AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MR. BILIRAKIS OF FLORIDA

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

SEC. 6. TRANSPORTATION ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS FOR DISABLED VETERANS WITH A SERVICE-CONNECTED, PERMANENT DISABILITY RATED AS TOTAL.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION.—Section 2641b of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection (f):

“(f) SPECIAL PRIORITY FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall provide, at no additional cost to the Department of Defense and with no aircraft modification, transportation on scheduled and unscheduled military flights within the continental United States and on scheduled overseas flights operated by the Air Mobility Command on a space-available basis
for any veteran with a service-connected, permanent dis-
ability rated as total.

“(2) Notwithstanding subsection (d)(1), in estab-
lishing space-available transportation priorities under the
travel program, the Secretary shall provide transportation
under paragraph (1) on the same basis as such transpor-
tation is provided to members of the armed forces entitled
to retired or retainer pay.

“(3) The requirement to provide transportation on
Department of Defense aircraft on a space-available basis
on the priority basis described in paragraph (2) to vet-
ers covered by this subsection applies whether or not
the travel program is established under this section.

“(4) In this subsection, the terms ‘veteran’ and ‘serv-
ice-connected’ have the meanings given those terms in sec-
tion 101 of title 38.”.

(b) Effective Date.—Subsection (f) of section
2641b of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-
section (a), shall take effect at the end of the 90-day pe-
period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.