

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8469, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. (a) ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL.—None
2 of the funds made available by this Act may be used to
3 remove from the United States any veteran (as defined
4 in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) unless the
5 Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General
6 of the United States submit to Congress a joint certifi-
7 cation that the veteran was—

8 (1) provided access to legal counsel, at no cost;
9 and

10 (2) afforded a full and fair hearing in removal
11 proceedings before an immigration judge that was
12 consistent with current law as of the date of the en-
13 actment of this Act.

14 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of Homeland Security shall submit to the Commit-
17 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
18 and the Senate that includes—

- 1 (1) the number of non-citizen veterans placed in
- 2 removal proceedings in the fiscal year preceding the
- 3 fiscal year during which the report is submitted;
- 4 (2) the outcomes of such removal proceedings;
- 5 and
- 6 (3) the legal representation status of each such
- 7 non-citizen veteran.

