AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER OF MICHIGAN AND
MR. RAHALL OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following:

SEC. 515. CHIEF OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.

(a) ROLE AS ADVOCATE AND LIAISON.—Section
10502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as

subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c), the fol-

lowing new subsection:

“(d) ADVOCATE AND LIAISON FOR STATE NATIONAL
GUARDS.—The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall
serve as an advocate and liaison for the National Guard
of each State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Dis-

trict of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and in-
form such National Guards of all actions that could affect
their Federal or State missions, including any equipment
level or force structure changes.”.

(b) INCLUSION AS MEMBER OF JOINT CHIEFS OF

STAFF.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 10502 of title 10,

United States Code, is further amended by inserting
after subsection (d) (as amended by subsection (a) of this section), the following new subsection:

“(e) MEMBER OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.—

“(1) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall be a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (as described in section 151 of this title).

“(2) As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau has the specific responsibility of advocating for the National Guards of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and coordinating the efforts of the warfighting support and force provider mission of the National Guard with the homeland defense, defense support to civil authorities, and State emergency response missions of the National Guard to ensure the National Guard has the resources to perform its multiple missions.

“(3) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall consult with the Governors and the Adjutants General of the States before any changes are made in National Guard force structure or equipment levels (or both) to determine the impact such changes may have on the homeland defense, defense support
to civil authorities, and State emergency response missions of the National Guard.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 151(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau.”.