretary of Defense should develop a  
6 plan to ensure a sustainable flow of qualified coun-  
7 selors to meet the long-term needs of members of  
8 the Armed Forces and their families for counselors;  
9 and

10 (2) the plan should include the participation of  
11 accredited schools and universities, health care pro-  
12 viders, professional counselors, family service or sup-  
13 port centers, chaplains, and other appropriate re-  
14 sources of the Department of Defense.



86. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Pascrell (NJ) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. PASCRELL OF NEW JERSEY**

Page 308, after line 21, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 726. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE TRAUMATIC BRAIN**  
2 **INJURY PLAN.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) section 739(b) of the National Defense Au-  
5 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law  
6 112-239; 126 Stat. 1822) requires the Secretary of  
7 Defense to submit a plan to Congress to improve the  
8 coordination and integration of the programs of the  
9 Department of Defense that address traumatic brain  
10 injury and the psychological health of members of  
11 the Armed Forces not later than 180 days after the  
12 date of the enactment of such Act;

13 (2) the requirement to submit the plan is still  
14 in effect and the contents of the plan are still impor-  
15 tant; and

16 (3) the Secretary of Defense should deliver the  
17 report within the required time frame.



87. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Pascrell (NJ) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. PASCRELL OF NEW JERSEY**

Page 308, after line 21, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 726. REPORT ON MEMORANDUM REGARDING TRAU-**  
2 **MATIC BRAIN INJURIES.**

3 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit  
5 to the congressional defense committees a report on how  
6 the Secretary will identify, refer, and treat traumatic brain  
7 injuries with respect to members of the Armed Forces who  
8 served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi  
9 Freedom before the date in June 2010 on which the  
10 memorandum regarding using a 50-meter distance from  
11 an explosion as a criterion to properly identify, refer, and  
12 treat members for potential traumatic brain injury took  
13 effect.



88. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Sessions (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. SESSIONS OF TEXAS**

Page 308, after line 21, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 726. PILOT PROGRAM FOR INVESTIGATIONAL TREAT-**  
2 **MENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**  
3 **FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND POST-**  
4 **TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.**

5 (a) PROCESS.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry  
6 out a five-year pilot program under which the Secretary  
7 shall establish a process through which the Secretary shall  
8 provide payment for investigational treatments (including  
9 diagnostic testing) of traumatic brain injury or post-trau-  
10 matic stress disorder received by members of the Armed  
11 Forces in health care facilities other than military treat-  
12 ment facilities. Such process shall provide that payment  
13 be made directly to the health care facility furnishing the  
14 treatment.

15 (b) CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL.—The approval by  
16 the Secretary for payment for a treatment pursuant to  
17 subsection (a) shall be subject to the following conditions:

18 (1) Any drug or device used in the treatment  
19 must be approved or cleared by the Food and Drug

1 Administration for any purpose and its use must  
2 comply with rules of the Food and Drug Administra-  
3 tion applicable to investigational new drugs or inves-  
4 tigational devices.

5 (2) The treatment must be approved by the  
6 Secretary following approval by an institutional re-  
7 view board operating in accordance with regulations  
8 issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
9 ices.

10 (3) The patient receiving the treatment must  
11 demonstrate an improvement under criteria ap-  
12 proved by the Secretary, as a result of the treatment  
13 on one or more of the following:

14 (A) Standardized independent pre-treat-  
15 ment and post-treatment neuropsychological  
16 testing.

17 (B) Accepted survey instruments including,  
18 such instruments that look at quality of life.

19 (C) Neurological imaging.

20 (D) Clinical examination.

21 (4) The patient receiving the treatment must be  
22 receiving the treatment voluntarily and based on in-  
23 formed consent.

24 (5) The patient receiving the treatment may not  
25 be a retired member of the Armed Forces who is en-

1 titled to benefits under part A, or eligible to enroll  
2 under part B, of title XVIII of the Social Security  
3 Act.

4 (c) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AUTHORIZED.—The  
5 Secretary may establish additional restrictions or condi-  
6 tions for reimbursement as the Secretary determines ap-  
7 propriate to ensure the protection of human research sub-  
8 jects, appropriate fiscal management, and the validity of  
9 the research results.

10 (d) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall make pay-  
11 ments under this section for treatments received by mem-  
12 bers of the Armed Forces using the authority in subsection  
13 (c)(1) of section 1074 of title 10, United States Code.

14 (e) AMOUNT.—A payment under this section shall be  
15 made at the equivalent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
16 Services reimbursement rate in effect for appropriate  
17 treatment codes for the State or territory in which the  
18 treatment is received. If no such rate is in effect, payment  
19 shall be made on a cost-reimbursement basis, as deter-  
20 mined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary  
21 of Health and Human Services.

22 (f) DATA COLLECTION AND AVAILABILITY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop  
24 and maintain a database containing data from each  
25 patient case involving the use of a treatment under

1       this section. The Secretary shall ensure that the  
2       database preserves confidentiality and that any use  
3       of the database or disclosures of such data are lim-  
4       ited to such use and disclosures permitted by law  
5       and applicable regulations.

6               (2) PUBLICATION OF QUALIFIED INSTITU-  
7       TIONAL REVIEW BOARD STUDIES.—The Secretary  
8       shall ensure that an Internet website of the Depart-  
9       ment of Defense includes a list of all civilian institu-  
10      tional review board studies that have received a pay-  
11      ment under this section.

12              (g) ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS TO OBTAIN TREAT-  
13      MENT.—

14              (1) ASSIGNMENT TO TEMPORARY DUTY.—The  
15      Secretary of a military department may assign a  
16      member of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction  
17      of the Secretary to temporary duty or allow the  
18      member a permissive temporary duty in order to  
19      permit the member to receive treatment for trau-  
20      matic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder,  
21      for which payments shall be made under subsection  
22      (a), at a location beyond reasonable commuting dis-  
23      tance of the permanent duty station of the member.

24              (2) PER DIEM.—A member who is away from  
25      the permanent station of the member may be paid

1 a per diem in lieu of subsistence in an amount not  
2 more than the amount to which the member would  
3 be entitled if the member were performing travel in  
4 connection with a temporary duty assignment.

5 (3) GIFT RULE WAIVER.—The Secretary of De-  
6 fense may waive any rule of the Department of De-  
7 fense regarding ethics or the receipt of gifts with re-  
8 spect to any assistance provided to a member of the  
9 Armed Forces for travel or per diem expenses inci-  
10 dental to receiving treatment under this section.

11 (h) MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Sec-  
12 retary shall enter into memoranda of understandings with  
13 civilian institutions for the purpose of providing members  
14 of the Armed Forces with treatment carried out by civilian  
15 health care practitioners under treatment—

16 (1) approved by and under the oversight of ci-  
17 vilian institutional review boards; and

18 (2) that would qualify for payment under this  
19 section.

20 (i) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-  
21 tablish a process to notify members of the Armed Forces  
22 of the opportunity to receive treatment pursuant to this  
23 section.

24 (j) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days  
25 after the last day of each fiscal year during which the Sec-

1   retary is authorized to make payments under this section,  
2   the Secretary shall submit to Congress an annual report  
3   on the implementation of this section and any available  
4   results on investigational treatment studies authorized  
5   under this section.

6       (k) TERMINATION.—The authority to make a pay-  
7   ment under this section shall terminate on the date that  
8   is five years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9       (l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
10  authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
11  \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year during which the Sec-  
12  retary is authorized to make payments under this section.

13       (m) FUNDING INCREASE AND OFFSETTING REDUC-  
14  TION.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the  
16   amounts set forth in the funding tables in division  
17   D, to carry out this section during fiscal year  
18   2014—

19               (A) the amount authorized to be appro-  
20   priated in section 1406 for the Defense Health  
21   Program, as specified in the corresponding  
22   funding table in division D, is hereby increased  
23   by \$10,000,000, with the amount of the in-  
24   crease allocated to the Defense Health Pro-

1           gram, as set forth in the table under section  
2           4501, to carry out this section; and

3           (B) the amount authorized to be appro-  
4           priated in section 301 for Operation and Main-  
5           tenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the cor-  
6           responding funding table in division D, is here-  
7           by reduced by \$10,000,000, with the amount of  
8           the reduction to be derived from Line 280, Of-  
9           fice of the Secretary of Defense as set forth in  
10          the table under section 4301.

11          (2) MERIT-BASED OR COMPETITIVE DECI-  
12          SIONS.—A decision to commit, obligate, or expend  
13          funds referred to in paragraph (1)(A) with or to a  
14          specific entity shall—

15                 (A) be based on merit-based selection pro-  
16                 cedures in accordance with the requirements of  
17                 sections 2304(k), 2361, and 2374 of title 10,  
18                 United States Code, or on competitive proce-  
19                 dures; and

20                 (B) comply with other applicable provisions  
21                 of law.



89. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
McKeon (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. MCKEON OF CALIFORNIA AND  
MR. SMITH OF WASHINGTON**

Page 308, after line 21, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 726. INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD OF**  
2 **THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND VET-**  
3 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

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

6 (1) despite repeated attempts at cooperation  
7 over the past 20 years, the Department of Defense  
8 and the Department of Veterans Affairs have failed  
9 to implement a solution that allows for seamless  
10 electronic sharing of medical health care data;

11 (2) the recent decision by the Secretary of De-  
12 fense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to aban-  
13 don their earlier agreement and pursue separate  
14 paths to integration jeopardizes the stated goal of  
15 providing “a patient-centered health care system  
16 that delivers excellent quality, access, satisfaction,  
17 and value, consistently across the Departments”;

1           (3) despite the repeated concerns and objections  
2 of the congressional committees of jurisdiction, the  
3 Department of Defense and the Department of Vet-  
4 erans Affairs seem to be on a continued path to fail  
5 in achieving the goal of creating a seamless health  
6 record that integrates data across the Departments;  
7 and

8           (4) the President should make the necessary  
9 leadership changes to assure timely completion of  
10 this requirement.

11       (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Defense  
12 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—

13           (1) implement an integrated electronic health  
14 record to be used by each of the Secretaries; and

15           (2) deploy such record by not later than Octo-  
16 ber 1, 2016.

17       (c) DESIGN PRINCIPLES.—The integrated electronic  
18 health record established under subsection (b) shall adhere  
19 to the following principles:

20           (1) To the extent practicable, efforts to estab-  
21 lish such record shall be based on objectives, activi-  
22 ties, and milestones established by the Joint Execu-  
23 tive Committee Joint Strategic Plan Fiscal Years  
24 2013–2015, including any requirements, definition,

1 documents, or analyses previously developed to sat-  
2 isfy said Joint Strategic Plan.

3 (2) Principles with respect to open architecture  
4 standards, including—

5 (A) modular designs based on standards  
6 with loose coupling and high cohesion that allow  
7 for independent acquisition of system compo-  
8 nents;

9 (B) if existing national standards do not  
10 exist as of the date on which the record is being  
11 established, the Secretaries shall agree upon  
12 and adopt a standard for purposes of the record  
13 until such time as national standards are estab-  
14 lished;

15 (C) enterprise investment strategies that  
16 maximize reuse of proven system designs;

17 (D) implementation of aggressive life-cycle  
18 sustainment planning that uses proven tech-  
19 nology insertion strategies and product upgrade  
20 techniques;

21 (E) enforcement of system design trans-  
22 parency, continuous design disclosure and im-  
23 provement, and peer reviews that include gov-  
24 ernment, academia, and industry; and

1 (F) strategies for data-use rights to ensure  
2 a level competitive playing field and access to  
3 alternative solutions and sources across the life-  
4 cycle of the program.

5 (3) By the point of full deployment decision,  
6 such record must be at a generation 3 level or better  
7 for a health information technology system.

8 (d) PROGRAM PLAN.—Not later than January 31,  
9 2014, the Secretaries shall jointly develop and submit to  
10 the appropriate congressional committees a program plan  
11 for the oversight and execution of the integrated electronic  
12 health record program established under this section. This  
13 plan shall include—

14 (1) program objectives;

15 (2) organization;

16 (3) responsibilities of the Departments;

17 (4) technical system requirements;

18 (5) milestones, including a schedule for industry  
19 competitions for capabilities needed to satisfy the  
20 technical system requirements;

21 (6) technical system standards being adopted  
22 by the program;

23 (7) outcome-based metrics proposed to measure  
24 the performance and effectiveness of the program;  
25 and

1 (8) level of funding for fiscal years 2014  
2 through 2017.

3 (e) ASSESSMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall jointly  
5 commission an independent assessment of the pro-  
6 gram plan under subsection (d).

7 (2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 60 days after  
8 the date on which the program plan under sub-  
9 section (d) is submitted to the appropriate congres-  
10 sional committees, the Secretaries shall jointly sub-  
11 mit to such committees the independent assessment  
12 conducted under paragraph (1).

13 (f) LIMITATION OF FUNDS.—Not more than 25 per-  
14 cent of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this  
15 Act or otherwise made available for development , mod-  
16 ernization, or enhancement of the integrated electronic  
17 health record within the Department of Veterans Affairs  
18 or for operation and maintenance for the Defense Health  
19 Agency of the Department of Defense may be obligated  
20 or expended until the date on which the program plan  
21 under subsection (d) is submitted to the appropriate con-  
22 gressional committees.

23 (g) MONTHLY REPORTING.—On a monthly basis, the  
24 Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans affairs  
25 shall each submit to the appropriate congressional com-

1 mitted a report on the expenditures incurred by the Sec-  
2 retary in the development of an integrated electronic  
3 health record under this section. Such reports shall include  
4 obligations by major categories of spending and by sup-  
5 port of milestones identified in the program plan required  
6 under subsection (d).

7 (h) REQUIREMENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1,  
9 2014, all health care information contained in the  
10 Department of Defense AHLTA and the Depart-  
11 ment of Veterans Affairs VistA systems shall be  
12 available and actionable in real-time to health care  
13 providers in each Department through shared tech-  
14 nology.

15 (2) CERTIFICATION.—At such time as the oper-  
16 ational capability described in paragraph (1) is  
17 achieved, the Secretaries shall jointly certify to the  
18 appropriate congressional committees that the Secre-  
19 taries have implemented such operational capability.

20 (3) LIMITATION OF FUNDS.—Neither the Sec-  
21 retary of Defense or the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
22 fairs may obligate or expend more than 10 percent  
23 of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this  
24 Act or otherwise made available for the research, de-  
25 velopment, test, and evaluation, or procurement for

1 the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record until the date  
2 on which the certification is made under paragraph  
3 (2).

4 (4) RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL.—The Secretary of  
5 Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
6 each identify a senior official to be responsible for  
7 the electronic health record established under this  
8 section, including the operational capability de-  
9 scribed in paragraph (1). Such official shall have in-  
10 cluded within their performance evaluation perform-  
11 ance metrics related to the execution of the respon-  
12 sibilities under this paragraph. Not later than 30  
13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
14 each Secretary shall submit to the appropriate con-  
15 gressional committees the name of the senior official  
16 selected under this paragraph.

17 (5) ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW.—If the Sec-  
18 retary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
19 fairs fail to meet the requirements under paragraph  
20 (1), the Secretaries shall jointly conduct an account-  
21 ability review to identify the following:

22 (A) The root cause of the failure and if the  
23 failure is a result of technology or human per-  
24 formance.

1 (B) The work sections responsible for the  
2 failure.

3 (C) The milestones and resource invest-  
4 ment required to achieve such requirements.

5 (D) The recommendations for corrective  
6 actions, to include personnel actions, to achieve  
7 such requirements.

8 (6) SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTABILITY RE-  
9 VIEW.—If the Secretaries conduct a review under  
10 paragraph (5), the Secretaries shall jointly submit to  
11 the appropriate congressional committees a report of  
12 the results of the review by not later than November  
13 30, 2014.

14 (i) ADVISORY PANEL.—

15 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days  
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
17 retaries shall jointly establish an advisory panel to  
18 support the development and validation of require-  
19 ments, programmatic assessment, and other actions,  
20 as needed by the Secretaries, with respect to the in-  
21 tegrated electronic health record established under  
22 subsection (b). The panel shall certify to the appro-  
23 priate congressional committees that such record  
24 meets the definition of “integrated” as specified in  
25 subsection (j)(4).

1           (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The panel established  
2 under paragraph (1) shall consist of not more than  
3 14 members, appointed by the Secretaries as follows:

4           (A) Two co-chairs, one appointed by each  
5 of the Secretaries.

6           (B) The chief information officer of the  
7 Department of Defense and the chief informa-  
8 tion officer of the Department of Veterans Af-  
9 fairs.

10          (C) One member from the acquisition com-  
11 munity of the Department of Defense and one  
12 member from such community of the Depart-  
13 ment of Veterans Affairs.

14          (D) Two members from the academic com-  
15 munity appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

16          (E) Two members from the academic com-  
17 munity appointed by the Secretary of Veterans  
18 Affairs.

19          (F) Two members from industry appointed  
20 by the Secretary of Defense.

21          (G) Two members from industry appointed  
22 by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

23          (3) REPORTING.—The Advisory panel estab-  
24 lished under paragraph (1) shall submit to the ap-  
25 propriate congressional committees a quarterly re-

1 port on the activities of the panel. The panel shall  
2 submit the first report by not later than December  
3 31, 2013.

4 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “actionable” means information  
6 that is directly useful to customers for immediate  
7 use in clinical decision making.

8 (2) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
9 mittees” means—

10 (A) the congressional defense committees;

11 and

12 (B) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of  
13 the Senate and the House of Representatives.

14 (3) The term “generation 3” means, with re-  
15 spect to an electronic health systems, a system that  
16 has the technical capability to bring evidence-based  
17 medicine to the point of care and provide  
18 functionality for multiple care venues.

19 (4) The term “integrated” means one single  
20 core technology or an inherent cross-platform capa-  
21 bility without the need for additional patch develop-  
22 ment to accomplish this capability.



90. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Wilson, Joe (SC) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Page 308, after line 21, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 726. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON RECOVERY**  
2 **AUDIT PROGRAM FOR TRICARE.**

3 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United  
5 States shall submit to the congressional defense commit-  
6 tees a report that evaluates the similarities and differences  
7 in the approaches to identifying and recovering improper  
8 payments across Medicare and TRICARE. The report  
9 shall contain an evaluation of the following:

10 (1) Medicare and TRICARE claims processing  
11 efforts to prevent improper payments by denying  
12 claims prior to payment.

