

En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 5515**Subcommittee on Military Personnel
En Bloc #3**

Log #	Sponsor	Description
016r1	DesJarlais	Directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committee on the feasibility of expanding commissary alcohol sales to include the sale of distilled spirits.
050	Davis	Requires the SECDEF to provide active duty and reserve service members an authoritative assessment of their earned G.I. Bill benefits prior to separation, retirement or release from active duty or demobilization.
068r1	Larsen	Requires a briefing on collaborative efforts to synchronize credentialing programs and effect of credentialing on employment.
183r1	Stefanik	Requires a report on the assessment of frequency of Permanent Changes of Station of members of the Armed Forces on employment among military spouses.
220	Hanabusa	Halt implementation of the 2014 DoD per diem policy, directs DoD to issue a report on options to reduce travel costs and require notification of any subsequent notifications of any subsequent changes to the DoD per diem policies following the report.
228	Courtney	When a geographic Combatant Commander submits a request to add a location to the Imminent Danger Pay eligibility list, requires the Secretary of Defense (in actuality the USD for Personnel and Readiness) to issue a determination within 90 days.
233	Speier	Requires a report on senior leader outside employment requests and activities.
235	Courtney	Requires USD for Personnel and Readiness to submit a report on the request, adjudication and approval process for Imminent Danger Pay.
270	O'Halleran	Requires DOD to provide a briefing to the committee on interagency efforts in the transition assistance program to provide education on Federal wildland firefighting careers.
325	Russell	Program to assist members of the armed forces in obtaining professional credentials.

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**Amendment to H.R. 5515
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019**

Offered by: Dr. DesJarlais

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Availability of Alcohol at Military Commissary Stores

The Committee notes the recent announcement made by the Department of Defense on the availability of beer and wine at military commissary stores in order to provide a similar shopping experience to commercial grocery stores.

In light of these measures, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the feasibility of expanding commissary alcohol sales to include the sale of distilled spirits. The study shall include a comparison of state and local laws that could impact the expansion of the sale of distilled spirits. The study shall also include an estimate on revenue and sales that could result from such an expansion. The Secretary shall provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives on the detailed findings of the study no later than September 28, 2018.”

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515
OFFERED BY MRS. DAVIS OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5** ____ . **STATEMENT OF BENEFITS.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 58 of title 10, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new section:

5 **“§ 1155. Statement of benefits**

6 “(a) **BEFORE SEPARATION.**—Not later than 30 days
7 before a member retires, is released, is discharged, or oth-
8 erwise separates from the armed forces (or as soon as is
9 practicable in the case of an unanticipated separation), the
10 Secretary concerned shall provide that member with a cur-
11 rent assessment of all benefits to which that member is
12 entitled under laws administered by—

13 “(1) the Secretary of Defense; and

14 “(2) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

15 “(b) **ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR RESERVES.**—Not less
16 than once each year, the Secretary concerned shall provide
17 each member of a reserve component with a current as-
18 sessment of benefits described in subsection (a).”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
3 after the item relating to section 1154 the following new
4 item:

“1155. Statement of benefits.”.



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**Amendment to H.R. 5515
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Offered by: Rep. Larsen

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing on Credentialing Programs

The Committee is supportive of policies which allow servicemembers to attain civilian credentials while on active duty. These programs ensure that servicemembers possess the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform their duties, and offer servicemembers the chance of better civilian employment upon separation from the military.

However, not all credentialing programs are created equal, and the Department has acknowledged that few oversight mechanisms exist to protect servicemembers from aggressive marketing of credentialing programs of dubious rigor. The committee encourages the Department to work with partners in academia and industry to develop a tool that servicemembers could use to evaluate the quality of a credential based on its desirability in the civilian workforce.

In addition, the Committee is also aware that the Department does not have conclusive evidence that possessing civilian credentials help servicemembers find post-separation employment. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to brief the House Committee on Armed Services no later than February 1, 2019 on collaborative efforts to develop quality standards for credentialing and licensure programs and a review of academic literature on the impact on employability of attaining a credential.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515
OFFERED BY MS. STEFANIK OF NEW YORK

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5___. REPORT ON ASSESSMENT OF FREQUENCY OF**
2 **PERMANENT CHANGES OF STATION OF MEM-**
3 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ON EMPLOY-**
4 **MENT AMONG MILITARY SPOUSES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
6 submit to Congress a report setting forth an assessment
7 of the effects of the frequency of permanent changes of
8 station of members of the Armed Forces on stability of
9 employment among military spouses.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under this section shall
11 include the following:

12 (1) An assessment of the effects of the fre-
13 quency of permanent changes of station of members
14 of the Armed Forces on stability of employment
15 among military spouses, including the contribution
16 of frequent permanent changes of station to unem-
17 ployment or underemployment among military
18 spouses.

1 (2) An assessment of the effects of unemploy-
2 ment and underemployment among military spouses
3 on force readiness.

