

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. GINGREY OF GEORGIA**

Page 548, after line 8, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1115. RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO USE OF OFFICIAL**
2 **TIME.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (b), an employee of the Department of Defense may not
5 use official time for any of the purposes described in sub-
6 section (a), (c), or (d) of section 7131 of title 5, United
7 States Code.

8 (b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this Act shall
9 have the effect of causing official time to be denied or oth-
10 erwise made unavailable to an employee of the Depart-
11 ment of Defense for purposes of—

12 (1) the negotiation of a collective bargaining
13 agreement, if commenced before the date of enact-
14 ment of this Act;

15 (2) any proceeding before the Federal Labor
16 Relations Authority, if commenced before the date of
17 enactment of this Act; or

18 (3) any other matter, pending on the date of
19 enactment of this Act, in connection with which any

1 official time has been used or granted before such
2 date.

3 (c) OFFICIAL TIME.—For purposes of this section,
4 the term “official time” means official time as referred
5 to in section 7131 of title 5, United States Code.

