AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–10
OFFERED BY MR. GOOD OF VIRGINIA

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 18. CODIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR CONGRESS BY CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING SEPARATION FROM MILITARY SERVICE OR EMPLOYMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 49 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 985 the following new section:

“§ 986. Prohibition on lobbying activities with respect to the Department of Defense or Congress by certain officers and civilian employees following separation from military service or employment

“(a) PROHIBITION.—A covered individual may not engage in lobbying activities with respect to the Depart-
ment of Defense or Congress during the ten-year period
beginning on the date of retirement or separation from
service in the armed forces or the date of retirement or
separation from employment with the Department, as ap-
plicable.

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The terms ‘covered executive branch offi-
cial’, ‘lobbying activities’, and ‘lobbying contact’ have
the meanings given such terms in section 3 of the

“(2) The term ‘covered individual’ means—

“(A) an officer of the armed forces in
grade O-5 or higher at the time of retirement
or separation from the Armed Forces; or

“(B) a civilian employee of the Depart-
ment of Defense who had a civilian grade equiv-
alent to a military grade specified in subpara-
graph (A) at the time of the employee’s retire-
ment or separation from employment with the
Department.

“(3) The term ‘lobbying activities with respect
to the Department of Defense or Congress’ means
the following:

“(A) Lobbying contacts and other lobbying
activities with covered executive branch officials
with respect to the Department of Defense or Members of Congress.

“(B) Lobbying contacts with covered executive branch officials described in subparagraphs (C) through (F) of section 3(3) of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602(3)) in the Department of Defense or Members of Congress.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 49 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item related to section 985 the following:

“986. Prohibition on lobbying activities with respect to the Department of Defense or Congress by certain officers and civilian employees following separation from military service or employment.”.

(e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1045 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 971 note prec.) is repealed.