

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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Page 175, after line 24, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 575. REPORT REGARDING POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS**
2 **TO PROCESSING RETIREMENTS AND MED-**
3 **ICAL DISCHARGES.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans
7 Affairs, shall issue a report to the congressional defense
8 committees and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of
9 the Senate and House of Representatives regarding pos-
10 sible improvements to the transition of members of the
11 Armed Forces to veteran status.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
13 shall address the following:

14 (1) Feasibility of requiring members of the
15 Armed Forces to apply for benefits administered by
16 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs before such mem-
17 bers complete discharge from the Armed Forces.

1 (2) Feasibility of requiring members of the
2 Armed Forces to undergo compensation and pension
3 examinations (to be administered by the Secretary of
4 Defense) for purposes of obtaining benefits described
5 in paragraph (1) before such members complete dis-
6 charge from active duty in the Armed Forces.

7 (3) Possible improvements to the timeliness of
8 the process for transitioning members who undergo
9 medical discharge to care provided by the Secretary
10 of Veterans Affairs.

