

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Page 290, insert after line 8 the following:

1 **SEC. 604. PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A MONTHLY STI-**
2 **PEND TO CERTAIN RECENTLY SEPARATED**
3 **MEMBERS.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans
7 Affairs, shall carry out a pilot program to provide a sti-
8 pend to a covered individual.

9 (b) **AMOUNT.**—A stipend paid under this section to
10 a covered individual shall be in an amount that the Sec-
11 retary determines will pay for one month of food and hous-
12 ing for the household of such covered individual in the lo-
13 cation where such household resides.

14 (c) **PAYMENTS.**—A covered individual shall receive a
15 stipend under this section once a month for the first four
16 months following the separation of the covered individual
17 from the Armed Forces.

18 (d) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit

1 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
2 House of Representatives regarding the pilot program.

3 Such report shall include the following:

4 (1) The number of covered individuals paid a
5 stipend under this section.

6 (2) The average amount of such a stipend.

7 (3) The effectiveness of the program in miti-
8 gating financial hardships of covered individuals.

9 (4) A plan to make the pilot program perma-
10 nent.

11 (5) The recommendation of the Secretary
12 whether to make the pilot program permanent.

13 (e) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall termi-
14 nate after operating for four months.

15 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “covered individual” means an in-
17 dividual—

18 (A) who separates from the Armed Forces
19 under honorable conditions after at least four
20 years of service on active duty; and

21 (B) whom the Secretary of Defense deter-
22 mines will experience financial hardship during
23 the first 120 days following such separation.

1 (2) The term “dependent” means a dependent
2 registered under the Defense Enrollment Eligibility
3 Reporting System.

4 (3) The term “household” means a covered in-
5 dividual and all dependents of such covered indi-
6 vidual who share a residence.

