

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MS. ESTY OF CONNECTICUT

Page 175, after line 24, insert the following new paragraph:

1 **SEC. 575. REPORT REGARDING POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS**
2 **TO PROCESSING RETIREMENTS AND MED-**
3 **ICAL DISCHARGES.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Defense shall issue a report to the congressional defense
7 committees regarding possible improvements to the transi-
8 tion of members of the Armed Forces to veteran status.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
10 shall address the following:

11 (1) Feasibility of requiring members of the
12 Armed Forces to apply for benefits administered by
13 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs before such mem-
14 bers complete discharge from the Armed Forces.

15 (2) Feasibility of requiring members of the
16 Armed Forces to undergo compensation and pension
17 examinations (to be administered by the Secretary of
18 Defense) for purposes of obtaining benefits described

1 in paragraph (1) before such members complete dis-
2 charge from active duty in the Armed Forces.

3 (3) Possible improvements to the timeliness of
4 the process for transitioning members who undergo
5 medical discharge to care provided by the Secretary
6 of Veterans Affairs.

