

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK**

At the end of subtitle D of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5___.** **ESTABLISHMENT OF PHONE SERVICE FOR**
2 **PROMPT REPORTING OF HAZING INVOLVING**
3 **A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

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

10 (b) **HAZING DESCRIBED.**—For purposes of carrying
11 out this section, the Secretary of Defense (and the Sec-
12 retary of the Department in which the Coast Guard oper-
13 ates) shall use the definition of hazing contained in the
14 August 28, 1997, Secretary of Defense Policy Memo-
15 randum, which defined hazing as any conduct whereby a
16 member of the Armed Forces, regardless of branch or
17 rank, without proper authority causes another member to
18 suffer, or be exposed to, any activity which is cruel, abu-

1 sive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. So-
2 liciting or coercing another person to perpetrate any such
3 activity is also considered hazing. Hazing need not involve
4 physical contact among or between members of the Armed
5 Forces. Hazing can be verbal or psychological in nature.
6 Actual or implied consent to acts of hazing does not elimi-
7 nate the culpability of the perpetrator.

