Amendment to the Rules Committee Print of H.R. 4310, as Reported Offered by Ms. Bordallo of Guam

At the end of division A of the bill, add the following new title:

TITLE XVII—GUAM WORLD WAR II LOYALTY RECOGNITION ACT

3 SEC. 1701. SHORT TITLE.

4 This title may be cited as the "Guam World War II5 Loyalty Recognition Act".

6 SEC. 1702. RECOGNITION OF THE SUFFERING AND LOY7 ALTY OF THE RESIDENTS OF GUAM.

8 (a) Recognition of the Suffering of the Resi-9 DENTS OF GUAM.—The United States recognizes that, as described by the Guam War Claims Review Commission, 10 11 the residents of Guam, on account of their United States nationality, suffered unspeakable harm as a result of the 12 13 occupation of Guam by Imperial Japanese military forces 14 during World War II, by being subjected to death, rape, 15 severe personal injury, personal injury, forced labor, forced march, or internment. 16

17 (b) RECOGNITION OF THE LOYALTY OF THE RESI-18 DENTS OF GUAM.—The United States forever will be

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grateful to the residents of Guam for their steadfast loy alty to the United States of America, as demonstrated by
 the countless acts of courage they performed despite the
 threat of death or great bodily harm they faced at the
 hands of the Imperial Japanese military forces that occu pied Guam during World War II.

7 SEC. 1703. PAYMENTS FOR GUAM WORLD WAR II CLAIMS.

8 (a) PAYMENTS FOR DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY, 9 FORCED LABOR, FORCED MARCH, AND INTERNMENT.— 10 Subject to the availability of funds authorized to be appro-11 priated under section 1706(a), after receipt of certification 12 pursuant to section 1704(b)(8), and in accordance with 13 the provisions of this title, the Secretary of the Treasury 14 shall make payments as follows:

- (1) RESIDENTS INJURED.—Before any payments are made to individuals described in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall pay compensable
 Guam victims as follows:
- 19 (A) If the victim has suffered an injury de20 scribed in subsection (c)(2)(A), \$15,000.
- (B) If the victim is not described in subparagraph (A) but has suffered an injury described in subsection (c)(2)(B), \$12,000.

(C) If the victim is not described in sub-1 2 paragraph (A) or (B) but has suffered an in-3 jury described in subsection (c)(2)(C), \$10,000. 4 (2) SURVIVORS OF RESIDENTS WHO DIED IN 5 WAR.—In the case of a compensable Guam decedent, 6 the Secretary shall pay \$25,000 for distribution to 7 survivors of the decedent in accordance with sub-8 section (b). The Secretary shall make payments 9 under this paragraph after payments are made 10 under paragraph (1). 11 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF SURVIVOR PAYMENTS.—Pay-12 ments under subsection (a)(2) to survivors of a compen-13 sable Guam decedent shall be made as follows: 14 (1) In the case of a decedent whose spouse is

living as of the date of the enactment of this title,
but who had no living children as of the date of the
enactment of this title, all of the payment shall be
made to such spouse.

(2) In the case of a decedent whose spouse is
living as of the date of the enactment of this title,
and who had one or more living children as of the
date of the enactment of this title, 50 percent of the
payment shall be made to the spouse and 50 percent
shall be made to such children, to be divided into
equal shares.

1	(3) In the case of a decedent whose spouse is
2	not living as of the date of the enactment of this
3	title, and who had one or more living children as of
4	the date of the enactment of this title, all of the pay-
5	ment shall be made to such children, to be divided
6	into equal shares.
7	(4) In the case of a decedent whose spouse is
8	not living as of the date of the enactment of this
9	title, and who had no living children as of the date
10	of the enactment of this title, but who—
11	(A) had a parent who is living as of the
12	date of the enactment of this title, the payment
13	shall be made to the parent; or
14	(B) had two parents who are living as of
15	the date of the enactment of this title, the pay-
16	ment shall be divided equally between the par-
17	ents.
18	(5) In the case of a decedent whose spouse is
19	living as of the date of the enactment of this title,
20	who had no living children as of the date of the en-
21	actment of this title, and who had no parents who
22	are living as of the date of the enactment of this
23	title, no payment shall be made.
24	(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this title:

