AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–54
OFFERED BY MR. CICILLINE OF RHODE ISLAND

At the end of title LVIII of division E, add the following:

SEC. 58. RESOLUTION OF CONTROVERSIES UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

(a) In General.—Section 102 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3912) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) Written Consent Required for Arbitration.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever a contract with a servicemember, or a servicemember and the servicemember’s spouse jointly, provides for the use of arbitration to resolve a controversy subject to a provision of this Act and arising out of or relating to such contract, arbitration may be used to settle such controversy only if, after such controversy arises, all parties to such controversy consent in writing to use arbitration to settle such controversy.”.

(b) Applicability.—Subsection (d) of such section, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to con-
tracts entered into, amended, altered, modified, renewed,
or extended after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 58. LIMITATION ON WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND
PROTECTIONS UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS
CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 107(a) of the
Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3918(a)) is
amended—

(1) in the second sentence, by inserting “and if
it is made after a specific dispute has arisen and the
dispute is identified in the waiver” after “to which
it applies”; and

(2) in the third sentence, by inserting “and if
it is made after a specific dispute has arisen and the
dispute is identified in the waiver” after “period of
military service”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
section (a) shall apply with respect to waivers made on
or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 58. CLARIFICATION OF PRIVATE RIGHT OF AC-
TION UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RE-
LIEF ACT.

Section 802(a) of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
(50 U.S.C. 4042(a)) is amended—
(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting ‘‘, notwithstanding any previous agreement to the contrary,’’ after ‘‘may’’; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking ‘‘, notwithstanding any previous agreement to the contrary’’.