

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of subtitle B of title IX, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9___ . MEMBERSHIP OF COMMANDANT OF THE COAST**
2 **GUARD ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.**

3 (a) MEMBERSHIP ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF
4 STAFF.—Section 151(a) of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
6 graph:

7 “(9) The Commandant of the Coast Guard.”.

8 (b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN; GRADE AND
9 RANK.—Section 152 of such title is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(B) by striking “or the
11 Commandant of the Marine Corps, or the Chief of
12 Space Operations” and inserting “the Commandant
13 of the Marine Corps, the Chief of Space Operations,
14 or the Commandant of the Coast Guard”; and

15 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “Navy” and
16 inserting “Navy or Coast Guard”.

1 (c) VICE CHAIRMAN.—Section 154(f) of such title is
2 amended by striking “Navy” and inserting “Navy or
3 Coast Guard”.

4 (d) INCLUSION ON THE JOINT STAFF.—Section
5 155(a) of such title is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2)—

7 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
8 (A), by striking “(other than the Coast
9 Guard)”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
11 “and” at the end;

12 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
13 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (D) by adding at the end the following new
15 subparagraph:

16 “(D) the Coast Guard.”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “Secretary of
18 the military department having jurisdiction over that
19 armed force” and inserting “Secretary concerned”.

20 (e) DUTIES AS MEMBER OF JOINT STAFF.—Section
21 302 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) by striking “The President may” and in-
23 serting the following:

24 “(a) The President may”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(b)(1) The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall
4 also perform the duties prescribed for the Commandant
5 as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under section
6 151 of title 10.

7 “(2) To the extent that such action does not impair
8 the independence of the Commandant in the performance
9 of the Commandant’s duties as a member of the Joint
10 Chiefs of Staff, the Commandant shall inform the Sec-
11 retary of the department in which the Coast Guard is op-
12 erating regarding military advice rendered by members of
13 the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters affecting such depart-
14 ment.

15 “(3) Subject to the authority, direction, and control
16 of the Secretary of Defense, the Commandant shall keep
17 the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard
18 is operating fully informed of significant military oper-
19 ations affecting the duties and responsibilities of such Sec-
20 retary.”.

