

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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Page 20, after line 16, insert the following new subsection:

1 (d) MONTHLY REPORTS ON VETERANS PREFERENCE
2 ELIGIBLE HIRING.—

3 (1) REPORTS.—On a monthly basis, the Sec-
4 retary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the appro-
5 priate congressional committees a report describing
6 how any hiring freeze in effect during the month
7 covered by the report affects the ability of the Sec-
8 retary to hire veterans preference eligible individuals
9 to vacant or new positions in the Department of
10 Veterans Affairs. Each report shall include a de-
11 scription of the measures taken by the Secretary to
12 assist such individuals whose applications or offers
13 for employment to such positions are pending during
14 such hiring freeze.

15 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

16 (A) The term “appropriate congressional
17 committees” means—

1 (i) the Committee on Veterans' Af-
2 fairs and the Committee on Oversight and
3 Government Reform of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives; and

5 (ii) the Committee on Veterans' Af-
6 fairs and the Committee on Homeland Se-
7 curity and Governmental Affairs of the
8 Senate.

9 (B) The term "hiring freeze" means any
10 action by the President to prevent a department
11 or agency of the Federal Government from fill-
12 ing vacant Federal civilian employee positions
13 or creating new such positions, including pursu-
14 ant to the memorandum titled "Presidential
15 Memorandum Regarding the Hiring Freeze"
16 published on January 23, 2017, or any other
17 substantially similar memorandum, Executive
18 order, or other action.

19 (C) The term "veterans preference eligible
20 individual" means an individual who is pref-
21 erence eligible under section 2108 of title 5,
22 United States Code, as amended by section 5.

