

**AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-51
OFFERED BY MR. JOYCE OF OHIO**

At the end of title I, add the following new subtitle:

**1 Subtitle G—Military Suicide
2 Prevention in the 21st Century**

**3 SEC. 155. PILOT PROGRAM ON PRE-PROGRAMMING OF SUI-
4 CIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES INTO SMART
5 DEVICES ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE
6 ARMED FORCES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Commencing not later than 120
8 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
9 retary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program under
10 which the Secretary—

11 (1) pre-downloads the Virtual Hope Box appli-
12 cation of the Defense Health Agency, or such suc-
13 cessor application, on smart devices individually
14 issued to members of the Armed Forces;

15 (2) pre-programs the National Suicide Hotline
16 number and Veterans Crisis Line number into the
17 contacts for such devices; and

18 (3) provides training, as part of training on sui-
19 cide awareness and prevention conducted throughout

1 the Department of Defense, on the preventative re-
2 sources described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

3 (b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the
4 pilot program under this section for a two-year period.

5 (c) SCOPE.—The Secretary shall determine the ap-
6 propriate scope of individuals participating in the pilot
7 program under this section to best represent each Armed
8 Force and to ensure a relevant sample size.

9 (d) IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER RESOURCES.—In
10 carrying out the pilot program under this section, the Sec-
11 retary shall coordinate with the Director of the Defense
12 Health Agency and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to
13 identify other useful technology-related resources for use
14 in the pilot program.

15 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after com-
16 pleting the pilot program under this section, the Secretary
17 shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the
18 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the
19 House of Representatives a report on the pilot program.

20 (f) VETERANS CRISIS LINE DEFINED.—In this sec-
21 tion, the term “Veterans Crisis Line” means the toll-free
22 hotline for veterans established under section 1720F(h) of
23 title 38, United States Code.

