Suspense the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 8354, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8354

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

Ms. ESCOBAR (for herself and Mr. TAYLOR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Servicemembers and

5 Veterans Initiative Act of 2020.”
SEC. 2. SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS INITIATIVE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

(b) DUTIES.—The Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative shall—

(1) serve as legal and policy advisor to the Attorney General on the Department of Justice’s efforts to enforce criminal and civil laws that impact servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

(2) develop policy recommendations for the Attorney General on how the Department of Justice may improve enforcement of Federal law to support servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

(3) serve as the liaison and point of contact between the Department of Justice and the military departments;

(4) provide counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs to ensure funding decisions take into account servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

(5) consult with components of the Department of Justice to promote the provision of civil legal aid to servicemembers, veterans, and their families;

(6) serve as a liaison and point of contact with the Consumer Protection Branch of the Civil Divi-
sion of the Department of Justice, with respect to
the prosecution of Federal crimes involving fraud
that target servicemembers; and

(7) serve as a liaison and point of contact with
other components of the Department of Justice as
needed to support the enforcement of other Federal
laws that protect servicemembers and veterans, as
the Attorney General determines appropriate.