AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

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

SEC. ___. SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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

(b) SPECIAL RULE FOR INTERIM SECURITY CLEARANCE.—A Member of Congress who applies for a security clearance described in subsection (a) shall be granted an interim security clearance that grants the Member access to SCI until a final determination with respect to the security clearance of the Member has been made pursuant to subsection (c).

(c) FINAL DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO SECURITY CLEARANCE.—With respect to an application for a security clearance described in subsection (a) submitted by a Member of Congress—
(1) the final determination of the application shall be made pursuant to a vote of the appropriate ethics committee after the committee receives the background investigation and recommendation for such Member under subsection (d); and

(2) such security clearance shall be granted to the Member only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the appropriate ethics committee.

(d) EXPEDITED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS PROCESSING AND RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION.—With respect to an application for a security clearance described in subsection (a) submitted by a Member of Congress, the appropriate background investigations department of the Central Intelligence Agency shall—

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

(2) after the completion of such background investigation, provide a recommendation to the appropriate ethics committee with respect to whether to grant such security clearance to the Member.

(e) IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURE INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROCEDURES.—Not later than 360 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sergeant at
Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall, with respect to each House, develop and implement information systems procedures with the same level of security and protection of sensitive information as the Secure Internet Protocol Router Network used to manage access to sensitive information for personnel of the Department of Defense for the purpose of enabling Members of Congress and staff with the appropriate security clearance to securely gain access to such sensitive information.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Member of Congress” includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

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

(A) in the case of an application for a security clearance described in subsection (a) submitted by a Member of the Senate, the Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate; and

(B) in the case of an application for a security clearance described in subsection (a) submitted by a Member of the House of Represent-
atives, the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives.

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