

AMENDMENT TO RULES
COMMITTEE PRINT 118-36
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Page 360, after line 2, insert the following:

1 (E) REPORT ON INFORMATION PROVIDED
2 SHARED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE
3 AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Not later than 180
4 days after the date of the enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans
6 Affairs shall submit to the Committees on
7 Armed Services of the Senate a joint report on
8 plans of the Secretary to provide sufficient doc-
9 umentation to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
10 regarding members who have been exposed to
11 blast overpressure. Such report shall include the
12 following:

13 (i) The types of documentation and
14 data that the Secretary of Defense pro-
15 vides to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
16 on exposure to blast overpressure, blast ex-
17 posure, and traumatic brain injury.

1 (ii) The methods by which, and period
2 within which, the Secretary of Defense
3 provides to the Secretary of Veterans Af-
4 fairs such documentation.

5 (iii) Any cognitive health assessments
6 that the Secretary of Defense conducts on
7 a member of the Armed Forces before such
8 member separates, including how such as-
9 sements evaluate the member's exposure
10 to blast overpressure, blast exposure, and
11 traumatic brain injury.

12 (iv) How the Secretary of Veterans
13 Affairs may use such documentation to de-
14 termine whether a veteran has a service-
15 connected disability.

16 (v) Efforts of the Secretary of De-
17 fense to support outreach conducted by the
18 Secretary of Veterans Affairs to veterans
19 who may have been exposed to blast over-
20 pressure or blast exposure, or had trau-
21 matic brain injuries, during military serv-
22 ice.

23 (vi) Information that the Secretary of
24 Defense provides to a member separating
25 from the Armed Forces, and the member's

1 family, regarding how to recognize symp-
2 toms of blast overpressure, blast exposure,
3 and traumatic brain injury.

4 (vii) The process by which the Sec-
5 retary of Defense provides to the Secretary
6 of Veterans Affairs documentation regard-
7 ing a member's exposure to blast over-
8 pressure, blast exposure, and traumatic
9 brain injury as relates to a request by such
10 member for an upgrade to the character-
11 ization of the discharge or dismissal or
12 such member.

13 (viii) Any other information either
14 Secretary determines appropriate.