13 (2) Medicare and TRICARE claims processing  
14 efforts to correct improper payments post-payment.

15 (3) The effectiveness of Medicare and  
16 TRICARE post-payment audit programs in place to  
17 identify and correct improper payments that are re-  
18 turned to the government plans.



91. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE Sarbanes (MD) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. SARBANES OF MARYLAND**

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

1 **SEC. 833. REVISION OF DEFENSE SUPPLEMENT TO THE**  
2 **FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION TO**  
3 **TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SOURCING LAWS.**

4 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this Act, the Department of Defense Supplement  
6 to the Federal Acquisition Regulation shall be revised to  
7 implement the requirements imposed by sections 129,  
8 129a, 2330a, 2461, and 2463 of title 10, United States  
9 Code.



92. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Rigell (VA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
TO H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. RIGELL OF VIRGINIA**

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

- 1 **SEC. 833. PROHIBITION ON PURCHASE OF MILITARY COINS**
- 2 **NOT MADE IN UNITED STATES.**
- 3 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
- 4 this Act may be used to purchase military coins that are
- 5 not produced in the United States.



93. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Tsongas (MA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960**

**OFFERED BY MS. TSONGAS OF MASSACHUSETTS  
and Mr. Michoud of Maine**

At the end of title VIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 833. COMPLIANCE WITH DOMESTIC SOURCE REQUIRE-**  
2 **MENTS FOR FOOTWEAR FURNISHED TO EN-**  
3 **LISTED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**  
4 **UPON THEIR INITIAL ENTRY INTO THE**  
5 **ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 418 of title 37, United  
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing new subsection:

9 “(d)(1) In the case of athletic footwear needed by  
10 members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps  
11 upon their initial entry into the armed forces, the Sec-  
12 retary of Defense shall furnish such footwear directly to  
13 the members instead of providing a cash allowance to the  
14 members for the purchase of such footwear.

15 “(2) In procuring athletic footwear to comply with  
16 paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall comply with  
17 the requirements of section 2533a of title 10, without re-  
18 gard to the applicability of any simplified acquisition

1 threshold under chapter 137 of title 10 (or any other pro-  
2 vision of law).—

3 “(3) This subsection does not prohibit the provision  
4 of a cash allowance to a member described in paragraph  
5 (1) for the purchase of athletic footwear if such foot-  
6 wear—

7 “(A) is medically required to meet unique phys-  
8 iological needs of the member; and

9 “(B) cannot be met with athletic footwear that  
10 complies with the requirements of this subsection.”.

11 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The amendment made by sub-  
12 section (a) shall not take effect until the Secretary of De-  
13 fense certifies that there are at least two sources that can  
14 provide athletic footwear to the Department of Defense  
15 that is 100 percent compliant with section 2533a of title  
16 10, United States Code.



94. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Fitzpatrick (PA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. FITZPATRICK OF  
PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 335, after line 12, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 833. STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF CONTRACTING WITH**  
2 **VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
4 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordi-  
5 nation with the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-  
6 ministration and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall  
7 issue a report that includes—

8 (1) a description of the impacts of Department  
9 of Defense contracting with small business concerns  
10 owned and controlled by veterans and small business  
11 concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled  
12 veterans on veteran entrepreneurship and veteran  
13 unemployment;

14 (2) a description of the effect that increased  
15 economic opportunity for veterans has on issues  
16 such as veteran suicide and veteran homelessness;  
17 and

1           (3) an analysis of the feasibility and expected  
2 impacts of the implementation within the Depart-  
3 ment of Defense of a contracting program modeled  
4 on the program authorized under section 8127 of  
5 title 38, United States Code.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7           (1) the term “veteran” has the meaning given  
8 the term under section 101(2) of title 38, United  
9 States Code; and

10          (2) the terms “small business concern owned  
11 and controlled by veterans” and “small business  
12 concern owned and controlled by service-disabled  
13 veterans” have the meanings given such terms under  
14 section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
15 632).



95. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Jackson Lee (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF  
H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS**

Page 335, after line 12, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 833. IMPROVED MANAGEMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIP-**  
2 **MENT AND SUPPLIES THROUGH AUTOMATED**  
3 **INFORMATION AND DATA CAPTURE TECH-**  
4 **NOLOGIES.**

5 The Secretary of Defense shall improve the manage-  
6 ment of defense equipment and supplies throughout their  
7 life cycles by adopting and implementing Item Unique  
8 Identification (IUID), Radio Frequency Identification  
9 (RFID), biometrics, and other automated information and  
10 data capture (AIDC) technologies for the tracking, man-  
11 agement, and accountability for assets deployed across the  
12 Department of Defense.

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96. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Young (AK) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA**

At the end of subtitle A of title IX, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9 . REPORT ON STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF**  
2 **UNITED STATES MILITARY INSTALLATION OF**  
3 **THE U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6 of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Home-  
7 land Security, shall submit to the congressional defense  
8 committees a report on the strategic value of each major  
9 installation that supports operations in the United States  
10 Pacific Command.

11 (b) **CONTENT OF REPORT.**—The report required by  
12 subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, an assessment  
13 of the following with respect to each major installation  
14 covered by the report:

15 (1) The strategic value of the operations of the  
16 installation in the Pacific Command Area of Respon-  
17 sibility, including the strategic value of the installa-

1       tion for the global deployment of airpower, military  
2       personnel, and logistical support.

3           (2) The usefulness of the installation for poten-  
4       tial future missions, including military, search and  
5       rescue, and humanitarian missions in a changing  
6       Pacific and Arctic region.

7           (3) The suitability of the installation for basing  
8       of F-35 aircraft and other future weapons systems  
9       in the Pacific Command Area of Responsibility.

10          (4) The suitability of the installation for mis-  
11       sion growth, including relocation of combat-coded  
12       aircraft, Army units, naval vessels, and Marine  
13       Corps units from overseas bases.

14          (5) How critical the installation is in maintain-  
15       ing and expanding the North and Southern Pacific  
16       air refueling bridge.

17          (6) The availability of the installation for bas-  
18       ing remotely piloted aircraft.

19          (7) The proximity of the installation to  
20       scoreable, instrumented training ranges, with an em-  
21       phasis on joint-training.

22          (8) The impact of urban encroachment on the  
23       installation and its training ranges.

1       (e) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The report required by  
2 subsection (a) may include a classified annex if necessary  
3 to fully describe the matters required by subsection (b).

97. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Young (AK) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA**

At the end of subtitle A of title IX, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9 . COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON POTEN-**  
2 **TIAL RELOCATION OF FEDERAL GOVERN-**  
3 **MENT TENANTS ON ASIA-PACIFIC AND ARC-**  
4 **TIC-ORIENTED UNITED STATES MILITARY IN-**  
5 **STALLATIONS.**

6 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1,  
7 2014, the Comptroller General of the United States shall  
8 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report  
9 containing the results of a review of the potential for—

10 (1) effectively consolidating underused facilities  
11 on military installations; or

12 (2) vacating costly leased space by relocating  
13 Federal Government agency tenants, activities, mis-  
14 sions, and personnel onto such installations.

15 (b) SPECIFIC CONSIDERATION OF ASIA-PACIFIC AND  
16 ARCTIC-ORIENTED INSTALLATIONS.—As a result of the  
17 Federal Government's decision to emphasize Asia-Pacific  
18 security issues and changes in the Arctic environment, the

1 Comptroller General shall specifically evaluate potential  
2 consolidation of Federal tenants on Asia-Pacific and Arc-  
3 tic-oriented installations, focusing on Federal entities with  
4 homeland security, defense, international trade, com-  
5 merce, and other national security-related functions that  
6 are compatible with the missions of the military installa-  
7 tions.



98. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Cárdenas (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. CÁRDENAS OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 360, after line 8, insert the following new paragraph:

- 1           (3) An assessment of the mechanisms for im-
- 2           proving recruitment, retention, and management of
- 3           cyber operations forces, including through focused
- 4           recruiting; educational, training, or certification
- 5           scholarships; bonuses; or the use of short-term or
- 6           virtual deployments without the need for permanent
- 7           relocation.



99. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Cárdenas (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
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Page 363, line 10, insert after “investigation” the following: “, an estimate of the economic losses from the intrusion, and any additional actions needed to improve the protection of intellectual property”.

Page 363, line 24, insert after “compromised,” the following: “an estimate of the economic losses from the intrusion,”.



100. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Ruiz (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 365, after line 22, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 936. SMALL BUSINESS CYBERSECURITY SOLUTIONS**  
2 **OFFICE.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense  
4 shall submit a report to the Congress on the feasibility  
5 of establishing a small business cyber technology office to  
6 assist small business concerns in providing cybersecurity  
7 solutions to the Federal Government.

8 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the terms “small  
9 business concern” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
10 tion 3 of the Small Business Act.



101. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Cárdenas (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. CÁRDENAS OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 365, after line 22, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 936. SMALL BUSINESS CYBER EDUCATION.**

2 The Secretary of Defense shall establish an outreach  
3 and education program to assist small businesses (as de-  
4 fined in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
5 632)) contracted by the Department of Defense to assist  
6 such businesses to—

7 (1) understand the gravity and scope of cyber  
8 threats;

9 (2) develop a plan to protect intellectual prop-  
10 erty; and

11 (3) develop a plan to protect the networks of  
12 such businesses.



102. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
DeSantis (FL) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. DESANTIS OF FLORIDA**

At the end of subtitle D of title IX, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
2 **COLLABORATIVE CYBERSECURITY ACTIVI-**  
3 **TIES WITH CHINA.**

4 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by  
5 this Act may be used for collaborative cybersecurity activi-  
6 ties with the People’s Republic of China or any entity  
7 owned or controlled by China, including cybersecurity war  
8 games, cybersecurity working groups, the exchange of  
9 classified cybersecurity technologies or methods, and the  
10 exchange of procedures for investigating cyber intrusions.



103. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Langevin (RI) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN OF RHODE ISLAND**

Page 385, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1035. REPORT COMPARING COSTS OF DDG 1000 AND**  
2 **DDG 51 FLIGHT III SHIPS.**

3 Not later than March 15, 2014, the Secretary of the  
4 Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
5 a report providing an updated comparison of the costs and  
6 risks of acquiring DDG 1000 and DDG 51 Flight III ves-  
7 sels equipped for enhanced ballistic missile defense capa-  
8 bility. The report shall include each of the following:

9 (1) An updated estimate of the total cost to de-  
10 velop, procure, operate, and support ballistic missile  
11 defense capable DDG 1000 destroyers equipped with  
12 the air and missile defense radar that would be pro-  
13 cured in addition to the three prior-year-funded  
14 DDG 1000 class ships, and in lieu of Flight III  
15 DDG-51 destroyers.

16 (2) The estimate of the Secretary of the total  
17 cost of the current plan to develop, procure, operate,  
18 and support Flight III DDG 51 destroyers.

1           (3) Details on the assumed ballistic missile de-  
2           fense requirements and construction schedules for  
3           both the DDG 1000 and DDG 51 Flight III de-  
4           stroyers referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2), re-  
5           spectively.

6           (4) An updated comparison of the program  
7           risks and the resulting ship capabilities in all dimen-  
8           sions (not just ballistic missile defense) of the op-  
9           tions referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2).

10          (5) Any other information the Secretary deter-  
11          mines appropriate.



104. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Conyers (MI) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. CONYERS OF MICHIGAN**

Page 401, line 23, add at the end before the period the following: “for purposes of interpreting the scope of section 2 of the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107-40; 115 Stat. 224; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note)”.



105. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Ross (FL) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. ROSS OF FLORIDA**

Page 405, after line 9, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1040B. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS FOR REC-**  
2 **REATIONAL FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
3 **DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO.**

4 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or  
5 otherwise available to the Department of Defense may be  
6 used to provide additional or upgraded recreational facili-  
7 ties for individuals detained at United States Naval Sta-  
8 tion, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



106. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Braley (IA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. BRALEY OF IOWA**

At the end of subtitle H of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1080. REPORT ON LONG-TERM COSTS OF OPERATION**  
2 **IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING**  
3 **FREEDOM.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 90 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President,  
6 with contributions from the Secretary of Defense, the Sec-  
7 retary of State, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,  
8 shall submit to Congress a report containing an estimate  
9 of previous costs of Operation New Dawn (the successor  
10 contingency operation to Operation Iraqi Freedom) and  
11 the long-term costs of Operation Enduring Freedom for  
12 a scenario, determined by the President and based on cur-  
13 rent contingency operation and withdrawal plans, that  
14 takes into account expected force levels and the expected  
15 length of time that members of the Armed Forces will be  
16 deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

17 (b) **ESTIMATES TO BE USED IN PREPARATION OF**  
18 **REPORT.**—In preparing the report required by subsection

1 (a), the President shall make estimates and projections  
2 through at least fiscal year 2023, adjust any dollar  
3 amounts appropriately for inflation, and take into account  
4 and specify each of the following:

5 (1) The total number of members of the Armed  
6 Forces expected to be deployed in support of Oper-  
7 ation Enduring Freedom, including—

8 (A) the number of members of the Armed  
9 Forces actually deployed in Southwest Asia in  
10 support of Operation Enduring Freedom;

11 (B) the number of members of reserve  
12 components of the Armed Forces called or or-  
13 dered to active duty in the United States for  
14 the purpose of training for eventual deployment  
15 in Southwest Asia, backfilling for deployed  
16 troops, or supporting other Department of De-  
17 fense missions directly or indirectly related to  
18 Operation Enduring Freedom; and

19 (C) the break-down of deployments of  
20 members of the regular and reserve components  
21 and activation of members of the reserve com-  
22 ponents.

23 (2) The number of members of the Armed  
24 Forces, including members of the reserve compo-  
25 nents, who have previously served in support of Op-

1           eration Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, or Op-  
2           eration Enduring Freedom and who are expected to  
3           serve multiple deployments.

4           (3) The number of contractors and private mili-  
5           tary security firms that have been used and are ex-  
6           pected to be used during the course of Operation  
7           Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Oper-  
8           ation Enduring Freedom.

9           (4) The number of veterans currently suffering  
10          and expected to suffer from post-traumatic stress  
11          disorder, traumatic brain injury, or other mental in-  
12          juries.

13          (5) The number of veterans currently in need of  
14          and expected to be in need of prosthetic care and  
15          treatment because of amputations incurred during  
16          service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Op-  
17          eration New Dawn, or Operation Enduring Free-  
18          dom.

19          (6) The current number of pending Department  
20          of Veterans Affairs claims from veterans of military  
21          service in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the total num-  
22          ber of such veterans expected to seek disability com-  
23          pensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

24          (7) The total number of members of the Armed  
25          Forces who have been killed or wounded in Iraq or

1 Afghanistan, including noncombat casualties, the  
2 total number of members expected to suffer injuries  
3 in Afghanistan, and the total number of members  
4 expected to be killed in Afghanistan, including non-  
5 combat casualties.

6 (8) The amount of funds previously appro-  
7 priated for the Department of Defense, the Depart-  
8 ment of State, and the Department of Veterans Af-  
9 fairs for costs related to Operation Iraqi Freedom,  
10 Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring  
11 Freedom, including an account of the amount of  
12 funding from regular Department of Defense, De-  
13 partment of State, and Department of Veterans Af-  
14 fairs budgets that has gone and will go to costs asso-  
15 ciated with such operations.

16 (9) Previous, current, and future operational  
17 expenditures associated with Operation Enduring  
18 Freedom and, when applicable, Operation Iraqi  
19 Freedom and Operation New Dawn, including—

20 (A) funding for combat operations;

21 (B) deploying, transporting, feeding, and  
22 housing members of the Armed Forces (includ-  
23 ing fuel costs);

24 (C) activation and deployment of members  
25 of the reserve components of the Armed Forces;

1 (D) equipping and training of Iraqi and  
2 Afghani forces;

3 (E) purchasing, upgrading, and repairing  
4 weapons, munitions, and other equipment con-  
5 sumed or used in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Op-  
6 eration New Dawn, or Operation Enduring  
7 Freedom; and

8 (F) payments to other countries for  
9 logistical assistance in support of such oper-  
10 ations.

11 (10) Past, current, and future costs of entering  
12 into contracts with private military security firms  
13 and other contractors for the provision of goods and  
14 services associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom,  
15 Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring  
16 Freedom.

17 (11) Average annual cost for each member of  
18 the Armed Forces deployed in support of Operation  
19 Enduring Freedom, including room and board,  
20 equipment and body armor, transportation of troops  
21 and equipment (including fuel costs), and oper-  
22 ational costs.

23 (12) Current and future cost of combat-related  
24 special pays and benefits, including reenlistment bo-  
25 nuses.

1           (13) Current and future cost of calling or or-  
2           dering members of the reserve components to active  
3           duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

4           (14) Current and future cost for reconstruction,  
5           embassy operations and construction, and foreign  
6           aid programs for Iraq and Afghanistan.

7           (15) Current and future cost of bases and other  
8           infrastructure to support members of the Armed  
9           Forces serving in Afghanistan.

10          (16) Current and future cost of providing  
11          health care for veterans who served in support of  
12          Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, or  
13          Operation Enduring Freedom, including—

14                 (A) the cost of mental health treatment for  
15                 veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress  
16                 disorder and traumatic brain injury, and other  
17                 mental problems as a result of such service; and

18                 (B) the cost of lifetime prosthetics care  
19                 and treatment for veterans suffering from am-  
20                 putations as a result of such service.

21          (17) Current and future cost of providing De-  
22          partment of Veterans Affairs disability benefits for  
23          the lifetime of veterans who incur disabilities while  
24          serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Op-

1       eration New Dawn, or Operation Enduring Free-  
2       dom.

3               (18) Current and future cost of providing sur-  
4       vivors' benefits to survivors of members of the  
5       Armed Forces killed while serving in support of Op-  
6       eration Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, or Op-  
7       eration Enduring Freedom.

8               (19) Cost of bringing members of the Armed  
9       Forces and equipment back to the United States  
10      upon the conclusion of Operation Enduring Free-  
11      dom, including the cost of demobilization, transpor-  
12      tation costs (including fuel costs), providing transi-  
13      tion services for members of the Armed Forces  
14      transitioning from active duty to veteran status,  
15      transporting equipment, weapons, and munitions  
16      (including fuel costs), and an estimate of the value  
17      of equipment that will be left behind.

18              (20) Cost to restore the military and military  
19      equipment, including the equipment of the reserve  
20      components, to full strength after the conclusion of  
21      Operation Enduring Freedom.

