

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY**

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

1 **SEC. 726. SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RELATED COUN-**
2 **SELING SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, the Secretary of Defense may award a con-
5 tract, on an exclusive, no-bid, or sole-source basis, to a
6 community-based organization that carries out suicide
7 prevention and counseling programs (including programs
8 based at or sponsored by a university) to provide suicide
9 prevention and counseling services to members of the
10 Armed Forces, including members of a reserve component
11 not serving on active duty, as an additional measure to
12 help reduce the incidence of suicide among such members.

13 (b) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the
14 date on which the Secretary awards a contract under sub-
15 section (a) on an exclusive, no-bid, or sole-source basis,
16 the Secretary shall notify the congressional defense com-
17 mittees of such award.

18 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL AUDITS.—Not less than
19 once during each two-year period, the Comptroller General

1 of the United States shall evaluate the effectiveness of any
2 program carried out pursuant to a contract awarded under
3 subsection (a) to determine whether the funds of the Fed-
4 eral Government being used under such contract are being
5 spent on direct suicide prevention and counseling services
6 for the members described in such subsection.

