

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CRAVAACK OF MINNESOTA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF MILI-**
2 **TARY CHAPLAINS OF ALL FAITHS TO CLOSE A**
3 **PRAYER OUTSIDE OF A RELIGIOUS SERVICE**
4 **ACCORDING TO THE DICTATES OF THEIR**
5 **CONSCIENCE.**

6 (a) UNITED STATES ARMY.—Section 3547 of title
7 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
8 the following new subsection:

9 “(c) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-
10 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close
11 the prayer according to the dictates of the chaplain’s own
12 conscience.”.

13 (b) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section
14 4337 of such title is amended—

15 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(b) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-
19 gious service, the Chaplain shall have the prerogative to

1 close the prayer according to the dictates of the Chaplain’s
2 conscience.”.

3 (c) UNITED STATES NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—
4 Section 6031 of such title is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new subsection:

6 “(d) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-
7 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close
8 the prayer according to the dictates of the chaplain’s own
9 conscience.”.

10 (d) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.—Section 8547 of
11 such title is amended by adding at the end the following
12 new subsection:

13 “(c) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-
14 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close
15 the prayer according to the dictates of the chaplain’s own
16 conscience.”.

17 (e) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section
18 9337 of such title is amended—

19 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
21 section:

22 “(b) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-
23 gious service, the Chaplain shall have the prerogative to

- 1 close the prayer according to the dictates of the Chaplain's
- 2 conscience.".

