AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
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At the end of subtitle D of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF PHONE SERVICE FOR PROMPT REPORTING OF HAZING INVOLVING A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary concerned (as defined in section 101(a)(9) of title 10, United States Code) shall develop and implement a phone service through which an individual can anonymously call to report incidents of hazing in that branch of the Armed Forces.

(b) HAZING DESCRIBED.—For purposes of carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense (and the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard operates) shall use the definition of hazing contained in the August 28, 1997, Secretary of Defense Policy Memorandum, which defined hazing as any conduct whereby a member of the Armed Forces, regardless of branch or rank, without proper authority causes another member to suffer, or be exposed to, any activity which is cruel, abu-
sive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. Soliciting or coercing another person to perpetrate any such activity is also considered hazing. Hazing need not involve physical contact among or between members of the Armed Forces. Hazing can be verbal or psychological in nature. Actual or implied consent to acts of hazing does not eliminate the culpability of the perpetrator.