22              (21) Amount of money borrowed to pay for Op-  
23      eration Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and  
24      Operation Enduring Freedom, and the sources of  
25      that money.

1           (22) Interest on money borrowed, including in-  
2           terest for money already borrowed and anticipated  
3           interest payments on future borrowing, for Oper-  
4           ation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Op-  
5           eration Enduring Freedom.



107. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Broun (GA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. BROUN OF GEORGIA**

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

1 **SEC. 1080. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REC-**  
2 **COMMENDATIONS OF THE PALOMARES NU-**  
3 **CLEAR WEAPONS ACCIDENT REVISED DOSE**  
4 **EVALUATION REPORT.**

5 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall sub-  
7 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate  
8 and the House of Representatives a report on the imple-  
9 mentation of the recommendations of the Palomares Nu-  
10 clear Weapons Accident Revised Dose Evaluation Report  
11 released in April by the Air Force in 2001.



108. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Andrews (NJ) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. ANDREWS OF NEW JERSEY**

Page 447, line 20, strike “is capable and available”  
and insert “are available and capable”.

Page 449, line 5, insert “or subcontract” after “con-  
tract”.



109. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Posey (FL) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. POSEY OF FLORIDA**

Page 452, after line 6, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1082A. TRANSPORTATION OF SUPPLIES TO MEMBERS**  
2 **OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM NONPROFIT**  
3 **ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 20 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 402 the  
6 following new section:

7 **“§ 403. Transportation of supplies from nonprofit or-**  
8 **ganizations**

9 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION.—Not-  
10 withstanding any other provision of law, and subject to  
11 subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense may transport to  
12 any country, without charge, supplies that have been fur-  
13 nished by a nonprofit organization and that are intended  
14 for distribution to members of the armed forces. Such sup-  
15 plies may be transported only on a space available basis.

16 “(b) LIMITATIONS.—(1) The Secretary may not  
17 transport supplies under subsection (a) unless the Sec-  
18 retary determines that—

1           “(A) the transportation of the supplies is con-  
2           sistent with the policies of the United States;

3           “(B) the supplies are suitable for distribution to  
4           members of the armed forces and are in usable con-  
5           dition;

6           “(C) there is a legitimate need for the supplies  
7           by the members of the armed forces for whom they  
8           are intended; and

9           “(D) adequate arrangements have been made  
10          for the distribution and use of the supplies.

11          “(2) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary shall establish  
12          procedures for making the determinations required under  
13          paragraph (1). Such procedures shall include inspection  
14          of supplies before acceptance for transport.

15          “(3) PREPARATION.—It shall be the responsibility of  
16          the nonprofit organization requesting the transport of sup-  
17          plies under this section to ensure that the supplies are  
18          suitable for transport.

19          “(c) DISTRIBUTION.—Supplies transported under  
20          this section may be distributed by the United States Gov-  
21          ernment or a nonprofit organization.

22          “(d) DEFINITION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—  
23          In this section, the term ‘nonprofit organization’ means  
24          an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the In-

1 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under  
2 section 501(a) of such Code.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
4 at the beginning of chapter 20 of such title is amended  
5 by inserting after the item relating to section 402 the fol-  
6 lowing new item:

“403. Transportation of supplies from nonprofit organizations.”.



110. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Speier (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

*John S. P.*

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA**

Add at the end of subtitle I of title X the following new section:

**1 SEC. 1090. ACCESS OF EMPLOYEES OF CONGRESSIONAL  
2 SUPPORT OFFICES TO DEPARTMENT OF DE-  
3 FENSE FACILITIES.**

4 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that Congressional  
5 support offices perform a critical role in enabling Congress  
6 to carry out its Constitutionally-mandated task of per-  
7 forming oversight of the executive branch.

8 (b) ACCESS IN SAME MANNER AS EMPLOYEES OF  
9 DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
10 provide employees of any Congressional support office who  
11 work on issues related to national security with access to  
12 facilities of the Department of Defense in the same man-  
13 ner, and subject to the same terms and conditions, as em-  
14 ployees of the Committees on Armed Services of the House  
15 of Representatives and Senate.

16 (c) CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT OFFICES DEFINED.—  
17 In this section, the term “Congressional support office”  
18 means any of the following:

- 1 (1) The Congressional Budget Office.
- 2 (2) The Congressional Research Service of the
- 3 Library of Congress.
- 4 (3) The Government Accountability Office.



111. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
McCaul (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R.  
1960  
OFFERED BY MR. McCAUL OF TEXAS**

At the end of subtitle I of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. 1090. SALE OR DONATION OF EXCESS PERSONAL**  
2 **PROPERTY FOR BORDER SECURITY ACTIVI-**  
3 **TIES.**

4 Section 2576a of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “bor-  
8 der security activities and” before “law enforce-  
9 ment activities”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, the  
11 Secretary of Homeland Security,” after “Attor-  
12 ney General”; and

13 (2) in subsection (d), by inserting “border secu-  
14 rity activities or” before “counter-drug”.



112. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Hanna (NY) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. HANNA OF NEW YORK**

Page 463, after line 6, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1090. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON IMPROVISED EXPLO-**  
2 **SIVE DEVICES.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) the use of improvised explosive devices (in  
5 this section referred to as “IEDs”) against members  
6 of the Armed Forces or people of the United States  
7 should be condemned;

8 (2) unwavering support for members of the  
9 Armed Forces, first responders, and explosive ord-  
10 nance disposal personnel of the United States who  
11 face the threat of IEDs and put their lives on the  
12 line to defeat them should be expressed;

13 (3) all relevant agencies of the Government  
14 should be called on to coordinate with international  
15 partners and other responsible entities to reduce the  
16 use of IEDs and curb their proliferation; and

1           (4) the exchange of blast trauma research data  
2           should be facilitated between all relevant agencies of  
3           the Government.



113. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Turner (OH) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. TURNER OF OHIO**

Page 463, after line 6, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10 \_\_. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AND NA-**  
2 **TIONAL AIRSPACE.**

3 (a) MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.—Notwith-  
4 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of De-  
5 fense may enter into a memorandum of understanding  
6 with a non-Department of Defense entity that is engaged  
7 in the test range program authorized under section 332(e)  
8 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (49  
9 U.S.C. 40101 note) to allow such entity to access non-  
10 regulatory special use airspace if such access—

11 (1) is used by the entity as part of such test  
12 range program; and

13 (2) does not interfere with the activities of the  
14 Secretary or otherwise interrupt or delay missions or  
15 training of the Department of Defense.

16 (b) ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.—The Secretary  
17 shall carry out subsection (a) using the established proce-  
18 dures of the Department of Defense with respect to enter-  
19 ing into a memorandum of understanding.

1 (c) CONSTRUCTION.—A memorandum of under-  
2 standing entered into under subsection (a) between the  
3 Secretary and a non-Department of Defense entity shall  
4 not be construed as establishing the Secretary as a part-  
5 ner, proponent, or team member of such entity in the test  
6 range program specified in such subsection.



114. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Bachmann (MN) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MRS. BACHMANN OF MINNESOTA**

Page 463, after line 6, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1090. DAYS ON WHICH THE POW/MIA FLAG IS DIS-**  
2 **PLAYED ON CERTAIN FEDERAL PROPERTY.**

3 Section 902 of title 36, United States Code, is  
4 amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the fol-  
5 lowing new subsection:

6 “(c) **DAYS FOR FLAG DISPLAY.**—For the purposes  
7 of this section, POW/MIA flag display days are all days  
8 on which the flag of the United States is displayed.”.



115. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Collins, Chris (NY) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. COLLINS OF NEW YORK**

Page 463, after line 6, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1090. SENSE OF CONGRESS TO MAINTAIN A STRONG**  
2 **NATIONAL GUARD AND MILITARY RESERVE**  
3 **FORCE.**

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

5 (1) The first volunteer militia unit in America  
6 was formed in 1636 in Massachusetts Bay, followed  
7 by other units in the colonies of Virginia and Con-  
8 necticut. the American founding fathers wrote article  
9 I, section 8, of the United States Constitution to  
10 keep the militia model, authorizing a standing mili-  
11 tary force that could organize, train, and equip mili-  
12 tia volunteers when needed.

13 (2) In World War I, nearly all National  
14 Guardsmen were mobilized into Federal service, and  
15 while they represented only 15 percent of the total  
16 United States Army, they comprised 40 percent of  
17 the American divisions sent to France and sustained  
18 43 percent of the casualties in combat. In World  
19 War II, the National Guard comprised 19 Army di-

1       visions and 29 observation squadrons with aircraft  
2       assigned to the United States Army Air Forces.

3           (3) On September 11, 2001, the first fighter  
4       jets over New York City and Washington, DC, were  
5       Air National Guard F-15 and F-16 aircraft from  
6       Massachusetts and North Dakota, with over 400  
7       more Air National Guard fighter aircraft on alert by  
8       that afternoon. Over 600,000 Air and Army Na-  
9       tional Guard soldiers and airmen have deployed in  
10      the many campaigns since 9/11.

11          (4) Air and Army National Guard soldiers and  
12      airmen have been involved in countless domestic re-  
13      sponse missions, including missions in response to  
14      hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and forest fires includ-  
15      ing the more recent events of Superstorm Sandy and  
16      the tornados in Oklahoma.

