

**AMENDMENT**  
**TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-19**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of title XI, add the following:

1 **SEC. 11 \_\_\_\_ . INTERIM STAY AUTHORITY TO PROTECT WHIS-**  
2 **TLEBLOWERS.**

3 (a) TEMPORARY AUTHORITY FOR MSPB GENERAL  
4 COUNSEL TO ISSUE STAYS OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS.—  
5 During the period beginning on the date of the enactment  
6 of this Act and ending on the first date after such date  
7 of enactment that an individual is confirmed by the Senate  
8 as a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board under  
9 section 1201 of title 5, United States Code, the general  
10 counsel of the Board shall carry out the functions and au-  
11 thorities relating to stays of personnel actions provided to  
12 a member of the Board under subparagraph (A), or to  
13 the Board under subparagraph (B), (C), or (D), of section  
14 1214(b)(1) of such title.

15 (b) AUTHORITY FOR MSPB MEMBER TO CARRY OUT  
16 DUTIES OF THE BOARD IN THE EVENT OF A LACK OF  
17 QUORUM.—Section 1214(b)(1) of title 5, United States  
18 Code, is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (C), by inserting after  
2           “‘The Board’” the following: “, or, if the Board lacks  
3           the number of members appointed under section  
4           1201 required to constitute a quorum, any remain-  
5           ing member of the Board,”; and

6           (2) in subparagraph (D), in the matter pre-  
7           ceding clause (i), by striking “A stay may be termi-  
8           nated by the Board at any time, except that a stay  
9           may not be terminated by the Board” and inserting  
10          the following: “A stay may be terminated by the  
11          Board, or, if the Board lacks the number of mem-  
12          bers appointed under section 1201 required to con-  
13          stitute a quorum, any remaining member of the  
14          Board, at any time, except that a stay may not be  
15          terminated by the Board or any remaining member  
16          of the Board (as the case may be)”.

