AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MS. DUCKWORTH OF ILLINOIS

At the end of subtitle D of title V (page 179, after line 21), add the following new section:

SEC. 5. AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.

Section 701(j) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

(2) by inserting after “(j)” the following new paragraph (1):

“(1)(A) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, a member of the armed forces who gives birth to a child shall receive 42 days of convalescent leave to be used in connection with the birth of the child. At the discretion of the member, the member shall be allowed up to 42 additional days in a leave of absence status in connection with the birth of the child upon the expiration of the convalescent leave, except that—
“(i) a member who uses this additional leave is not entitled to basic pay for any day on which such additional leave is used, but shall be considered to be on active duty for all other purposes; and

“(ii) the commanding officer of the member may recall the member to duty from such leave of absence status when necessary to maintain unit readiness.

“(B) Notwithstanding the provision of additional leave under subparagraph (A) in a leave of absence status, the Secretary concerned may continue to provide such other benefits, which the member would be entitled to if serving on active duty, as the Secretary considers to be appropriate.

“(C) The requirements of this paragraph shall take effect one year after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.”;

and

(3) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) and (2)”.

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