17          (5) The volunteer National Guard and Reserve  
18      have time and again demonstrated their readiness to  
19      meet operational requirements through cost-effective  
20      means.

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

23           (1) the Secretary of Defense should make every  
24      effort to ensure the Military Reserve and National  
25      Guard forces are sustained by a fully manned and

1 fully funded force and that the United States fulfill  
2 its longstanding commitment to unyielding readiness  
3 in terms of defense;

4 (2) the Secretary of Defense should act with  
5 the knowledge that the National Guard and Reserve  
6 are critical components to the Armed Forces, par-  
7 ticularly as means of preserving combat power dur-  
8 ing a time of budget austerity; and

9 (3) Congress repudiates proposals to diminish  
10 the National Guard or Reserve and affirms the  
11 growth of these components as circumstances war-  
12 rant.



116. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Lewis, John (GA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. LEWIS OF GEORGIA**

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

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_. COST OF WARS.**

2       The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the  
3 Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service and the Di-  
4 rector of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, shall post on  
5 the public Web site of the Department of Defense the  
6 costs, including the relevant legacy costs, to each Amer-  
7 ican taxpayer of each of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.



117. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Farr (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. FARR OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1090. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING CONSIDER-**  
2 **ATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CUL-**  
3 **TURES IN THE BUILDING OF PARTNER CA-**  
4 **PACITY.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that the head of each ele-  
6 ment of the Department of Defense should take into con-  
7 sideration foreign languages and cultures during the devel-  
8 opment by such element of the Department of training,  
9 tools, and methodologies to engage in military-to-military  
10 activities and in the building of partner capacity.



118. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE Gallego (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. GALLEGO OF TEXAS**

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

1 **SEC. 11\_\_.** **EXTENSION OF ENHANCED APPOINTMENT AND**  
2 **COMPENSATION AUTHORITY FOR CIVILIAN**  
3 **PERSONNEL FOR CARE AND TREATMENT OF**  
4 **WOUNDED AND INJURED MEMBERS OF THE**  
5 **ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) **EXTENSION.**—Subsection (c) of section 1599c of  
7 title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “De-  
8 cember 31, 2015” both places it appears and inserting  
9 “December 31, 2020”.

10 (b) **REPEAL OF FULFILLED REQUIREMENT.**—Such  
11 section is further amended—

12 (1) by striking subsection (b); and

13 (2) by redesignating subsection (c), as amended  
14 by subsection (a), as subsection (b).

15 (c) **REPEAL OF REFERENCES TO CERTAIN TITLE 5**  
16 **AUTHORITIES.**—Subsection (a)(2)(A) of such section is  
17 amended—

18 (1) by striking “sections 3304, 5333, and 5753  
19 of title 5” and inserting “section 3304 of title 5”;  
20 and

1           (2) in clause (ii), by striking “the authorities in  
2           such sections” and inserting “the authority in such  
3           section”.



119. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Langevin (RI) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN OF RHODE ISLAND**

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

1 **SEC. 1108. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW REGARDING AVAIL-**  
2 **ABILITY OF FUNDING FOR CIVILIAN PER-**  
3 **SONNEL.**

4 (a) **REGULATIONS.**—No later than 45 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
6 shall prescribe regulations implementing the authority in  
7 subsection (a) of section 1111 of the National Defense Au-  
8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111-  
9 84; 10 U.S.C. 1580 note prec.).

10 (b) **COORDINATION.**—The Under Secretary of De-  
11 fense (Comptroller), in consultation with the Under Sec-  
12 retary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall be  
13 responsible for coordinating the preparation of the regula-  
14 tions required under subsection (a).

15 (c) **LIMITATIONS.**—The regulations required under  
16 subsection (a) shall not be restricted by any civilian full-  
17 time equivalent or end-strength limitation, nor shall such

- 1 regulations require offsetting civilian pay funding, civilian
- 2 full-time equivalents, or end-strength.



120. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Connolly (VA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960**

**OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA**

MR. POE OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle A of title XII of division A,  
add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12\_. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF OVERSEAS**  
2 **HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID**  
3 **PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
4 **FENSE.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Of the amounts authorized to be  
6 appropriated by this Act to carry out sections 401, 402,  
7 404, 407, 2557, and 2561 of title 10, United States Code,  
8 up to 5 percent of such amounts may be made available  
9 to conduct monitoring and evaluation of programs con-  
10 ducted pursuant to such authorities during fiscal year  
11 2014.

12 (b) **BRIEFING.**—Not later than 90 days after the date  
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
14 shall provide a briefing to the appropriate congressional  
15 committees on mechanisms to evaluate the programs con-  
16 ducted pursuant to the authorities listed in subsection (a).  
17 The briefing shall include the following:

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1 (1) A description of how the Department of De-  
2 fense evaluates program and project outcomes and  
3 impact, including cost effectiveness and extent to  
4 which programs meet designated goals.

5 (2) An analysis of steps taken to implement the  
6 recommendations from the following reports:

7 (A) The Government Accountability Of-  
8 fice's Report entitled "Project Evaluations and  
9 Better Information Sharing Needed to Manage  
10 the Military's Efforts".

11 (B) The Department of Defense Inspector  
12 General Report numbered "DODIG-2012-  
13 119".

14 (C) The RAND Corporation's Report pre-  
15 pared for the Office of the Secretary of Defense  
16 entitled "Developing a Prototype Handbook for  
17 Monitoring and Evaluating Department of De-  
18 fense Humanitarian Assistance Projects".

19 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "appro-  
20 priate congressional committees" means the following:

21 (1) The congressional defense committees.

22 (2) The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
23 House of Representatives and the Committee on  
24 Foreign Relations of the Senate.



121. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Rohrabacher (CA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. ROHRABACHER OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 490, after line 6, add the following new subparagraph:

- 1 (C) That Pakistan is not using its military
- 2 or any funds or equipment provided by the
- 3 United States to persecute minority groups for
- 4 their legitimate and nonviolent political and re-
- 5 ligious beliefs, including the Balochi, Sindhi,
- 6 and Hazara ethnic groups and minority reli-
- 7 gious groups, including Christian, Hindu, and
- 8 Ahmadiyya Muslim.



122. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Lynch (MA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

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

Page 497, line 13, strike “(g), (h), and (i)” and insert “(h), (i), and (j)”.

Page 497, line 15, strike “subsection” and insert “subsections”.

Page 498, line 11, before the closing quotation marks insert the following:

1       “(g) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED: ASSESSMENT OF  
2 CAPABILITY OF ANSF TO PROVIDE OPERATIONS AND  
3 MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS.—The report required under  
4 subsection (a) shall include a detailed assessment of the  
5 capability of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF)  
6 to provide operations and maintenance functions for infra-  
7 structure projects constructed for the ANSF after Janu-  
8 ary 1, 2015, including—

9               “(1) a description of training provided to the  
10 ANSF by the United States and the International  
11 Security Assistance Force;

12               “(2) a comprehensive evaluation of operations  
13 and maintenance capabilities and skills; and

1           “(3) the Government of Afghanistan’s financial  
2           wherewithal to perform or contract out such func-  
3           tions.



123. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Blumenauer (OR) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF HR 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. BLUMENAUER OF OREGON**

Page 496, insert after line 24 the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 1218. IMPROVEMENT OF THE IRAQI SPECIAL IMMI-**  
2 **GRANT VISA PROGRAM.**

3 The Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act of 2007 (8 U.S.C.  
4 1157 note) is amended—

5 (1) in section 1242, by amending subsection (c)  
6 to read as follows:

7 “(c) IMPROVED APPLICATION PROCESS.—Not later  
8 than 120 days after the date of the enactment of the Na-  
9 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014,”;

10 (2) in section 1244, as amended by this Act, is  
11 further amended—

12 (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as  
13 follows:

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), the  
15 Secretary of Homeland Security, or, notwithstanding any  
16 other provision of law, the Secretary of State in consulta-  
17 tion with the Secretary of Homeland Security, may pro-  
18 vide an alien described in subsection (b) with the status

1 of a special immigrant under section 101(a)(27) of the Im-  
2 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 (a)(27)),  
3 and shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense,  
4 ensure efficiency by which applications for special immi-  
5 grant visas under section 1244(a) are processed so that  
6 all steps incidental to the issuance of such visas, including  
7 required screenings and background checks, are completed  
8 not later than 9 months after the date on which an eligible  
9 alien applies for such visa, if the alien—”.

10 (B) in subsection (b)—

11 (i) in paragraph (4) by adding at the  
12 end the following:

13 “(A) REVIEW PROCESS FOR DENIAL BY  
14 CHIEF OF MISSION.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—An applicant who  
16 has been denied Chief of Mission approval  
17 required by subparagraph (A) shall—

18 “(I) receive a written decision;

19 and

20 “(II) be provided 120 days from  
21 the date of the decision to request re-  
22 opening of the decision to provide ad-  
23 ditional information, clarify existing  
24 information, or explain any unfavor-  
25 able information.

1                   “(ii) SENIOR COORDINATOR.—The  
2                   Secretary of State shall designate, in the  
3                   Embassy of the United States in Baghdad,  
4                   Iraq, a senior coordinator responsible for  
5                   overseeing the efficiency and integrity of  
6                   the processing of special immigrant visas  
7                   under this section, who shall be given—

8                                 “(I) sufficiently high security  
9                                 clearance to review Chief of Mission  
10                                denials in cases that appear to have  
11                                relied upon insufficient or incorrect  
12                                information; and

13                               “(II) responsibility for ensuring  
14                                that an applicant described in clause  
15                                (i) receives the information described  
16                                in clause (i)(I).”.

