

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM PRINT 114–51
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At the end of subtitle E of title V (page 153, after
line 9), add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 568. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING IMPROVED EM-**
2 **PLOYMENT TRANSITION SUPPORT FOR MEM-**
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO ARE**
4 **BEING SEPARATED.**

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

6 (1) The overall employment situation of vet-
7 erans of the Armed Forces has improved vastly since
8 2011, due, in large part, to a steadily improving
9 economy and the private sector’s combined efforts to
10 make long-term hiring commitments and generous
11 investments in veteran education, vocational and ca-
12 reer skills training, and employment transition sup-
13 port.

14 (2) The Department of Defense estimates that,
15 through the end of 2020, about 200,000 members of
16 the Armed Forces will transition from military serv-
17 ice each year.

1 (3) Many of these veterans will pursue career
2 fields very different from their military occupational
3 specialties.

4 (4) Section 1043(e) of title 10, United States
5 Code, authorized what it now known as the DoD
6 Skillbridge Authority, which is further articulated by
7 Department of Defense Instruction 1322.29 on Job
8 Training, Employment Skills Training, Apprenticeships,
9 and Internships (known as JTEST-AI).

10 (5) The Skillbridge Authority has been effectively
11 supported by private and nonprofit training
12 providers to deliver impactful career skills training
13 and placement to members of the Armed Forces before
14 their separation from the Armed Forces.

15 (6) Veteran hiring programs, such as those authorized
16 by section 1043 of title 10, United States
17 Code, are notably poised to create additional value
18 in the coming years by focusing on areas such as
19 pre-separation training and certification, enhanced
20 job and career matching, tailored placement, and
21 professional development that work to enhance the
22 retention of veterans in employment positions and
23 their long-term success in the workforce.

24 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress
25 that the Secretary of Defense should—

1 (1) provide clearer guidance and requirements
2 to the military departments regarding how to vet
3 and implement supplemental transition (JTEST-AI)
4 programs;

5 (2) support installation-level collaboration with
6 organizations that provide supplemental transition
7 (JTEST-AI) programs to encourage greater trans-
8 parency with these requirements and timeliness in
9 processing program requests;

10 (3) institute a broad effort to expand awareness
11 of the process of participating in supplemental tran-
12 sition (JTEST-AI) programs to potential training
13 providers and employer partners, in order to expand
14 the range of opportunities for members of the
15 Armed Forces to participate;

16 (4) increase collaboration with supplemental
17 transition (JTEST-AI) programs further upstream
18 during the transition process to enable more mem-
19 bers of the Armed Forces to secure employment be-
20 fore their separation, thereby reducing the potential
21 number of members for which the Department of
22 Defense would have to pay unemployment insurance;
23 and

24 (5) engage in meaningful public-private part-
25 nerships designed to complement the role of TAP-

1 GPS in ways that support a more positive post-serv-
2 ice trajectory for its members, particularly those
3 that lead to sustainable employment outcomes.

