Amendment to H.R. 1540, as Reported
Offered by Mr. Coffman of Colorado

Page 203, after line 12, insert the following:

SEC. 547. REPORT ON TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OFF-DUTY TRAINING OR EDUCATION.

Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on methods to increase the efficiency of the tuition assistance program under section 2007 of title 10, United States Code. Such report shall include—

(1) a description of the effect of the program on recruiting and retention within the Armed Forces;

(2) an analysis of other programs that provide benefits similar to those provided through the program, including the use of educational assistance programs under chapters 30 and 33 of title 38, United States Code, for education and training pursued by members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty while they are off-duty; and
(3) a description of the effects of modifying the program to require members of the Armed Forces participating in the program to pay for 25 percent of their education expenses and the Secretary concerned to pay the remaining 75 percent of such expenses.