AMENDMENT TO

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Page 175, insert after line 18 the following:

DIVISION D—SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR HOUSE EMPLOYEES

TITLE XV—SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR HOUSE EMPLOYEES

SEC. 1501. AVAILABILITY OF SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR

EMPLOYEES OF HOUSE MEMBERS SERVING

ON CERTAIN COMMITTEES.

(a) Security Clearances.—

(1) Designation of Employee.—Each Member of the House of Representatives may designate one employee of the Member’s personal office for whom the Office of House Security may adjudicate the employee’s eligibility for access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) by the Department of Defense Central Adjudication Facility.

(2) Minimum level of security clearance for eligibility for designation.—A Member
may designate an employee under paragraph (1) only if the employee holds a security clearance at the level of top secret or higher.

(b) Responsibilities of Office of House Security.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of House Security shall take such actions as may be necessary, including revising the House Security Manual, to enable the Office to adjudicate the eligibility of employees for access to SCI pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) Training.—

(1) In general.—The Office of House Security shall ensure that any employee of the House who is eligible for access to SCI pursuant to subsection (a) receives sufficient training in the responsibilities associated with such access, including training in counterintelligence.

(2) Report.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of House Security shall submit a report to the House on the programming and resources the Office requires to carry out paragraph (1).

(d) Member Defined.—In this section, a Member of the House of Representatives includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.
(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to waive any “need-to-know” determination made by any entity of the executive branch with respect to the eligibility of any individual’s access to any information or material.

SEC. 1502. EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.

This title is enacted by Congress—

(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the House of Representatives, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules of the House of Representatives, and it supersedes other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

(2) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the House of Representatives to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of the House) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the House.