

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. AUSTRIA OF OHIO

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . EQUAL BENEFITS UNDER SURVIVOR BENEFIT**
2 **PLAN FOR RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS**
3 **WHO DIE WHILE PERFORMING INACTIVE-**
4 **DUTY TRAINING.**

5 (a) TREATMENT OF INACTIVE-DUTY TRAINING AS
6 ACTIVE DUTY.—In administering the Survivor Benefit
7 Plan established by subchapter II of chapter 73 of title
8 10, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense shall
9 require that a member of a reserve component of the
10 Armed Forces who dies while performing inactive-duty
11 training be treated in the same manner as members of
12 the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty while on
13 active duty for purposes of—

14 (1) computing the annuity payable under the
15 Survivor Benefit Plan upon the death of the mem-
16 ber;

17 (2) determining the eligibility of the children of
18 the member for benefits under the Survivor Benefit
19 Plan; and

1 (3) determining the eligibility of the surviving
2 spouse of the member for the Special Survivor In-
3 demnity Allowance.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMEND-
5 MENT.—Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to all
6 members described in such subsection who died on or after
7 September 11, 2001. The Secretary of Defense shall re-
8 quire payments under the Survivor Benefit Plan for
9 months beginning after the date of the enactment of this
10 section to be adjusted to reflect the requirements of sub-
11 section (a).

