

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. GAETZ OF FLORIDA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF AN OFFICER**
2 **OR MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES, SERV-**
3 **ING ON ACTIVE DUTY, TO SEEK CIVIL OFFICE.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Section 973 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraphs (1) through (5), by
8 striking “officer” each place it appears and in-
9 serting “officer or member”;

10 (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
11 paragraph (7); and

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
13 following new paragraph (6):

14 “(6) The Secretary concerned may permit an officer
15 or member serving on active duty to seek civil office (in-
16 cluding participating in political campaign activities) if—

17 “(A) such officer or member is eligible for
18 preseparation counseling under section 1142 of this
19 title;

1 “(B) such officer or member is on terminal
2 leave;

3 “(C) the term of such civil office begins after
4 the anticipated date of the discharge or release from
5 active duty of the officer or member; and

6 “(D) in the course of seeking civil office, the of-
7 ficer or member does not use any Federal property
8 or refer to the rank or grade of such officer or mem-
9 ber.”; and

10 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “officer” and
11 inserting “officer or member”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Such section is amend-
13 ed in the heading by striking “**officers**” and inserting
14 “**members**”.

