

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA

At the end of subtitle B of title VI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6___ . PROHIBITION ON CHARGING MEMBERS OF THE**
2 **ARMED FORCES FOR MEALS WHILE SERVING**
3 **ON NAVAL VESSELS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 402 of title 37, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
7 (j); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(j) **PROHIBITION ON CHARGING MEMBERS OF THE**
11 **ARMED FORCES FOR MEALS WHILE SERVING ON NAVAL**
12 **VESSELS.**—A member of the armed forces assigned to
13 duty on a naval vessel of the United States shall not be
14 required to pay any charge for meals provided to the mem-
15 ber while the vessel is underway or deployed from the
16 homeport of the vessel.”.

17 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2026, and

- 1 apply to meals provided to a member of the Armed Forces
- 2 on or after that date.