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1 (1)GUAM DECEDENT.—The COMPENSABLE 2 term "compensable Guam decedent" means an indi-3 vidual determined under section 1704 to have been 4 a resident of Guam who died or was killed as a re-5 sult of the attack and occupation of Guam by Impe-6 rial Japanese military forces during World War II, 7 or incident to the liberation of Guam by United 8 States military forces, and whose death would have 9 been compensable under the Guam Meritorious 10 Claims Act of 1945 (Public Law 79–224) if a timely 11 claim had been filed under the terms of such Act. 12 (2) COMPENSABLE GUAM VICTIM.—The term 13 "compensable Guam victim" means an individual 14 who is not deceased as of the date of the enactment 15 of this title and who is determined under section 16 1704 to have suffered, as a result of the attack and 17 occupation of Guam by Imperial Japanese military 18 forces during World War II, or incident to the lib-19 eration of Guam by United States military forces, 20 any of the following: 21 (A) Rape or severe personal injury (such 22 as loss of a limb, dismemberment, or paralysis).

23 (B) Forced labor or a personal injury not
24 under subparagraph (A) (such as disfigure25 ment, scarring, or burns).

(C) Forced march, internment, or hiding
 to evade internment.

3 (3) DEFINITIONS OF SEVERE PERSONAL INJU-4 RIES AND PERSONAL INJURIES.—Not later than 180 5 days after the enactment of this title, the Foreign 6 Claims Settlement Commission shall promulgate reg-7 ulations to specify injuries that constitute a severe 8 personal injury or a personal injury for purposes of 9 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, of para-10 graph (2).

11 SEC. 1704. ADJUDICATION.

12 (a) AUTHORITY OF FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT13 COMMISSION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Foreign Claims Settle15 ment Commission is authorized to adjudicate claims
16 and determine eligibility for payments under section
17 1703.

(2) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—The chairman
of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission shall
prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to enable it to carry out its functions under
this title. The chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission shall publish such rules and
regulations in the Federal Register.

25 (b) Claims Submitted for Payments.—

1	(1) SUBMITTAL OF CLAIM.—For purposes of
2	subsection $(a)(1)$ and subject to paragraph (2) , the
3	Foreign Claims Settlement Commission may not de-
4	termine an individual is eligible for a payment under
5	section 1703 unless the individual submits to the
6	Commission a claim in such manner and form and
7	containing such information as the Commission
8	specifies.
9	(2) FILING PERIOD FOR CLAIMS AND NOTICE.—
10	(A) NOTICE OF FILING PERIOD.—Not later
11	than 180 days after the date of the enactment
12	of this title, the Foreign Claims Settlement
13	Commission shall publish a notice that all
14	claims for a payment under section 1703 shall
15	be filed not later than one year after the Com-
16	mission publishes such notice—
17	(i) in the Federal Register; and
18	(ii) in newspaper, radio, and television
19	media on Guam.
20	(B) FILING PERIOD.—A claim for payment
21	under section 1703 shall be filed not later than
22	one year after the publication of the notice de-
23	scribed in subparagraph (A).

1	(3) ADJUDICATORY DECISIONS.—The decision
2	of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission on
3	each claim shall—
4	(A) be by majority vote;
5	(B) be in writing;
6	(C) state the reasons for the approval or
7	denial of the claim; and
8	(D) if approved, state the amount of the
9	payment awarded and the distribution, if any,
10	to be made of the payment.
11	(4) DEDUCTIONS IN PAYMENT.—The Foreign
12	Claims Settlement Commission shall deduct, from a
13	payment awarded under this section to a compen-
14	sable Guam victim or survivors of a compensable
15	Guam decedent, amounts paid to such victim or
16	survivorsunder the Guam Meritorious Claims Act of
17	1945 (Public Law 79–224) before the date of the
18	enactment of this title.
19	(5) INTEREST.—No interest shall be paid on
20	payments awarded by the Foreign Claims Settlement
21	Commission.
22	(6) LIMITED COMPENSATION FOR PROVISION
23	OF REPRESENTATIONAL SERVICES.—
24	(A) Compensation allowed.—A pay-
25	ment may be made to an individual who pro-

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vided representational services under this title
 to a claimant for a payment under this title in
 an amount that does not exceed one percent of
 the total amount of such payment.
 (B) PAYMENT OVER ALLOWED COMPENSA TION UNLAWFUL.—It is unlawful for any agree-

payment. Any such agreement shall be void.

ment to provide more than such one percent

9 (C) PENALTIES.—Whoever demands or re-10 ceives any payment in excess of the amount al-11 lowed under subparagraph (A) shall be fined 12 not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more 13 than one year, or both.

