

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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OFFERED BY MRS. HAYES OF CONNECTICUT

At the end of subtitle A of title XVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 18__.** **MODIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS DEPENDENCY AND INDEM-**
3 **NITY COMPENSATION.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF DEPENDENCY AND IN-
5 DEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.—

6 (1) INCREASE.—Section 1311(a) of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended in paragraph (1),
8 by striking “of \$1,154” and inserting “equal to 55
9 percent of the rate of monthly compensation in ef-
10 fect under section 1114(j) of this title”.

11 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
13 subparagraph (B), the amendments made by
14 paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to com-
15 pensation paid under chapter 13 of title 38,
16 United States Code, for months beginning after
17 the date that is six months after the date of the
18 enactment of this Act.

1 (B) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN INDIVID-
2 UALS.—

3 (i) IN GENERAL.—For months begin-
4 ning after the date that is six months after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the
6 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pay to
7 an individual described in subparagraph
8 (B) dependents and survivors income secu-
9 rity benefit under section 1311 of title 38,
10 United States Code, in the monthly
11 amount that is the greater of the following:

12 (I) The amount determined
13 under subsection (a)(3) of such sec-
14 tion 1311, as in effect on the day be-
15 fore the date of the enactment of this
16 Act.

17 (II) The amount determined
18 under subsection (a)(1) of such sec-
19 tion 1311, as amended by subsection
20 (a).

21 (ii) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An in-
22 dividual described in this subparagraph is
23 an individual eligible for dependents and
24 survivors income security benefit under
25 section 1311 of title 38, United States

1 Code, that is predicated on the death of a
2 veteran before January 1, 1993.

3 (b) MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR DE-
4 PENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SUR-
5 VIVORS OF CERTAIN VETERANS RATED TOTALLY DIS-
6 ABLED AT TIME OF DEATH.—Section 1318 of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
10 sserting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph
11 (2), the Secretary”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new
13 paragraph:

14 “(2) In any case in which the Secretary makes a pay-
15 ment under paragraph (1) of this subsection by reason
16 of subsection (b)(1) and the period of continuous rating
17 immediately preceding death is less than 10 years, the
18 amount payable under paragraph (1) of this subsection
19 shall be an amount that bears the same relationship to
20 the amount otherwise payable under such paragraph as
21 the duration of such period bears to 10 years.”; and

22 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “10 or
23 more years” and inserting “five or more years”.

