

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-**

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**OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_ . PAYMENTS OR ALLOWANCES BY DEPARTMENT**  
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR BENEFICIARY**  
3 **TRAVEL.**

4 (a) MINIMUM PAYMENT AMOUNT.—Subsection (g) of  
5 section 111 of title 38, United States Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 “(g) The Secretary shall ensure that the mileage rate  
8 described in subsection (a) is equal to or greater than the  
9 mileage reimbursement rate for the use of privately owned  
10 vehicles by Government employees on official business  
11 (when no Government vehicle is available), as prescribed  
12 by the Administrator of General Services under section  
13 5707(b) of title 5.”.

14 (b) TIMELY PROCESSING OF ALLOWANCES.—Sub-  
15 section (b) of such section is amended by adding at the  
16 end the following new paragraph:

17 “(5) If, with respect to any fiscal year, the Sec-  
18 retary exercises the authority under this section to

1       make any payments, the Secretary shall take such  
2       actions as may be necessary to ensure that an allow-  
3       ance based on mileage paid under subsection (a) is  
4       paid not later than 90 days after the date on which  
5       a request for such allowance is properly submitted to  
6       the Secretary in accordance with such regulations as  
7       may be prescribed by the Secretary.”.

8       (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section is  
9       further amended—

10           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “(at a rate of  
11           41.5 cents per mile)” and inserting “(at a rate de-  
12           termined in accordance with subsection (g))”; and

13           (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “and not-  
14           withstanding subsection (g)(2) of this section”.

