

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960**  
**OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA**

In section 531, relating to limitations on convening authority discretion regarding court-martial findings and sentence, strike subsection (c) and insert the following new subsection:

1           (c) **ELIMINATION OF DISCRETION TO REDUCE AN**  
2 **ADJUDGED SENTENCE.**—Section 860(c) of title 10,  
3 United States Code (article 60(c) of the Uniform Code of  
4 Military Justice) is amended—

5           (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “The con-  
6 vening authority” and inserting the following:

7           “(B) Except as provided in paragraph (4), the con-  
8 vening authority”; and

9           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
10 paragraph:

11           “(4)(A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B)  
12 and (C), the convening authority or another person au-  
13 thorized to act under this section may not reduce an ad-  
14 judged sentence or disapprove, commute, or suspend the  
15 adjudged sentence in whole or in part.

16           “(B) Upon the recommendation of the trial counsel,  
17 the convening authority or another person authorized to

1 act under this section may reduce an adjudged sentence  
2 or disapprove, commute, or suspend the adjudged sentence  
3 in whole or in part in recognition of the substantial assist-  
4 ance by the accused in the investigation or prosecution of  
5 another person who has committed an offense.

6 “(C) In a case involving an accused who has depend-  
7 ents, the convening authority or another person authorized  
8 to act under this section may waive, as provided in sub-  
9 section (b) of section 858b of this title (article 58b), any  
10 or all of the forfeitures of pay and allowances required  
11 by subsection (a) of such section (article) or otherwise im-  
12 posed as part of the adjudged sentence.”.

