

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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OFFERED BY MR. PETERS OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10__ . NATIONAL DEFENSE MARINE MAMMAL VET-**
2 **ERANS CARE FUND.**

3 Section 8754 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
6 section (e); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
8 lowing new subsection:

9 “(d) NATIONAL DEFENSE MARINE MAMMAL VET-
10 ERANS CARE FUND.—(1) There is in the Treasury an in-
11 terest bearing fund, to be known as the ‘National Defense
12 Marine Mammal Veterans Care Fund’, which shall consist
13 of amounts deposited into the Fund under paragraph (3).

14 “(2) Amounts in the Fund are available only for use
15 by the Secretary of Defense, based on budgets approved
16 by the Secretary prior to expenditure, to make advance,
17 partial, or progress payments under contracts or other
18 funding mechanisms for property, supplies, salaries, serv-

1 ices, and travel costs incurred in providing care and wel-
2 fare to marine mammals taken under this section and
3 their progeny.

4 “(3) There shall be deposited into the Fund—

5 “(A) amounts appropriated to the Fund;

6 “(B) other amounts appropriated to the Sec-
7 retary for use with respect to the care and welfare
8 of the marine mammals taken under this section and
9 their progeny; and

10 “(C) amounts received by the United States in
11 the form of royalties, gifts, devises, and bequests
12 under paragraph (4).

13 “(4) For the purpose of carrying out this subsection,
14 the Secretary may accept, solicit, and use the services of
15 volunteers, and may accept, solicit, receive, hold, admin-
16 ister, and use royalties, fees, gifts, devises, and be-
17 quests.”.

