

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MR. BROWN OF MARYLAND

At the end of subtitle C of title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 528. EXPEDITED HIRING AUTHORITY FOR STEM DOC-**
2 **TORAL DEGREE HOLDERS FROM MINORITY-**
3 **SERVING INSTITUTIONS IN THE DEPART-**
4 **MENT OF DEFENSE WORKFORCE.**

5 (a) **DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY.**—Each Secretary con-
6 cerned may appoint qualified candidates possessing a doc-
7 toral degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathe-
8 matics, or a related degree or discipline, from a covered
9 educational institution (as defined in section 2362(e) of
10 title 10, United States Code) to positions in the Defense
11 Agencies or the applicable military department without re-
12 gard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 of
13 title 5, United States Code.

14 (b) **NATURE OF APPOINTMENT.**—Any appointment
15 under this section shall be treated as an appointment on
16 a full-time equivalent basis, unless such appointment is
17 made on a term or temporary basis.

1 (c) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—For purposes of this
2 section, the Secretary concerned is as follows:

3 (1) The Secretary of Defense with respect to
4 the Defense Agencies.

5 (2) The Secretary of a military department with
6 respect to such military department.

