

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MR. COFFMAN OF COLORADO

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 606. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE WIDOWS'**

2 **TAX.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) section 621 of the National Defense Author-
5 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115-
6 91) amended section 1450(m) of title 10, United
7 States Code, to make permanent the special survivor
8 indemnity allowance;

9 (2) under the special survivor indemnity allow-
10 ance, surviving spouses and dependent children of
11 members who die of a service-connected cause will
12 not be subject to a full offset of survivor benefit plan
13 payments by dependency and indemnity compensa-
14 tion, commonly referred to as the “widows’ tax”;
15 and

16 (3) while the special survivor indemnity allow-
17 ance alleviates the gap in benefits, the whole Con-

- 1 gress must work together to find a way to eliminate
- 2 the widows' tax entirely.

