

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620
OFFERED BY MISS RICE OF NEW YORK

Page 54, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 11. PREFERENCE FOR OFFERORS EMPLOYING VET-**
2 **ERANS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 81 of
4 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding after
5 section 8128 the following new section:

6 **“§ 8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans**

7 “(a) PREFERENCE.—In awarding a contract (or task
8 order) for the procurement of goods or services, the Sec-
9 retary may give a preference to offerors that employ vet-
10 erans on a full-time basis. The Secretary shall determine
11 such preference based on the percentage of the full-time
12 employees of the offeror who are veterans.

13 “(b) ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTEN-
14 TATION.—(1) Any offeror that is determined by the Sec-
15 retary to have willfully and intentionally misrepresented
16 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror for pur-
17 poses of subsection (a) shall be debarred from contracting
18 with the Department for a period of not less than 5 years.

19 “(2) In the case of a debarment under paragraph (1),
20 the Secretary shall commence debarment action against

1 the offeror by not later than 30 days after determining
2 that the offeror willfully and intentionally misrepresented
3 the veteran status of the employees of the offeror as de-
4 scribed in paragraph (1) and shall complete debarment ac-
5 tions against such offeror by not later than 90 days after
6 such determination.

7 “(3) The debarment of an offeror under paragraph
8 (1) includes the debarment of all principals in the offeror
9 for a period of not less than 5 years.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
11 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
12 after the item relating to section 8128 the following new
13 item:

“8129. Preference for offerors employing veterans.”.

