

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MRS. HAYES OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_ . DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPEND-**  
2 **ENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR**  
3 **SURVIVORS.**

4 (a) SURVIVING SPOUSES.—

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

10 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by  
12 subparagraph (B), the amendment made by  
13 paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to com-  
14 pensation paid under chapter 13 of title 38,  
15 United States Code, for months beginning after  
16 the date that is six months after the date of the  
17 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 clause (ii) de-  
8 pendents and survivors income security  
9 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 clause is an indi-  
23 vidual eligible for dependents and survivors  
24 income security benefit under section 1311  
25 of title 38, United States Code, that is

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

3           (b) SURVIVORS OF CERTAIN VETERANS RATED TO-  
4 TALLY DISABLED AT TIME OF DEATH.—Section 1318 of  
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

6           (1) in subsection (a)—

7                   (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-  
8 serting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph  
9 (2), the Secretary”; and

10                   (B) by adding at the end the following new  
11 paragraph:

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

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

