AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 729. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON USE OF HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY TO TREAT TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder are the signature injuries of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

(2) Post-traumatic stress disorder is prevalent throughout the regular component of the Armed Forces.

(3) For example, with respect to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, which has a base population of 41,753 active duty personnel, including 38,020 marines and 3,533 sailors—

(A) 6,616 patients with a principal diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder had at
least one visit for post-traumatic stress disorder between February 2013 and April 2014; and

(B) the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, which had a total of approximately 600,000 outpatient visits during 2013, recorded 15,043 outpatient visits for which post-traumatic stress disorder was the primary reason for the visit between February 2013 and April 2014.

(b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a medical treatment that can be used to treat active duty members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder if—

(A) such treatment is prescribed by a military medical doctor; and

(B) a hyperbaric chamber that is owned by the Department of Defense and cleared for clinical use is locally available; and

(2) the Secretary of Defense should increase awareness among members of the Armed Forces, including military medical doctors, of hyperbaric oxygen therapy to treat traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.