

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . REPORT ON TESTING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES FOR H. PYLORI.**

3 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
6 Senate and the House of Representatives a report con-
7 taining a plan, cost estimate, and feasibility study for im-
8 plementing testing for helicobacter pylori (commonly
9 known as “H. pylori”) during the period in which a mem-
10 ber of the Armed Forces is transitioning to civilian life.

11 (b) COST ESTIMATE.—The cost estimate included in
12 the report under subsection (a) shall include an estimate
13 of costs for implementing a program for conducting test-
14 ing described in such subsection that includes testing for
15 H. pylori using breath and stool-based methods.

16 (c) CONSIDERATION OF EXPERTISE.—In preparing
17 the report required under subsection (a), the Secretary

1 may seek the input and expertise of physician experts, in-
2 cluding gastroenterologists who have expertise in—
3 (1) the field of H. pylori;
4 (2) the gastrointestinal diseases and disorders
5 that arise from H. pylori; or
6 (3) the screening and testing mechanisms for
7 such diseases and disorders.

