AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. BILIRAKIS OF FLORIDA

At the end 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 establishing space-available transportation priorities under the travel program, the Secretary shall provide transportation under paragraph (1) on the same basis as such transportation 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 veterans covered by this subsection applies whether or not the travel program is established under this section.

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

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