

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. EZELL OF MISSISSIPPI**

In section 44133(a), strike “subsection (b)” and insert “subsections (b) and (c)”.

In section 44133, insert after subsection (b) the following new subsection (and redesignate accordingly):

1       (c) EXCEPTION FOR INFLATIONARY ADJUST-  
2 MENTS.—Notwithstanding the limitation in subsection (a),  
3 payments described in such subsection may be adjusted  
4 to account for inflation, provided that such adjustments  
5 are made not more frequently than once every 3 years and  
6 do not exceed the average commercial rate for the same  
7 services in the region.