17                   (3) in section 1248, by adding at the end the  
18                   following:

19                               “(f) REPORT ON IMPROVEMENTS.—

20                               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
21                                after the date of the enactment of the National De-  
22                                fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, the  
23                                Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland  
24                                Security, in consultation with the Secretary of De-

1 fense, shall submit a report, with a classified annex,  
2 if necessary, to—

3 “(A) the Committee on the Judiciary of  
4 the Senate;

5 “(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
6 of the Senate;

7 “(C) the Committee on the Judiciary of  
8 the House of Representatives; and

9 “(D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
10 the House of Representatives.

11 “(2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under  
12 paragraph (1) shall describe the implementation of  
13 improvements to the processing of applications for  
14 special immigrant visas under section 1244(a), in-  
15 cluding information relating to—

16 “(A) enhancing existing systems for con-  
17 ducting background and security checks of per-  
18 sons applying for special immigrant status,  
19 which shall—

20 “(i) support immigration security; and

21 “(ii) provide for the orderly processing  
22 of such applications without delay;

23 “(B) the financial, security, and personnel  
24 considerations and resources necessary to carry  
25 out this subtitle;

1           “(C) the number of aliens who have ap-  
2           plied for special immigrant visas under section  
3           1244 during each month of the preceding fiscal  
4           year;

5           “(D) the reasons for the failure to expedi-  
6           tiously process any applications that have been  
7           pending for longer than 9 months;

8           “(E) the total number of applications that  
9           are pending due to the failure—

10           “(i) to receive approval from the Chief  
11           of Mission;

12           “(ii) for U.S. Citizenship and Immi-  
13           gration Services to complete the adjudica-  
14           tion of the Form I-360;

15           “(iii) to conduct a visa interview; or

16           “(iv) to issue the visa to an eligible  
17           alien;

18           “(F) the average wait times for an appli-  
19           cant at each of the stages described in subpara-  
20           graph (E);

21           “(G) the number of denials or rejections at  
22           each of the stages described in subparagraph  
23           (E); and

24           “(H) a breakdown of reasons for denials at  
25           by the Chief of Mission based on the categories

1           already made available to denied special immi-  
2           grant visa applicants in the denial letter sent to  
3           them by the Chief of Mission.

4           “(g) PUBLIC QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than  
5 120 days after the date of the enactment of the National  
6 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, and  
7 every 3 months thereafter, the Secretary of State and the  
8 Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the  
9 Secretary of Defense, shall publish a report on the website  
10 of the Department of State that describes the efficiency  
11 improvements made in the process by which applications  
12 for special immigrant visas under section 1244(a) are  
13 processed, including information described in subpara-  
14 graphs (C) through (H) of subsection (f)(2).”.

15 **SEC. 1219. IMPROVEMENT OF THE AFGHAN SPECIAL IMMI-**  
16 **GRANT VISA PROGRAM.**

17           Section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act  
18 of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

19           (1) in paragraph (2)—

20           (A) in subparagraph (D)—

21           (i) by adding at the end the following:

22           “(ii) REVIEW PROCESS FOR DENIAL  
23           BY CHIEF OF MISSION.—

1                   “(I) IN GENERAL.—An applicant  
2 who has been denied Chief of Mission  
3 approval shall—

4                   “(aa) receive a written deci-  
5 sion; and

6                   “(bb) be provided 120 days  
7 from the date of receipt of such  
8 opinion to request reconsider-  
9 ation of the decision to provide  
10 additional information, clarify ex-  
11 isting information, or explain any  
12 unfavorable information.

13                   “(II) SENIOR COORDINATOR.—  
14 The Secretary of State shall des-  
15 ignate, in the Embassy of the United  
16 States in Kabul, Afghanistan, a senior  
17 coordinator responsible for overseeing  
18 the efficiency and integrity of the  
19 processing of special immigrant visas  
20 under this section, who shall be  
21 given—

22                   “(aa) sufficiently high secu-  
23 rity clearance to review Chief of  
24 Mission denials in cases that ap-  
25 pear to have relied upon insuffi-

1                   cient or incorrect information;  
2                   and

3                   “(bb) responsibility for en-  
4                   suring that an applicant de-  
5                   scribed in subclause (I) receives  
6                   the information described in sub-  
7                   clause (I)(aa).”;

8                   (2) in paragraph (4)—

9                   (A) in the heading, by striking “PROHIBI-  
10                  TION ON FEES” and inserting “APPLICATION  
11                  PROCESS”;

12                  (B) by striking “The Secretary” and in-  
13                  serting the following:

14                  “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120  
15                  days after the date of enactment of the Na-  
16                  tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
17                  Year 2014, the Secretary of State and the Sec-  
18                  retary of Homeland Security, in consultation  
19                  with the Secretary of Defense, shall improve the  
20                  efficiency by which applications for special im-  
21                  migrant visas under paragraph (1) are proc-  
22                  essed so that all steps incidental to the issuance  
23                  of such visas, including required screenings and  
24                  background checks, are completed not later

1           than 6 months after the date on which an eligi-  
2           ble alien applies for such visa.

3                   “(B) PROHIBITION ON FEES.—The Sec-  
4           retary”); and

5           (4) by adding at the end the following:

6                   “(12) REPORT ON IMPROVEMENTS.—Not later  
7           than 120 days after the date of the enactment of the  
8           National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
9           2014, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of  
10          Homeland Security, in consultation with the Sec-  
11          retary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate  
12          committees of Congress a report, with a classified  
13          annex, if necessary, that describes the implementa-  
14          tion of improvements to the processing of applica-  
15          tions for special immigrant visas under this sub-  
16          section, including information relating to—

17                   “(A) enhancing existing systems for con-  
18                  ducting background and security checks of per-  
19                  sons applying for special immigrant status,  
20                  which shall—

21                           “(i) support immigration security; and

22                           “(ii) provide for the orderly processing  
23                           of such applications without delay;

1           “(B) the financial, security, and personnel  
2 considerations and resources necessary to carry  
3 out this section;

4           “(C) the number of aliens who have ap-  
5 plied for special immigrant visas under this  
6 subsection during each month of the preceding  
7 fiscal year;

8           “(D) the reasons for the failure to expedi-  
9 tiously process any applications that have been  
10 pending for longer than 9 months;

11           “(E) the total number of applications that  
12 are pending due to the failure—

13                 “(i) to receive approval from the Chief  
14 of Mission;

15                 “(ii) for U.S. Citizenship and Immi-  
16 gration Services to complete the adjudica-  
17 tion of the Form I-360;

18                 “(iii) to conduct a visa interview; or

19                 “(iv) to issue the visa to an eligible  
20 alien;

21           “(F) the average wait times for an appli-  
22 cant at each of the stages described in subpara-  
23 graph (E);

1           “(G) the number of denials or rejections at  
2           each of the stages described in subparagraph  
3           (E); and

4           “(H) a breakdown of reasons for denials  
5           by the Chief of Mission based on the categories  
6           already made available to denied special immi-  
7           grant visa applicants in the denial letter sent to  
8           them by the Chief of Mission.

9           “(13) PUBLIC QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not  
10          later than 120 days after the date of the enactment  
11          of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
12          Year 2014, and every 3 months thereafter, the Sec-  
13          retary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
14          rity, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense,  
15          shall publish a report on the website of the Depart-  
16          ment of State that describes the efficiency improve-  
17          ments made in the process by which applications for  
18          special immigrant visas under this subsection are  
19          processed, including information described in sub-  
20          paragraph (C) through (H) of paragraph (12).”.

21 **SEC. 1219. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

22          (b) PURPOSE.—Expressing the Sense of the House  
23          or Representatives that the Special Immigration Visa pro-  
24          grams authorized in the National Defense Authorization  
25          Act for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Afghan Allies Protection

1 Act of 2009 are critical to the U.S. national security, and  
2 that these programs must be reformed and extended in  
3 order to meet the Congressional intent with which they  
4 were created.

5 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Congress created the Special Immigration  
7 Visa program for the purposes of protecting and aid-  
8 ing the many brave Iraqis and Afghans whose lives,  
9 and the lives of their families, were endangered as  
10 a result of their faithful and valuable service to the  
11 United States during Operations Enduring Freedom  
12 and Iraqi Freedom.

13 (2) The Iraq Special Immigrant Visa program  
14 is set to expire at the end of fiscal year 2013.

15 (3) The Afghanistan Special Immigrant Visa  
16 program is set to expire at the end of fiscal year  
17 2014.

18 (4) Despite the pending expiration of the Spe-  
19 cial Immigrant Visa programs, many brave Iraqis,  
20 Afghans, and their families, continue to face ongoing  
21 and serious threats as a result of their employment  
22 by or on behalf of the U.S. Government.

23 (5) Between FY08-FY12, only 22 percent of  
24 the available Iraqi SIVs (5,500 visas out of 25,000  
25 visas) have been issued and 12 percent of the avail-

1       able Afghan SIVs (1,051 visas out of 8,500 visas)  
2       have been issued.

