

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-**

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**OFFERED BY MRS. HAYES OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_.** **MODIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS DEPENDENCY AND INDEM-**  
3 **NITY COMPENSATION.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF DEPENDENCY AND IN-  
5 DEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.—

6 (1) INCREASE.—Section 1311(a) of title 38,  
7 United States Code, is amended in paragraph (1),  
8 by striking “of \$1,154” and inserting “equal to 55  
9 percent of the rate of monthly compensation in ef-  
10 fect under section 1114(j) of this title”.

11 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by  
13 paragraph (2), the amendment made by para-  
14 graph (1) shall apply with respect to compensa-  
15 tion paid under chapter 13 of title 38, United  
16 States Code, for months beginning after the  
17 date that is six months after the date of the en-  
18 actment of this Act.

1 (B) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN INDIVID-  
2 UALS.—

3 (i) IN GENERAL.—For months begin-  
4 ning after the date that is six months after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
6 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pay to  
7 an individual described in clause (ii) de-  
8 pendents and survivors income security  
9 benefit under section 1311 of title 38,  
10 United States Code, in the monthly  
11 amount that is the greater of the following:

12 (I) The amount determined  
13 under subsection (a)(3) of such sec-  
14 tion 1311, as in effect on the day be-  
15 fore the date of the enactment of this  
16 Act.

17 (II) The amount determined  
18 under subsection (a)(1) of such sec-  
19 tion 1311, as amended by paragraph  
20 (1).

21 (ii) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An in-  
22 dividual described in this clause is an indi-  
23 vidual eligible for dependents and survivors  
24 income security benefit under section 1311  
25 of title 38, United States Code, that is

1                   predicated on the death of a veteran before  
2                   January 1, 1993.

3           (b) MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR DE-  
4 PENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SUR-  
5 VIVORS OF CERTAIN VETERANS RATED TOTALLY DIS-  
6 ABLED AT TIME OF DEATH.—Section 1318 of title 38,  
7 United States Code, is amended—

8           (1) in subsection (a)—

9                   (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-  
10                   serting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph  
11                   (2), the Secretary”; and

12                   (B) by adding at the end the following new  
13           paragraph:

14           “(2) In any case in which the Secretary makes a pay-  
15           ment under paragraph (1) of this subsection by reason  
16           of subsection (b)(1) and the period of continuous rating  
17           immediately preceding death is less than 10 years, the  
18           amount payable under paragraph (1) of this subsection  
19           shall be an amount that bears the same relationship to  
20           the amount otherwise payable under such paragraph as  
21           the duration of such period bears to 10 years.”; and

22           (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “10 or  
23           more years” and inserting “five or more years”.

