AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 4310
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY

At the end of title IX, add the following new section:

SEC. ___. NATIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICE CORPS.

(a) CHARTER FOR NATIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICE CORPS.—The David L. Boren National Security Edu-
cation Act of 1991 (50 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) is amended
by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 813. NATIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICE CORPS.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

“(1) The Secretary of Defense shall establish
and maintain within the Department of Defense a
National Language Service Corps (in this section re-
ferred to as the ‘Corps’).

“(2) The purpose of the Corps is to provide a
pool of personnel with foreign language skills who,
as provided in regulations prescribed under this sec-
tion, agree to provide foreign language services to
the Department of Defense or another department
or agency of the United States.

“(b) NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION BOARD.—The
Secretary shall provide for the National Security Edu-
cation Board to oversee and coordinate the activities of
the Corps to such extent and in such manner as deter-
mined by the Secretary under paragraph (9) of section
803(d).

“(c) Membership.—To be eligible for membership
in the Corps, a person must be a citizen of the United
States authorized by law to be employed in the United
States, have attained the age of 18 years, and possess
such foreign language skills as the Secretary considers ap-
propriate for membership in the Corps. Members of the
Corps may include employees of the Federal Government
and of State and local governments.

“(d) Training.—The Secretary may provide mem-
bers of the Corps such training as the Secretary prescribes
for purposes of this section.

“(e) Service.—Upon a determination that it is in
the national interests of the United States, the Secretary
shall call upon members of the Corps to provide foreign
language services to the Department of Defense or an-
other department or agency of the United States.

“(f) Funding.—The Secretary may impose fees, in
amounts up to full-cost recovery, for language services and
technical assistance rendered by members of the Corps.
Amounts of fees received under this section shall be cred-
ited to the account of the Department providing funds for
any costs incurred by the Department in connection with
the Corps. Amounts so credited to such account shall be
merged with amounts in such account, and shall be avail-
able to the same extent, and subject to the same conditions
and limitations, as amounts in such account. Any amounts
so credited shall remain available until expended.

“(g) USERRA APPLICABILITY.—For purposes of the
applicability of chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code,
to a member of the Corps—

“(1) a period of active service in the Corps shall
be deemed to be service in the uniformed services;
and

“(2) the Corps shall be deemed to be a uni-
formed service.”.

(b) NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION BOARD MAT-
ters.—

(1) COMPOSITION.—Subsection (b) of section
803 of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1903) is amended—

(A) by striking paragraph (5);

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and

(7) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (4) the

following new paragraphs:


“(6) The Secretary of Energy.
“(7) The Director of National Intelligence.”.

(2) FUNCTIONS.—Subsection (d) of such section is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) To the extent provided by the Secretary of Defense, oversee and coordinate the activities of the National Language Service Corps under section 813, including—

“(A) identifying and assessing on a periodic basis the needs of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government for personnel with skills in various foreign languages;

“(B) establishing plans to address foreign language shortfalls and requirements of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government;

“(C) recommending effective ways to increase public awareness of the need for foreign languages skills and career paths in the Federal government that use those skills;

“(D) coordinating activities with Executive agencies and State and Local governments to develop interagency plans and agreements to address overall foreign language shortfalls and to utilize personnel to address the various types
of crises that warrant foreign language skills; and (E) proposing to the Secretary regulations to carry out section 813.”. 