

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. CARSON OF INDIANA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . MATTERS COVERED BY PRESEPARATION COUN-**  
2 **SELING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

4 Section 1142(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “job place-  
7 ment counseling for the spouse” and inserting “in-  
8 clusion of the spouse, at the discretion of the mem-  
9 ber and the spouse, when counseling regarding the  
10 matters covered by paragraphs (9), (10), and (16)  
11 is provided, job placement counseling for the spouse,  
12 and the provision of information on survivor benefits  
13 available under the laws administered by the Sec-  
14 retary of Defense or the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
15 fairs”;

16 (2) in paragraph (9), by inserting before the pe-  
17 riod the following: “, including information on budg-  
18 eting, saving, credit, loans, and taxes”;

1           (3) in paragraph (10), by striking “and employ-  
2           ment” and inserting “, employment, and financial”;

3           (4) by striking paragraph (16) and inserting  
4           the following new paragraph:

5           “(16) Information on home loan services and  
6           housing assistance benefits available under the laws  
7           administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
8           and counseling on responsible borrowing practices.”;  
9           and

10          (5) in paragraph (17), by inserting before the  
11          period the following: “, and information regarding  
12          the means by which the member can receive addi-  
13          tional counseling regarding the member’s actual en-  
14          titlement to such benefits and apply for such bene-  
15          fits”.

