

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. PETERS OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 283, after line 10, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 567. PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE INFORMATION**  
2 **SHARING BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
3 **FENSE AND DESIGNATED RELATIVES AND**  
4 **FRIENDS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
5 **FORCES REGARDING THE EXPERIENCES AND**  
6 **CHALLENGES OF MILITARY SERVICE.**

7 (a) PILOT PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—

8 (1) PURPOSE.—Not later than one year after  
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
10 of Defense shall seek to enter into an agreement  
11 with the American Red Cross to carry out a pilot  
12 program under which the American Red Cross—

13 (A) encourages a member of the Armed  
14 Forces, upon the enlistment or appointment of  
15 such member, to designate up to 10 persons to  
16 whom information regarding the military serv-  
17 ice of such member shall be disseminated using  
18 contact information obtained under paragraph  
19 (5); and

1 (B) provides such persons, within 30 days  
2 after the date on which such persons were des-  
3 ignated under subparagraph (A), the option to  
4 elect to receive such information regarding mili-  
5 tary service; and

6 (2) TYPES OF INFORMATION.—The types of in-  
7 formation to be disseminated under the pilot pro-  
8 gram to persons who elect to receive information  
9 shall include information regarding—

10 (A) aspects of daily life and routine experi-  
11 enced by members of the Armed Forces;

12 (B) the challenges and stresses of military  
13 service, particularly during and after deploy-  
14 ment as part of a contingency operation;

15 (C) the services available to members of  
16 the Armed Forces and the dependents of such  
17 members to cope with the experiences and chal-  
18 lenges of military service;

19 (D) benefits administered by the Depart-  
20 ment of Defense for members of the Armed  
21 Forces and the dependents of such members;

22 (E) a toll-free telephone number through  
23 which such persons who elect to receive infor-  
24 mation under the pilot program may request in-  
25 formation regarding the program; and

1 (F) such other information as the Sec-  
2 retary of Defense determines to be appropriate.

3 (3) PRIVACY OF INFORMATION.—In carrying  
4 out the pilot program under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
5 retary of Defense may not disseminate information  
6 under paragraph (2) in violation of laws and regula-  
7 tions pertaining to the privacy of members of the  
8 Armed Forces, including requirements pursuant  
9 to—

10 (A) section 552a of title 5, United States  
11 Code; and

12 (B) the Health Insurance Portability and  
13 Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-  
14 191).

15 (4) NOTICE AND MODIFICATIONS.—In carrying  
16 out the pilot program under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
17 retary of Defense shall, with respect to a member of  
18 the Armed Forces—

19 (A) ensure that such member is notified of  
20 the ability to modify designations made by the  
21 member under paragraph (1)(A); and

22 (B) upon the request of a member, author-  
23 ize the member to modify such designations at  
24 any time.

1           (5) CONTACT INFORMATION.—In making a des-  
2           ignation under the pilot program, a member of the  
3           Armed Forces shall provide necessary contact infor-  
4           mation, specifically including an email address, to  
5           facilitate the dissemination of information regarding  
6           the military service of the member.

7           (6) OPT-OUT OF PROGRAM.—In carrying out  
8           the pilot program under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
9           retary of Defense shall, with respect to a person who  
10          has elected to receive information under such pilot  
11          program, cease disseminating such information to  
12          that person upon request of such person.

13          (b) SURVEY AND REPORT ON PILOT PROGRAM.—

14           (1) SURVEY.—Not later than two years after  
15           the date on which the pilot program commences, the  
16           Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Amer-  
17           ican Red Cross, shall administer a survey to persons  
18           who elected to receive information under the pilot  
19           program, for the purpose of receiving feedback re-  
20           garding the quality of information disseminated  
21           under this section, including whether such informa-  
22           tion appropriately reflects the military career pro-  
23           gression of members of the Armed Forces.

24           (2) REPORT.—Not later than three years after  
25           the date on which the pilot program commences, the

1 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congres-  
2 sional defense committees a final report on the pilot  
3 program which includes—

4 (A) the results of the survey administered  
5 under paragraph (1);

6 (B) a determination as to whether the pilot  
7 program should be made permanent; and

8 (C) recommendations as to modifications  
9 necessary to improve the program if made per-  
10 manent.

11 (3) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES  
12 DEFINED.—The term “congressional defense com-  
13 mittees” has the meaning given that term in section  
14 101 of title 10, United States Code.

15 (c) TERMINATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The pilot  
16 program shall terminate upon submission of the report re-  
17 quired by subsection (b)(2).

