AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle A of title V, add the following new section

SEC. 5. DEFERRED RETIREMENT OF CHAPLAINS.

Section 1253 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) DEFERRED RETIREMENT OF CHAPLAINS.—(1) The Secretary of the military department concerned may, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), defer the retirement under subsection (a) of an officer who is appointed or designated as a chaplain if the Secretary determines that such deferral is in the best interest of the military department concerned.

“(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), a deferment under this subsection may not extend beyond the first day of the month following the month in which the officer becomes 68 years of age.

“(3) The Secretary of the military department concerned may extend a deferment under this subsection beyond the day referred to in paragraph (2) if the Secretary
determines that extension of the deferment is necessary for the needs of the military department concerned. Such an extension shall be made on a case-by-case basis and shall be for such period as the Secretary considers appropriate.".