AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R. 1960

OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 5 . PROTECTIONS FOR ALLEGED VICTIM DURING 1 2 **INVESTIGATION STAGE OF CHARGES UNDER** 3 THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE. 4 Section 832(b) of title 10, United States Code (article 5 32(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) is amend-6 ed— 7 (1) by inserting "(1)" after "(b)"; and 8 (2) by adding at the end the following new 9 paragraph: 10 "(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if the investiga-11 tion of charges under this section (article) involves an alleged victim, the alleged victim may not be required to 12 testify at the investigation. The investigating officer shall 13 14 inform the alleged victim of the right of the victim to elect 15 not to testify. If the alleged victim elects not to testify at the investigation, the investigating officer shall deem 16 the alleged victim to be unavailable for purposes of para-17

1 graph (1) and shall consider, instead, any relevant sworn

2 statements of the alleged victim offered by either party.".

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