

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54
OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the end of title LVIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT FOR**
2 **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—A Member of Congress who does
4 not hold a security clearance at the level of top secret or
5 higher that grants the Member access to Sensitive Com-
6 partmented Information (SCI) may not be provided access
7 to any material classified at the SCI level or higher.

8 (b) SPECIAL RULE FOR INTERIM SECURITY CLEAR-
9 ANCE.—A Member of Congress who applies for a security
10 clearance described in subsection (a) shall be granted an
11 interim security clearance that grants the Member access
12 to SCI until a final determination with respect to the secu-
13 rity clearance of the Member has been made pursuant to
14 subsection (c).

15 (c) FINAL DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO SE-
16 CURITY CLEARANCE.—With respect to an application for
17 a security clearance described in subsection (a) submitted
18 by a Member of Congress—

1 (1) the final determination of the application
2 shall be made pursuant to a vote of the appropriate
3 ethics committee after the committee receives the
4 background investigation and recommendation for
5 such Member under subsection (d); and

6 (2) such security clearance shall be granted to
7 the Member only by an affirmative vote of a major-
8 ity of the members of the appropriate ethics com-
9 mittee.

10 (d) EXPEDITED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS
11 PROCESSING AND RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION.—

12 With respect to an application for a security clearance de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) submitted by a Member of Con-
14 gress, the appropriate background investigations depart-
15 ment of the Central Intelligence Agency shall—

16 (1) to the greatest extent possible, ensure the
17 expedited completion of the background investigation
18 with respect to the Member; and

19 (2) after the completion of such background in-
20 vestigation, provide a recommendation to the appro-
21 priate ethics committee with respect to whether to
22 grant such security clearance to the Member.

23 (e) IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURE INFORMATION
24 SYSTEMS PROCEDURES.—Not later than 360 days after
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sergeant at

1 Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate and the Sergeant at
2 Arms of the House of Representatives shall, with respect
3 to each House, develop and implement information sys-
4 tems procedures with the same level of security and pro-
5 tection of sensitive information as the Secure Internet
6 Protocol Router Network used to manage access to sen-
7 sitive information for personnel of the Department of De-
8 fense for the purpose of enabling Members of Congress
9 and staff with the appropriate security clearance to se-
10 curely gain access to such sensitive information.

11 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
12 nitions apply:

13 (1) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Mem-
14 ber of Congress” includes a Delegate or Resident
15 Commissioner to the Congress.

16 (2) APPROPRIATE ETHICS COMMITTEE.—The
17 term “appropriate ethics committee” means—

18 (A) in the case of an application for a se-
19 curity clearance described in subsection (a) sub-
20 mitted by a Member of the Senate, the Select
21 Committee on Ethics of the Senate; and

22 (B) in the case of an application for a se-
23 curity clearance described in subsection (a) sub-
24 mitted by a Member of the House of Represent-

1 atives, the Committee on Ethics of the House
2 of Representatives.

3 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This requirements under
4 this section shall take effect 360 days after the date of
5 the enactment of this Act.

