AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–19
OFFERED BY MR. WELCH OF VERMONT

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following:

SEC. 580a. ASSISTANCE FOR DEPLOYMENT-RELATED SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES UNDERGOING DEPLOYMENT AND THEIR FAMILIES BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON RE-INTEGRATION PROGRAM.

Section 582 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (10 U.S.C. 10101 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (k) and (l) as subsections (l) and (m), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (j) the following new subsection (k):

“(k) SUPPORT BEYOND PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide funds to States, Territories, and government entities to carry out programs, and other activities as the Secretary considers appropriate, that provide deployment cycle information, services, and referrals to members of the armed forces, and their families, throughout the deployment cycle. Such programs may in-
clude the provision of access to outreach services, including the following:

“(1) Employment counseling.

“(2) Behavioral health counseling.

“(3) Suicide prevention.

“(4) Housing advocacy.

“(5) Financial counseling.

“(6) Referrals for the receipt of other related services.”.