

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
OFFERED BY MR. MULLIN OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle C of title VI add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . STUDY ON USAGE OF FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDE-**
2 **LINES IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR**
3 **THE BASIC NEEDS ALLOWANCE.**

4 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Comptroller General of
5 the United States shall carry out a study to—

6 (1) evaluate the usage of the Federal poverty
7 guidelines of the Department of Health and Human
8 Services in determining eligibility for the basic needs
9 allowance under section 402b of title 37, United
10 States Code; and

11 (2) determine the extent to which the current
12 eligibility threshold as a multiple of such guidelines
13 accurately reflects the cost of living of members of
14 the Armed Forces and is adequately adjusted for re-
15 gional differences in their household expenses.

16 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
18 submit to the congressional defense committees a report

1 containing the results of the study required under sub-
2 section (a).

