AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R. 2374

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Page 1, line 7, strike "After" and insert "(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), after".

Page 2, after line 7, insert the following:

1	(b) Exception.—
2	(1) In General.—The Secretary of Labor may
3	issue a rule that—
4	(A) establishes standards of care to im-
5	prove investment advice provided to participants
6	and beneficiaries under the Employee Retire-
7	ment Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C.
8	1001 et seq.);
9	(B) requires that personalized investment
10	advice is provided in a fiduciary capacity that
11	is in the best interests of such participants and
12	beneficiaries;
13	(C) requires that, before receiving invest-
14	ment advice, the compensation of investment
15	advisors and financial service providers is clear-

1	ly disclosed to such participants and bene-
2	ficiaries; and
3	(D) satisfies the requirements of para-
4	graph (3).
5	(2) Process.—The Secretary of Labor may
6	issue a rule pursuant to paragraph (1)—
7	(A) after coordination and consultation
8	with the Securities and Exchange Commission;
9	and
10	(B) after considering surveys and data on
11	investment education and investment advice.
12	(3) Participant investment education; ap-
13	PRAISALS.—The rule issued pursuant to paragraph
14	(1) shall provide standards of conduct for—
15	(A) participant investment education;
16	(B) access to reliable investment education
17	and investment advice to traditionally under-
18	served communities;
19	(C) reasonable compensation for invest-
20	ment advisors and financial service providers;
21	and
22	(D) fair market value appraisals of stock
23	held by employee stock ownership plans to em-
24	ployers, participants, and beneficiaries under

1	the Employee Retirement Income Security Act
2	of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).
	At the end of the bill, insert the following:
3	SEC. 4. REPORTS ON THE IMPACT OF PRACTICES OF PER-
4	SONS WHO PROVIDE INVESTMENT ADVICE.
5	(a) In General.—Not later than 90 days after the
6	date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall
7	report to Congress on how certain practices of persons
8	who provide investment advice affect the standard of care
9	exercised in relation to investors.
10	(b) Report Requirements.—Such report shall—
11	(1) describe how the structure of compensation
12	for persons who provide investment advice affects
13	the standard of care exercised by such persons, in-
14	cluding—
15	(A) practices involving fees paid from in-
16	vestment vehicles to such persons; and
17	(B) other forms of compensation paid to
18	such persons that are not dependent upon the
19	investor's return;
20	(2) compare the standards of care exercised by
21	persons who provide investment advice to low-income
22	and middle-class investors with the standards of care
23	exercised by persons who provide investment advice
24	to high-income investors, and the effect such stand-

1	ards of care have on the investment vehicles selected
2	by investors; and
3	(3) evaluate the extent to which the standard of
4	care used by persons who provide investment advice
5	affects the adequacy of investment returns to pro-
6	vide for retirement for investors.

