

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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OFFERED BY MS. SHALALA OF FLORIDA

Page 470, after line 6, insert the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 626. EXTENSION OF COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE**
2 **BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING REMARRIED**
3 **SPOUSES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF A**
4 **MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIES**
5 **WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY OR CERTAIN RE-**
6 **SERVE DUTY.**

7 (a) PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS OF SURVIVING RE-
8 MARRIED SPOUSES REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
9 fense, acting jointly with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
10 rity, shall establish procedures by which an eligible remar-
11 ried spouse may obtain unescorted access, as appropriate,
12 to military installations in order to use commissary stores
13 and MWR retail facilities to the same extent and on the
14 same basis as an unremarried surviving spouse of a mem-
15 ber of the uniformed services is entitled to by law or policy.

16 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.— Any procedures established
17 under this section shall—

1 (1) be applied consistently across the Depart-
2 ment of Defense and the Department of Homeland
3 Security, including all components of the Depart-
4 ments;

5 (2) minimize any administrative burden on sur-
6 viving remarried spouse or dependent child, includ-
7 ing through the elimination of any requirement for
8 a remarried spouse to apply as a personal agent for
9 continued access to military installations in accom-
10 paniment of a dependent child;

11 (3) take into account measures required to en-
12 sure the security of military installations, including
13 purpose and eligibility for access and renewal perio-
14 dicity; and

15 (4) take into account such other factors as the
16 Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Homeland
17 Security considers appropriate.

18 (c) DEADLINE.—The procedures required by sub-
19 section (a) shall be established by the date that is not later
20 than one year after the date of the enactment of this sec-
21 tion.

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

23 (1) the term “eligible remarried spouse” means
24 an individual who is a surviving former spouse of a
25 covered member of the Armed Forces, who has re-

1 married after the death of the covered member of
2 the Armed Forces and has guardianship of depend-
3 ent children of the deceased member;

4 (2) the term “covered member of the Armed
5 Forces” means a member of the Armed Forces who
6 dies while serving—

7 (A) on active duty; or

8 (B) on such reserve duty as the Secretary
9 of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Se-
10 curity may jointly specify for purposes of this
11 section.

