

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-7
OFFERED BY MRS. AXNE OF IOWA

Page 537, insert after line 10 the following:

1 **SEC. 7202. PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING CONTACTS BY**
2 **FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 207(e) of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended as follows:

5 (1) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(1) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any person who is a
9 Senator or a Member of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and who, after that person leaves
11 office, knowingly makes any lobbying contact to
12 a covered executive branch official, or to any
13 Member, officer, or employee of either House of
14 Congress, shall be punished as provided in sec-
15 tion 216 of this title.

16 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph,
17 the terms ‘lobbying contact’ and ‘covered execu-
18 tive branch official’ have the meanings given
19 those terms in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclo-
20 sure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602).”.

1 (2) Paragraph (2) is amended—

2 (A) by striking “(2) Any person” and in-
3 serting the following:

4 “(2) OFFICERS AND CERTAIN STAFF.—

5 “(A) OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE SEN-
6 ATE.—Any person”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(B) OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-
9 RESENTATIVES.—(i) Any person who is an
10 elected officer of the House of Representatives
11 and who, within 1 year after that person leaves
12 office, knowingly makes, with the intent to in-
13 fluence, any communication to or appearance
14 before any of the persons described in clause
15 (ii), on behalf of any other person (except the
16 United States) in connection with any matter
17 on which such elected officer seeks action by a
18 Member, officer, or employee of either House of
19 Congress, in his or her official capacity, shall be
20 punished as provided in section 216 of this title.

21 “(ii) The persons referred to in clause (i)
22 with respect to appearances or communications
23 by a former elected officer are any Member, of-
24 ficer, or employee of the House of Representa-
25 tives.”.

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect upon the expiration of the
3 60-day period which begins on the date of the enactment
4 of this Act.

