

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-36
OFFERED BY MR. CASTEN OF ILLINOIS

Page 190, insert after line 20 the following:

1 **SEC. 537. MAKING VOTER REGISTRATION AVAILABLE UPON**
2 **ENLISTMENT.**

3 (a) VOTER REGISTRATION AVAILABILITY.—At the
4 time an individual enlists as a member, or is commissioned
5 as an officer, of a covered Armed Force, the Secretary
6 of Defense shall—

7 (1) ask the individual if the individual is eligible
8 to register to vote in elections for Federal office in
9 the State in which the individual resides; and

10 (2) if the individual responds by stating that
11 the individual is eligible to register to vote in such
12 elections, the Secretary shall, in accordance with sec-
13 tion 7(a)(4) of the National Voter Registration Act
14 of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20506(a)(4))—

15 (A) provide the individual with a mail voter
16 registration application form;

17 (B) assist the individual in completing the
18 form, unless the individual refuses such assist-
19 ance; and

1 (C) accept the individual’s completed voter
2 registration application form for transmittal to
3 the appropriate State election official.

4 (b) NO EFFECT ON SERVICE IN COVERED ARMED
5 FORCE.—In carrying out this section with respect to any
6 individual, the Secretary shall not—

7 (1) seek to influence the individual’s political
8 preference or party registration;

9 (2) display any such political preference or
10 party allegiance;

11 (3) make any statement to an individual or take
12 any action the purpose or effect of which is to dis-
13 courage the individual from registering to vote; or

14 (4) make any statement to an individual or take
15 any action the purpose or effect of which is to lead
16 the individual to believe that a decision to register
17 or not to register has any bearing on the individual’s
18 service in a covered Armed Force.

19 (c) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary shall seek to enter
20 into agreements with the appropriate State election offi-
21 cials to enable the Secretary to carry out this section.

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “covered Armed Force” means
24 the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
25 Force.

1 (2) The terms “election” and “Federal office”
2 have the meaning given such terms in section 301
3 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52
4 U.S.C. 30101).

5 (3) The term “State” means each of the several
6 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
7 of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United
8 States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the
9 Northern Mariana Islands.