3           (6) As the Washington Post reported in Octo-  
4       ber 2012, over 5,000 documentarily complete Af-  
5       ghan SIV applications remained in a backlog.

6           (7) The implementation of the Special Immigra-  
7       tion Visa programs has been protracted and ineffi-  
8       cient.

9           (8) The application and approval process for  
10       the Special Immigration Visa program is unneces-  
11       sarily opaque and difficult to navigate.

12          (9) Applicants in both Iraq and Afghanistan  
13       often have effusive recommendations from numerous  
14       military personnel, have served the U.S. war efforts  
15       for many years, and have served valiantly, in some  
16       instances literally taking a bullet for a U.S. service  
17       member, and yet are denied approval for a Special  
18       Immigration Visa with little to no transparency.

19          (10) Overly narrow provisions contained in the  
20       Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 leave many de-  
21       serving Afghans and their families in need of U.S.  
22       assistance, but unable to access the Special Immi-  
23       gration Visa program.

24          (11) The United States has a responsibility to  
25       follow through on its promise to protect those Iraqis

1 and Afghans who have risked their lives to aid our  
2 troops and protect America's security.

3 (12) The extension and reform of the Iraq and  
4 Afghanistan Special Immigrant Visa programs is a  
5 matter of national security.

6 (13) The extension and reform of the Afghan  
7 Special Immigrant Visa program is essential to the  
8 U.S. mission in Afghanistan.

9 (c) SENSE OF THE HOUSE.—It is the sense of the  
10 House of Representatives that the Iraq and Afghanistan  
11 Special Immigrant Visa programs should be—

12 (1) reformed by—

13 (A) ensuring applications are processed in  
14 a timely, and transparent fashion;

15 (B) providing parity between the two Spe-  
16 cial Immigrant Visa programs so that Afghan  
17 principal applicants, like Iraqi principal appli-  
18 cants, are able to include their spouse, children,  
19 siblings, and parents; and

20 (C) expanding eligibility for the Special  
21 Immigrant Visa programs to Afghan or Iraqi  
22 men and women employed by, or on behalf of,  
23 a media or nongovernmental organization  
24 headquartered in the United States, or an orga-  
25 nization or entity closely associated with the

1 United States mission in Iraq or Afghanistan  
2 that has received U.S. Government funding  
3 through an official and documented contract,  
4 award, grant, or cooperative agreement; and  
5 (2) extended in—

6 (A) Iraq through the year 2018, without  
7 authorizing any additional Special Immigrant  
8 Visas as authorized in the original statute; and

9 (B) Afghanistan through the year 2018,  
10 without authorizing any additional Special Im-  
11 migrant Visas as authorized in the original  
12 statute.



124. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Johnson (GA) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. JOHNSON OF GEORGIA**

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 12\_. LIMITATION ON FUNDS TO ESTABLISH PERMA-  
2 NENT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS OR BASES  
3 IN AFGHANISTAN.**

4 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by  
5 this Act may be obligated or expended by the United  
6 States Government to establish any military installation  
7 or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent  
8 stationing of United States Armed Forces in Afghanistan.



125. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Schneider (IL) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS**

Page 509, line 7, strike “and” at the end.

Page 509, line 11, strike the first period, the closing quotation marks, and the second period and insert “; and”.

Page 509, after line 11, add the following new subparagraph:

1                   “(G) an analysis of how sanctions on Iran  
2                   are effecting its military capability and its abil-  
3                   ity to export terrorism to proxy groups within  
4                   its Threat Network.”.



126. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Conaway (TX) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR  
10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS**

At the end of subtitle D of title XII of division A,  
add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12\_. INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE PRO-**  
2 **GRAMS AT TRAINING LOCATIONS IN SOUTH-**  
3 **WEST ASIA.**

4 Section 544(c)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of  
5 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2347c(e)(1)) is amended—

6 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting after  
7 “programs” the following: “and integrated air and  
8 missile defense programs”; and

9 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “post-  
10 undergraduate flying and tactical leadership” and  
11 inserting “such”.



127. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Grimm (NY) OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. GRIMM OF NEW YORK**

At the end of subtitle D of title XII of division A,  
add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12\_. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON CONDEMNING THE**  
2 **GOVERNMENT OF IRAN FOR ITS STATE-SPON-**  
3 **SORED PERSECUTION OF ITS BAHAI MINOR-**  
4 **ITY.**

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

6 (1) In 1982, 1984, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994,  
7 1996, 2000, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2012, and 2013,  
8 Congress declared that it deplored the religious per-  
9 secution by the Government of Iran of the Baha'i  
10 community and would hold the Government of Iran  
11 responsible for upholding the rights of all Iranian  
12 nationals, including members of the Baha'i faith.

13 (2) The United States Commission on Inter-  
14 national Religious Freedom 2012 Report stated,  
15 "The Baha'i community has long been subject to  
16 particularly severe religious freedom violations in  
17 Iran. Baha'is, who number at least 300,000, are

1 viewed as 'heretics' by Iranian authorities and may  
2 face repression on the grounds of apostasy."

3 (3) The United States Commission on Inter-  
4 national Religious Freedom 2012 Report stated,  
5 "Since 1979, Iranian government authorities have  
6 killed more than 200 Baha'i leaders in Iran and dis-  
7 missed more than 10,000 from government and uni-  
8 versity jobs."

9 (4) The United States Commission on Inter-  
10 national Religious Freedom 2012 Report stated,  
11 "Baha'is may not establish places of worship,  
12 schools, or any independent religious associations in  
13 Iran."

14 (5) The United States Commission on Inter-  
15 national Religious Freedom 2012 Report stated,  
16 "Baha'is are barred from the military and denied  
17 government jobs and pensions as well as the right to  
18 inherit property. Their marriages and divorces also  
19 are not recognized, and they have difficulty obtain-  
20 ing death certificates. Baha'i cemeteries, holy places,  
21 and community properties are often seized or dese-  
22 crated, and many important religious sites have been  
23 destroyed."

24 (6) The United States Commission on Inter-  
25 national Religious Freedom 2012 Report stated,

1       “The Baha’i community faces severe economic pres-  
2       sure, including denials of jobs in both the public and  
3       private sectors and of business licenses. Iranian au-  
4       thorities often pressure employers of Baha’is to dis-  
5       miss them from employment in the private sector.”.

6           (7) The Department of State 2011 Inter-  
7       national Religious Freedom Report stated, “The  
8       government prohibits Baha’is from teaching and  
9       practicing their faith and subjects them to many  
10      forms of discrimination that followers of other reli-  
11      gions do not face.”.

12          (8) The Department of State 2011 Inter-  
13      national Religious Freedom Report stated, “Accord-  
14      ing to law, Baha’i blood is considered ‘mobah’,  
15      meaning it can be spilled with impunity.”.

16          (9) The Department of State 2011 Inter-  
17      national Religious Freedom Report stated that  
18      “members of religious minorities, with the exception  
19      of Baha’is, can serve in lower ranks of government  
20      employment”, and “Baha’is are barred from all lead-  
21      ership positions in the government and military”.

22          (10) The Department of State 2011 Inter-  
23      national Religious Freedom Report stated, “Baha’is  
24      suffered frequent government harassment and perse-  
25      cution, and their property rights generally were dis-

1       regarded. The government raided Baha'i homes and  
2       businesses and confiscated large amounts of private  
3       and commercial property, as well as religious mate-  
4       rials belonging to Baha'is."

5           (11) The Department of State 2011 Inter-  
6       national Religious Freedom Report stated, "Baha'is  
7       also are required to register with the police".

8           (12) The Department of State 2011 Inter-  
9       national Religious Freedom Report stated that  
10      "[p]ublic and private universities continued to deny  
11      admittance to and expelled Baha'i students" and  
12      "[d]uring the year, at least 30 Baha'is were barred  
13      or expelled from universities on political or religious  
14      grounds".

15          (13) The Department of State 2011 Inter-  
16      national Religious Freedom Report stated, "Baha'is  
17      are regularly denied compensation for injury or  
18      criminal victimization."

19          (14) On March 6, 2012, the United Nations  
20      Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights  
21      in the Islamic Republic of Iran issued a report (A/  
22      HRC/19/66), which stated that "the Special  
23      Rapporteur continues to be alarmed by communica-  
24      tions that demonstrate the systemic and systematic  
25      persecution of members of unrecognized religious

1 communities, particularly the Baha'i community, in  
2 violation of international conventions" and expressed  
3 concern regarding "an intensive defamation cam-  
4 paign meant to incite discrimination and hate  
5 against Baha'is".

6 (15) On May 23, 2012, the United Nations  
7 Secretary-General issued a report, which stated that  
8 "the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or  
9 belief . . . pointed out that the Islamic Republic of  
10 Iran had a policy of systematic persecution of per-  
11 sons belonging to the Baha'i faith, excluding them  
12 from the application of freedom of religion or belief  
13 by simply denying that their faith had the status of  
14 a religion".

15 (16) On August 22, 2012, the United Nations  
16 Secretary-General issued a report, which stated,  
17 "The international community continues to express  
18 concerns about the very serious discrimination  
19 against ethnic and religious minorities in law and in  
20 practice, in particular the Baha'i community. The  
21 Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights  
22 in the Islamic Republic of Iran expressed alarm  
23 about the systemic and systematic persecution of  
24 members of the Baha'i community, including severe  
25 socioeconomic pressure and arrests and detention.