

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1994
OFFERED BY MR. HUELSKAMP OF KANSAS**

Page 37, after line 10, insert the following new section (and redesignate the subsequent sections accordingly):

1 **SEC. 8. TREATMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EM-**
3 **PLOYEES AS OFFICIAL DUTY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is further amended by inserting after section
6 723, as added by section 7, the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 725. CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY EMPLOYEES:**
8 **TREATMENT AS OFFICIAL DUTY.**

9 “(a) CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.—An employee of
10 the Department is performing official duty during the pe-
11 riod with respect to which the employee is testifying in
12 an official capacity in front of either House of Congress,
13 a committee of either House of Congress, or a joint or
14 select committee of Congress.

15 “(b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The Secretary shall pro-
16 vide travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsist-
17 ence, in accordance with applicable provisions under sub-

1 chapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, to any employee of the
2 Department of Veterans Affairs performing official duty
3 described under subsection (a).”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
5 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
6 after the item relating to section 723, as added by section
7 7, the following new item:

“725. Congressional testimony by employees: treatment as official duty.”.

