

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5325, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. PETERS OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 11, insert after line 10 the following:

1 REDUCTION IN MRA FOR MEMBERS NOT PROVIDING FREE  
2 SERVICES TO CONSTITUENTS

3 SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. (a) REDUCTION.—The amount made  
4 available under this Act for the Members' Representa-  
5 tional Allowance of any Member of the House of Rep-  
6 resentatives (including a Delegate or Resident Commis-  
7 sioner to the Congress) shall be reduced by 20 percent  
8 unless the office of the Member—

9 (1) provides certain constituent services at no  
10 cost; and

11 (2) makes publicly available in print or on the  
12 congressional website of such office all the con-  
13 stituent services the office provides.

14 (b) NO-COST SERVICES DESCRIBED.— The con-  
15 stituent services referred to in paragraph (1) of subsection  
16 (a) include assistance with respect to the following mat-  
17 ters:

18 (1) Passports.

19 (2) Individual Federal income tax returns.

1           (3) Tax-exempt status applications under sec-  
2           tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
3           1986.

4           (4) The Medicare program under title XVIII of  
5           the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

6           (5) Social security benefits under title II of the  
7           Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.).

8           (6) Supplemental security benefits under title  
9           XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et  
10          seq.).

11          (7) Student loans (as defined in section  
12          5379(a)(1)(B) of title 5, United States Code).

13          (8) Benefits provided under title 38, United  
14          States Code, or other laws administered by the Sec-  
15          retary of Veterans Affairs.

16          (c) ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
17          “assistance”, with respect to a matter described in sub-  
18          section (b), means—

19                 (1) requesting information;

20                 (2) requesting status reports;

21                 (3) arranging appointments;

22                 (4) advocating for prompt consideration of the  
23          matter based on the merits of the case; and

24                 (5) expressing an opinion on the matter.

