

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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

1 **SEC. ____ . APOLLO I MEMORIAL.**

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

3 (1) On January 27, 1967, NASA Astronauts
4 Command Pilot Virgil I. “Gus” Grissom, Senior
5 Pilot Edward H. White II, and Pilot Roger B.
6 Chaffee were killed in an electrical fire that broke
7 out inside the Apollo I Command Module on Launch
8 Pad 34 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Ca-
9 naverall, Florida.

10 (2) Command Pilot Virgil Grissom was selected
11 by NASA in 1959 as one of the original seven Mer-
12 cury astronauts. He piloted the Liberty Bell 7 space-
13 craft on July 21, 1963, on the second and final Mer-
14 cury suborbital test flight, served as command pilot
15 on the first manned Gemini flight on March 23,
16 1965, and was named as Command Pilot of the first
17 Apollo flight. He began his career in the United

1 States Army Air Corps and was a Lieutenant Colo-
2 nel in the United States Air Force at the time of the
3 accident, and he is buried at Arlington National
4 Cemetery.

5 (3) Senior Pilot Edward H. White II was se-
6 lected by NASA as a member of the second astro-
7 naut team in 1962. He piloted the Gemini-4 mission,
8 a 4-day mission that took place in June 1965, dur-
9 ing which he conducted the first extravehicular activ-
10 ity in the United States human spaceflight program.
11 He was named as Command Module Pilot for the
12 first Apollo flight. He began his career as a cadet
13 in United States Military Academy at West Point
14 and was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States
15 Air Force at the time of the accident.

16 (4) Pilot Roger B. Chaffee was selected by
17 NASA as part of the third group of astronauts in
18 1963. He was named as the Lunar Module Pilot for
19 the first Apollo flight. He began his career as a
20 ROTC cadet before commissioning as an ensign in
21 the United States Navy, he was a Lieutenant Com-
22 mander in the United States Navy at the time of the
23 accident, and he is buried at Arlington National
24 Cemetery.

1 (5) All 3 astronauts were posthumously award-
2 ed the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

3 (6) As Arlington National Cemetery is where
4 we recognize heroes who have passed in the service
5 of our Nation, it is fitting on the 50th anniversary
6 of the Apollo I accident that we acknowledge those
7 astronauts by building a memorial in their honor.

8 (b) CONSTRUCTION OF MEMORIAL TO THE CREW OF
9 THE APOLLO I LAUNCH TEST ACCIDENT AT ARLINGTON
10 NATIONAL CEMETERY.—

11 (1) CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED.—The Secretary
12 of the Army shall, in consultation with the Adminis-
13 trator of the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-
14 ministration, construct at an appropriate place in
15 Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, a memorial
16 marker honoring the three members of the crew of
17 the Apollo I crew who died during a launch re-
18 hearsal test on January 27, 1967, in Cape Canav-
19 eral, Florida.

20 (2) FUNDING.—Of the amounts authorized to
21 be appropriated in section 4201 for management
22 support, Space and Missile Center (SMC) civilian
23 workforce (Line 152), as specified in the cor-
24 responding funding table in section 4201, \$50,000

- 1 shall be available for the construction required under
- 2 paragraph (1) of this subsection.

