AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R. 4310

OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK

In section 535, insert the following new subsection after subsection (d) (and redesignate subsection (e) as subsection (f)):

(e) MILITARY HAZING PREVENTION OVERSIGHT PANEL.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a panel to be known as the Military Hazing Prevention Oversight Panel (in this section referred to as the ''Panel'').

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Panel shall be composed of the following members:

(A) The Secretary of the Army or the Secretary's designee.

(B) The Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary's designee.

(C) The Secretary of the Air Force or the Secretary's designee.

(D) The Secretary of Homeland Security (with respect to the Coast Guard) or the Secretary's designee.

(E) Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense from among individuals who are not officers or employees of any government and who have expertise in advocating for—

(i) women;

(ii) racial or ethnic minorities;

(iii) religious minorities; or

(iv) gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender individuals.

(3) DUTIES.—The Panel shall—

(A) make recommendations to the Secretary concerned (as defined in section 101(a)(9) of title 10, United States Code) on the development of the policies, programs, and procedures to prevent and respond to hazing in the Armed Forces; and

(B) monitor any policies, programs, and procedures in place to prevent and respond to hazing in the Armed Forces and make recommendations to the Secretary concerned on ways to improve such policies, programs, and procedures.

(4) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Panel shall hold its initial meeting.

(5) MEETINGS.—The Panel shall meet not less than annually.

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