Amendment to H.R. 5620 Offered by Mr. Aguilar of California

Add at the end the following new section:

1SEC. 11. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FURNISHING AND COR-2RECTING OF RECORDS IN THE CUSTODY OF3THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5702 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol6 lowing new subsections:

7 "(c)(1) The Secretary shall furnish each record de8 scribed in paragraph (3) by not later than 30 days after
9 the date on which the Secretary receives the request for
10 such record.

"(2) If the Secretary is unable to furnish a record
during the 30-day period required by paragraph (1), the
Secretary shall inform the person requesting the record
of—

- 15 "(A) the reason for the delay; and
- 16 "(B) the estimated date on which the Secretary17 will furnish the record.

18 "(3) The records described in this paragraph are any19 of the following:

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| 1 | "(A) A record requested in an application made |
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| 2 | under subsection (a). |
| 3 | "(B) A record not covered under subparagraph |
| 4 | (A) that— |
| 5 | "(i) relates to the military service or med- |
| 6 | ical records of a veteran; and |
| 7 | "(ii) the Secretary is otherwise authorized |
| 8 | to furnish to the person requesting the record. |
| 9 | ((d)(1) Any person whose records are in the custody |
| 10 | of the Secretary may request that the Secretary correct |
| 11 | errors in such records. |
| 12 | ((2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which |
| 13 | the Secretary receives a request by a person to correct a |
| 14 | record under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall— |
| 15 | "(A) make such correction; or |
| 16 | "(B) deny such request and inform the person |
| 17 | of the reasons for such denial.". |
| 18 | (b) Conforming Amendments.—Such section is |
| 19 | further amended— |
| 20 | (1) in the section heading, by inserting " and |
| 21 | correcting " after " Furnishing "; and |
| 22 | (2) in subsection (b), by inserting before the pe- |
| 23 | riod at the end the following: "requested under sub- |
| 24 | section (a)". |

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 at the beginning of chapter 57 of such title is amended
 by striking the item relating to section 5702 and inserting
 the following:

"5702. Furnishing and correcting of records.".

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