

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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At the end of subtitle I of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5___ . PUBLICATION OF GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION**
2 **ON HOUSING MARKETS NEAR CERTAIN MILI-**
3 **TARY INSTALLATIONS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall
5 develop and make publicly available guidance and informa-
6 tion about the housing market around military installa-
7 tions in the continental United States. Such guidance and
8 information shall be designed to assist members of the
9 Armed Forces in better using their basic allowance for
10 housing.

11 (b) **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION.**—The information and
12 guidance under subsection (a) shall include—

13 (1) information on the housing market around
14 the installation, including—

15 (A) information about deciding whether to
16 rent or buy, including taking into consideration
17 the average deployment cycle for that military

1 installation and permanent change of station
2 timelines;

3 (B) information about houses and apart-
4 ments;

5 (C) considerations of living with a room-
6 mate; and

7 (D) information about working with and
8 through a landlord;

9 (2) suggested bedroom and bathroom and
10 square footage for each basic allowance for housing
11 category;

12 (3) recommended zip codes in which to look for
13 properties;

14 (4) information about the availability of public
15 transportation;

16 (5) average commute times to military installa-
17 tion and wait times at nearest gate; and

18 (6) a list of realtors and real estate brokers who
19 work in the area, including any complaints reg-
20 istered against such realtors and brokers.

21 (c) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the
22 United States shall submit to Congress a report on a re-
23 view of the Comptroller General of the rate setting proce-
24 dure for basic allowance for housing. Such review shall
25 cover how the Department of Defense collects basic allow-

1 ance for housing data and shall include an analysis of each
2 of the following:

3 (1) Whether the process in use is the most effi-
4 cient process.

5 (2) Whether the information collected is pub-
6 lically available elsewhere.

7 (3) Whether the data collected reflects what is
8 available through open source methods.

9 (4) How basic allowance for housing rates and
10 cost of living adjustments are interrelated.

11 (5) Whether members of the Armed Forces
12 about whom data is collected are receiving loan pro-
13 tections on interest rates pursuant to the
14 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

15 (6) Whether such members of the Armed
16 Forces experience issues when they need to break
17 leases for a deployment or permanent change of sta-
18 tion.

