AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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After subtitle D of title IX, insert the following (and redesignate subtitle E as subtitle F):

Subtitle E—Disclosure of Tax Returns of Members of Congress and Candidates for Congress

SEC. 9401. DISCLOSURE OF TAX RETURNS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS.

(a) ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1978.—Section 102 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any report required to be submitted by an individual who is a Member of Congress or a candidate for election for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress shall consist solely of that individual’s return of Federal income tax for the taxable year ending in or with the applicable calendar year covered by such report.
“(2) The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Government Ethics, may issue regulations authorizing the redaction of personal information as the Secretary deems necessary to prevent identity theft or physical danger from disclosure of tax returns required under subsection (a).”.

(b) DISCLOSURE PERMITTED.—Section 6103(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) DISCLOSURE OF TAX RETURNS UNDER THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1978.—The Director of the Office of Government Ethics may publically disclose returns described in section 102(j) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–521; 5 U.S.C. App. 102(j)) to the extent such returns are required to be made available pursuant to such section.”.