

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle H of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10__ . PENALTIES FOR RETALIATORY ACTION**
2 **AGAINST WHISTLEBLOWER WHO HOLD A SE-**
3 **CURITY CLEARANCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3001(j)(4) of the Intel-
5 ligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (50
6 U.S.C. 3341(j)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(D) PENALTIES FOR REPRISALS.—(i)
9 Upon a finding by an inspector general of an
10 agency or the Inspector General of the Intel-
11 ligence Community that an officer or employee
12 of an agency directed, recommended, or materi-
13 ally furthered a reprisal prohibited by para-
14 graph (1), the officer or employee shall be sub-
15 ject to one or more of the following adverse ac-
16 tions, as determined by the head of the employ-
17 ing agency:

1 “(I) A suspension from duty
2 without pay for a minimum of 14
3 days.

4 “(II) A reduction in grade.

5 “(III) Revocation of security
6 clearance.

7 “(IV) Removal from the Federal
8 service.

9 “(V) Referral to the Office of
10 Personnel Management for debarment
11 from the Federal service for a period
12 not to exceed 20years.

13 “(ii) For purposes of carrying out
14 clause (i), an officer or employee materially
15 furthered a reprisal if the officer or em-
16 ployee knew, or reasonably should have
17 known, that the action was a reprisal pro-
18 hibited by paragraph (1).”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
20 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 30 days
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

