

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO**

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XVII,  
insert the following:

1 **SECTION 17\_\_\_ . DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
2 **PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO CERTAIN**  
3 **SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VETERANS TO PAY**  
4 **FOR HOUSING.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-  
7 erans Affairs shall establish a pilot program to provide  
8 grants to eligible surviving spouses to pay for housing.

9 (b) **APPLICATIONS.**—An eligible surviving spouse de-  
10 siring a grant under this section shall submit to the Sec-  
11 retary an application in such form and containing such  
12 information and assurances as the Secretary determines  
13 appropriate.

14 (c) **PRIORITY.**—In making grants under this section,  
15 the Secretary shall give priority to eligible surviving  
16 spouses on the basis of need.

17 (d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There  
18 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary

1 \$5,000,000 for fiscal years 2025 through 2029 to carry  
2 out this section.

3 (e) REPORT.—After the termination date specified in  
4 subsection (f), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a  
5 report on the effectiveness of such program.

6 (f) TERMINATION DATE.—The authority of the Sec-  
7 retary to carry out the pilot program under subsection (a)  
8 shall terminate on the date that is four years after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The terms “dependency and indemnity com-  
12 pensation” and “surviving spouse” have the mean-  
13 ings given such terms in section 101 of title 38,  
14 United States Code.

15 (2) The term “disabled veteran” has the mean-  
16 ing given such term in section 3741 of such title.

17 (3) The term “eligible surviving spouse” means  
18 a surviving spouse—

19 (A) of a disabled veteran; and

20 (B) who is in receipt of dependency and in-  
21 demnity compensation.