(7) APPEALS AND FINALITY.—Objections and
appeals of decisions of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission shall be to the Commission, and
upon rehearing, the decision in each claim shall be
final, and not subject to further review by any court
or agency.

20 (8) CERTIFICATIONS FOR PAYMENT.—After a
21 decision approving a claim becomes final, the chair22 man of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission
23 shall certify it to the Secretary of the Treasury for
24 authorization of a payment under section 1703.

1 (9)TREATMENT OF AFFIDAVITS.—For pur-2 poses of section 1703 and subject to paragraph (2), 3 the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission shall 4 treat a claim that is accompanied by an affidavit of 5 an individual that attests to all of the material facts 6 required for establishing eligibility of such individual 7 for payment under such section as establishing a 8 prima facie case of the individual's eligibility for 9 such payment without the need for further docu-10 mentation, except as the Commission may otherwise 11 require. Such material facts shall include, with re-12 spect to a claim under paragraph (2) or (3) of sec-13 tion 1703(a), a detailed description of the injury or 14 other circumstance supporting the claim involved, in-15 cluding the level of payment sought.

16 (10) Release of related claims.—Accept-17 ance of payment under section 1703 by an individual 18 for a claim related to a compensable Guam decedent 19 or a compensable Guam victim shall be in full satis-20 faction of all claims related to such decedent or vic-21 tim, respectively, arising under the Guam Meri-22 torious Claims Act of 1945 (Public Law 79–224), 23 the implementing regulations issued by the United 24 States Navy pursuant thereto, or this title.

1 SEC. 1705. GRANTS PROGRAM TO MEMORIALIZE THE OCCU-

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PATION OF GUAM DURING WORLD WAR II.

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to section 1706(b) and in accordance with this section, the Secretary of the 4 5 Interior shall establish a grant program under which the Secretary shall award grants for research, educational, 6 7 and media activities for purposes of appropriately illu-8 minating and interpreting the causes and circumstances 9 of the occupation of Guam during World War II and other similar occupations during the war that— 10

(1) memorialize the events surrounding such oc-cupation; or

13 (2) honor the loyalty of the people of Guam14 during such occupation.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of the Interior may
not award to a person a grant under subsection (a) unless
such person submits an application to the Secretary for
such grant, in such time, manner, and form and containing such information as the Secretary specifies.

20 SEC. 1706. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) GUAM WORLD WAR II CLAIMS PAYMENTS AND
ADJUDICATION.—For purposes of carrying out sections
1703 and 1704, there are authorized to be appropriated
to the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission an amount
equal to the amount deposited into the General Fund of
the Treasury in a fiscal year under section 1707(a) for

each fiscal year in which such amount is so deposited. Not
 more than 5 percent of funds made available under this
 subsection shall be used for administrative costs.

4 (b) GUAM WORLD WAR II GRANTS PROGRAM.—For
5 purposes of carrying out section 1705, there are author6 ized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years
7 2013 through 2017.

8 SEC. 1707. PAYMENT OF CERTAIN DUTIES, TAXES, AND 9 FEES COLLECTED FROM GUAM TO SEC-10 RETARY OF TREASURY.

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 30 of the 12 Organic Act of Guam (48 U.S.C. 1421h), the excess of— 13 (1) any amount of duties, taxes, and fees col-14 lected under such section after fiscal year 2012, over 15 (2) the amount of duties, taxes, and fees col-16 lected under such section during fiscal year 2012, shall be deposited into the General Fund of the Treasury. 17 18 (b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply 19 after the date for which the Secretary of the Treasury de-20 termines that— 21 (1) all payments required to be made under sec-

tion 1703 of this title have been made; and

(2) the amount deposited into the GeneralFund of the Treasury under subsection (a) is equal

- 1 to the total amount of all payments made under sec-
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