

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–**57****OFFERED BY MR. KILDEE OF MICHIGAN**

At the end of subtitle E of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 17____. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MECHANISM FOR
2 PROVISION OF DISSENTING VIEWS.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-
4 tablish a mechanism through which members of the
5 Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department
6 of Defense may privately provide dissenting views regard-
7 ing the Department of Defense and United States national
8 security policy without fear of retribution.

9 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pro-
11 vide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on
12 the status of the mechanism required by subsection (a).

13 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
14 tion shall be construed to alleviate the duty of any indi-
15 vidual to follow the military chain of command or to follow
16 the policies of the Department of Defense and Federal
17 Government.

