AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-23

OFFERED BY MR. SANFORD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Page 126, after line 12, insert the following new section:

SEC. 516. REQUIREMENT FOR IDENTICAL PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, BASIC TRAINING, AND RECRUITING.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the gender-neutral occupational standards developed by the Secretaries of the military departments pursuant to section 543 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law 103-160; 10 U.S.C. 113 note), as amended by section 523 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66; 127 Stat. 756)—

(1) impose identical physical performance standards;

(2) are also applied uniformly regardless of race, national origin, or sexual orientation; and
(3) are used in basic training and in the recruitment of persons for enlistment or appointment in the Armed Forces.

(b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that either—

(1) certifies compliance of the Department of Defense with subsection (a); or

(2) explains, if physical performance standards are not identical, as required by subsection (a)(1), why the standards are not identical, including at basic training.