

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. 14. PROHIBITION ON HIRING FREEZE FROM AFFECT-**  
2 **ING VETERANS PREFERENCE ELIGIBLE INDI-**  
3 **VIDUALS.**

4 Notwithstanding the memorandum titled “Presi-  
5 dential Memorandum Regarding the Hiring Freeze” pub-  
6 lished on January 23, 2017, or any other substantially  
7 similar memorandum, Executive order, or other action by  
8 the President to prevent a department or agency of the  
9 Federal Government from filling vacant Federal civilian  
10 employee positions or creating new such positions, the Sec-  
11 retary of Veterans Affairs may appoint an individual who  
12 is preference eligible under section 2108 of title 5, United  
13 States Code, as amended by section 5, to such vacant or  
14 new position.

