

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10___. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING REMOVAL**
2 **OF PRIESTS FROM WALTER REED MEDICAL**
3 **HOSPITAL.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the provision of pastoral care by priests and
6 religious leaders is vital for the spiritual and emo-
7 tional well-being of military personnel and their fam-
8 ilies;

9 (2) Department of Defense medical facilities,
10 including Walter Reed Medical Hospital, play a crit-
11 ical role in providing healthcare services to the mili-
12 tary community;

13 (3) recent reports indicate that priests pro-
14 viding pastoral care at Walter Reed Medical Hos-
15 pital were unexpectedly removed, disrupting the
16 availability of spiritual support for patients and their
17 families;

1 (4) the sudden removal of priests from Walter
2 Reed Medical Hospital raises concerns about the ef-
3 fect on the religious and spiritual needs of patients
4 during their healing process;

5 (5) priests offer invaluable guidance, comfort,
6 and solace, and their presence is essential for indi-
7 viduals facing physical and emotional challenges;
8 and

9 (6) the Department of Defense should inves-
10 tigate the circumstances surrounding the removal of
11 priests from Walter Reed Medical Hospital and to
12 take appropriate measures to ensure that patients
13 have access to pastoral care services without inter-
14 ruption.

