AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620
OFFERED BY MR. RICE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Page 54, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 11. HEALTH CARE FOR OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) In general.—Section 1710 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(3)—

(A) by inserting “(A)” before “In”; and

(B) by inserting “or in the case of an official of the Department listed in subparagraph (B),” before “the Secretary”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) As a condition of office and employment, and for the duration of such term of office or employment, each of the following officials of the Department may not receive any hospital care or medical services (other than emergency medical services) except under this section:

“(i) The Secretary.

“(ii) The Deputy Secretary.

“(iii) The Under Secretary for Health.
“(iv) The Under Secretary for Benefits.

“(v) The Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs.

“(vi) Each Assistant Secretary, including—

“(I) the Assistant Secretary for Management;

“(II) the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration;

“(III) the Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs; and

“(IV) the Assistant Secretary for Operations, Security, and Preparedness.

“(vii) Each Deputy Assistant Secretary.

“(viii) The Chief Financial Officer.

“(ix) The Chief Information Officer.

“(x) The General Counsel.

“(xi) The Inspector General.

“(xii) The Director of Construction and Facilities Management.

“(xiii) The Chief of Staff.

“(xiv) The Chairman of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals.

“(xv) The Vice Chairman of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals.”;
(2) in subsection (f), by inserting “or official of the Department” after “veteran” each place it appears; and

(3) in subsection (g), by inserting “or official of the Department” after “veteran” each place it appears.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) TITLE 38.—Section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by inserting “and officials of the Department” after “veterans”; and

(B) in paragraph (8) by inserting “and officials of the Department” after “veterans”.

(2) TITLE 5.—Section 8901(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended in the matter following subparagraph (J)—

(A) by striking “or” at the end of clause (iii);

(B) by adding “or” after the semicolon at the end of clause (iv); and

(C) by adding at the end the following new clause:
“(v) an official of the Department of Veterans Affairs listed in section 1710(a)(3)(B) of title 38;”.