

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117–13

OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

After section 572, insert the following new section and redesignate subsequent sections accordingly:

1 **SEC. 573. NONDISCRIMINATION WITH RESPECT TO SERVICE**
2 **IN THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 37 of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 651 the
5 following new section:

6 **“§ 651a. Members: nondiscrimination**

7 “(a) STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICE.—
8 Any qualifications established or applied for eligibility for
9 service in an armed force shall take into account only the
10 ability of an individual to meet gender-neutral occupa-
11 tional standards for military service generally and the
12 military occupational specialty concerned in particular,
13 and may not include any criteria relating to the race,
14 color, national origin, religion, or sex (including gender
15 identity or sexual orientation) of an individual.

16 “(b) EQUALITY OF TREATMENT IN SERVICE.—Any
17 personnel policy developed or implemented by the Depart-
18 ment of Defense with respect to members of the Armed
19 Forces shall ensure equality of treatment and opportunity

1 for all persons in the armed forces, without regard to race,
2 color, national origin, religion, and sex (including gender
3 identity and sexual orientation).

4 “(c) GENDER IDENTITY DEFINED.—In this section,
5 the term ‘gender identity’ means the gender-related iden-
6 tity, appearance, mannerisms, or other gender-related
7 characteristics of an individual, regardless of the individ-
8 ual’s designated sex at birth.”

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 at the beginning of chapter 37 of such title is amended
11 by inserting after the item relating to section 651 the fol-
12 lowing new item:

“651a. Members: nondiscrimination.”