4 (3) Such recommendations as the Secretary
5 considers appropriate regarding legislative or admin-
6 istration action to achieve force readiness and sta-
7 bilization through the minimization of the impacts of
8 frequent permanent changes on stability of employ-
9 ment among military spouses.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515
OFFERED BY MS. HANABUSA OF HAWAII

At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . PER DIEM ALLOWANCE POLICIES.**

2 (a) POLICY AND REGULATIONS.—

3 (1) EXISTING POLICY AND REGULATIONS.—The
4 Secretary of each military department may not im-
5 plement the policy in the memorandum dated Octo-
6 ber 1, 2014, titled “UTD/CTS for MAP 118-13/
7 CAP 118-13 – Flat Rate Per Diem for Long Term
8 TDY”, regarding per diem allowances, or any regu-
9 lations prescribed pursuant to such memorandum,
10 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (2) FUTURE POLICY AND REGULATIONS.—(A)
12 The Secretary of each military department con-
13 cerned may not implement a new policy regarding
14 per diem allowances under section 474 of title 37,
15 United States Code, until after the Secretary of De-
16 fense issues the report under subsection (b).

17 (B) The Secretary of the military department
18 concerned shall notify the appropriate congressional
19 committees not less than 60 days before imple-

1 menting a new policy regarding per diem allowances
2 under section 474 of title 37, United States Code.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall issue a report to the appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees regarding options to reduce travel costs incurred
7 by the Department of Defense, including the adoption of
8 practices used by private entities.

9 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
10 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means the congressional defense committees, the
12 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
13 fairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Oversight and
14 Government Reform of the House of Representatives.



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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515
OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT

At the appropriate place in title VI, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . PROMPT REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE**
2 **DANGER PAY.**

3 Section 310(d)(1) of title 37, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:
5 “The Secretary of Defense shall issue a determination re-
6 garding special pay under this section not later than 90
7 days after receiving a request for such determination from
8 the commander of a geographic combatant command.”



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515
OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5__ . REPORT ON OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OF SENIOR**
2 **PERSONNEL.**

3 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 18 months
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
5 thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report
6 to Congress on requests by senior personnel for approval
7 of outside employment during the preceding fiscal year.

8 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report under this section shall
9 contain the following regarding:

10 (1) The number of such requests.

11 (2) The number of such requests approved.

12 (3) The types of positions for which senior per-
13 sonnel made such requests.

14 (4) The range and average of the time commit-
15 ment for such positions.

16 (5) The range and average of the compensation
17 for such positions.

1 (6) Any ethical lapses or abuses by senior per-
2 sonnel in the course of employment pursuant to ap-
3 proved requests.

4 (c) SENIOR PERSONNEL DEFINED.—In this section,
5 the term “senior personnel” means any of the following:

6 (1) An officer in the regular or reserve compo-
7 nent of an armed force above the grade of O-6.

8 (2) An employee of the Department of Defense
9 in the Senior Executive Service.



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Offered by Mr. Courtney of Connecticut

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Imminent Danger Pay Adjudication Process

The committee acknowledges that servicemembers continue to serve in locations at daily risk of harm from hostile fire, explosions, or other hostile actions, and are thus entitled to Imminent Danger Pay. The committee understands that, regarding the locations and time periods for Imminent Danger Pay eligibility, the final adjudicating authority for the Department of Defense is the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, who assesses requests submitted by geographic Combatant Commanders. The committee has received recent testimony that this request, adjudication, and approval process can span many months, during which servicemembers in harm's way are not receiving Imminent Danger Pay. So that Congress may improve its oversight of the timeliness of Imminent Danger Pay review and approval, the committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, not later than August 31, 2018, listing, for the period 2008-2018:

- (1) each request for Imminent Danger Pay made by a geographic Combatant Commander, including details on the underlying justification for Imminent Danger Pay;
- (2) the date of submission for each request;
- (3) the adjudication status and/or ultimate determination for each request; and,
- (4) date of ultimate determination, where applicable.

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Offered by Mr. O'Halleran of Arizona

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Federal Wildland Firefighting Education in the Transition Assistance Program
(TAP)**

The Committee continues to look for ways to strengthen the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) program to match opportunities in the federal workforce with the unique skillset of transitioning service members. The Committee acknowledges that skills honed during military service including logistics, risk mitigation, emergency medicine and response, team communications, equipment maintenance, resource accountability, and leadership in support of mission are directly transferrable to wildland firefighting. While the committee is aware that the Department of Defense, DHS, and DOL collaborate with other agencies to include information and education about civil service opportunities in the federal workforce, the committee believes transitioning service members would benefit from bolstered TAP program education on wildland firefighting careers at agencies including the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. In addition, the Committee encourages DOD to pursue strategic partnerships and collaborations with non-profit organizations that connect veterans with volunteer disaster relief opportunities as part of TAP. The Committee notes precedent for collaboration with agencies including USDA that provide education on career pathways in agriculture and seeks to build on similar successful models of interagency partnerships to meet the nation's workforce needs.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the House Committee on Armed Services no later than December 31, 2018 on current and potential interagency efforts in the TAP program related to wildland firefighting career pathways and opportunities in the federal government.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515

OFFERED BY MR. RUSSELL OF OKLAHOMA

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . PROGRAM TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES IN OBTAINING PROFESSIONAL CRE-**
3 **DENTIALS.**

4 Section 2015(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by striking “related to military training” and all
6 that follows through the period at the end of paragraph
7 (2) and inserting “that translate into civilian occupa-
8 tions.”.

