

**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:

1 SEC. 5 ____ . AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR MEM-
2 BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN CONNec-
3 TION WITH THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.

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

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

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

10 “(1)(A) Under regulations prescribed by the Sec-
11 retary concerned, a member of the armed forces who gives
12 birth to a child shall receive 42 days of convalescent leave
13 to be used in connection with the birth of the child. At
14 the discretion of the member, the member shall be allowed
15 up to 42 additional days in a leave of absence status in
16 connection with the birth of the child upon the expiration
17 of the convalescent leave, except that—

1 “(i) a member who uses this additional leave is
2 not entitled to basic pay for any day on which such
3 additional leave is used, but shall be considered to
4 be on active duty for all other purposes; and

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

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

15 “(C) The requirements of this paragraph shall take
16 effect one year after the date of the enactment of the Na-
17 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.”;
18 and

19 (3) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, by strik-
20 ing “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1)
21 and (2)”.

