

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. RIGELL OF VIRGINIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF RETALIA-**
2 **TORY PERSONNEL ACTIONS AGAINST MEM-**
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR COMMU-**
4 **NICATING WITH NEWS MEDIA WITHOUT AU-**
5 **THORIZATION FROM THEIR CHAIN OF COM-**
6 **MAND.**

7 Section 1034(c) of title 10, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
9 graph:

10 “(6) If a member of the armed forces submits to an
11 Inspector General an allegation that a person took (or
12 threatened to take) an unfavorable personnel action, or
13 withheld (or threatened to withhold) a favorable personnel
14 action, as a reprisal against a member of the armed forces
15 for making or preparing a communication with a person
16 in the news media without authorization from the mem-
17 ber’s chain of command, the Inspector General shall take

1 the action required under paragraph (3) to investigate the
2 allegation.”.

