

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Page 307, after line 3, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 524. DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR USE OF UN-**
2 **OFFICIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION TO DE-**
3 **TERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS AND**
4 **FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
5 **FOR DECORATIONS AND BENEFITS WHEN**
6 **THE SERVICE RECORDS ARE INCOMPLETE**
7 **BECAUSE OF DAMAGE TO THE OFFICIAL**
8 **RECORD.**

9 Section 528 of National Defense Authorization Act
10 for Fiscal Year 2020 (10 U.S.C. 1121 note; 133
11 Stat.1357) is amended—

12 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**AND**
13 **BENEFITS**” after “**DECORATIONS**”;

14 (2) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by inserting “and the Secretary of Vet-
16 erans Affairs” after “military departments”;

17 and

1 (B) by inserting “and benefits” after
2 “decorations”;

3 (3) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
4 section (c); and

5 (4) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Defense
8 shall prepare the guidelines in consultation with the Sec-
9 retary of Veterans Affairs, with respect to veterans bene-
10 fits under title 38, United States Code, whose eligibility
11 determinations depend on the use of service records main-
12 tained by the Department of Defense.”.

