AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 4310
OFFERED BY MR. LARSON OF CONNECTICUT

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 704. CERTAIN TREATMENT OF AUTISM UNDER
TRICARE.

(a) In General.—Section 1077 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g)(1) In providing health care under subsection (a) to a covered beneficiary described in paragraph (3)(A), the treatment of autism spectrum disorders shall include behavioral health treatment, including applied behavior analysis, when prescribed by a physician.

“(2) In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure that—

“(A) except as provided by subparagraph (B), a person who is authorized to provide behavioral health treatment is licensed or certified by a State or accredited national certification board; and

“(B) if applied behavior analysis or other behavioral health treatment is provided by an employee
or contractor of a person described in subparagraph (A), the employee or contractor shall meet minimum qualifications, training, and supervision requirements as set forth by the Secretary.

“(3)(A) A covered beneficiary described in this subparagraph is a covered beneficiary who is a beneficiary by virtue of—

“(i) service in the armed forces (not including the Coast Guard); or

“(ii) being a dependent of a member of the armed forces (not including the Coast Guard).

“(B) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting or otherwise affecting the benefits otherwise provided under this chapter to a covered beneficiary who is a beneficiary by virtue of—

“(i) service in the Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corp of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Commissioned Corp of the Public Health Service; or

“(ii) being a dependent of a member of a service described in clause (i).

“(C) This subsection shall not apply to a medicare-eligible beneficiary (as defined in section 1111(b) of this title).
“(D) Except as provided in subparagraph (C), nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting or otherwise affecting the benefits provided to a medicare-eligible beneficiary under—

“(i) this chapter;

“(ii) part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c et seq.); or

“(iii) any other law.”.

(b) FUNDING.—

(1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 1406 for the Defense Health Program, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4501, for Private Sector Care is hereby increased by $30,000,000.

(2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 4201 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army, as specified in the corresponding funding table in division D, is hereby reduced by $30,000,000, to be derived as follows:

(A) $21,000,000 from the Aerostat Joint Project Office.
(B) $9,000,000 from Endurance UAVs.