

11. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MENENDEZ OF NEW JERSEY, OR HIS DESIGNEE,
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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revised

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1815, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. MENENDEZ OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of title VI (page 279, after line 6), add
the following new section:

1 **SEC. 677. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT REGARDING**
2 **COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR RE-**
3 **SERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—The Comptroller General
5 shall prepare a report reviewing the terms and elements
6 of reserve compensation, benefit, and personnel support
7 programs, including the retirement system.

8 (b) **ELEMENTS OF REPORT.**—The report required by
9 subsection (a) shall address at a minimum the following:

10 (1) The effectiveness and adequacy of com-
11 pensation and benefit programs, income protection
12 for members of the reserve components called to ac-
13 tive duty, family support programs, health care ac-
14 cess, and other programs of interest to such mem-
15 bers.

16 (2) The need for these programs to be im-
17 proved, including such recommendations as the
18 Comptroller General considers appropriate for
19 achieving needed improvements.



1 (3) A comparison of these programs to similar
2 programs conducted for the benefit of regular forces
3 to determine if the reserve programs are fair and eq-
4 uitable given the increased contributions by reserve
5 component forces to the defense of the United
6 States.

7 (4) An examination of the differences in bene-
8 fits and protections provided to reservists who are
9 called to serve under different authorities, including
10 title 10, United States Code, title 32, United States
11 Code, and State active duty.

12 (5) The need for benefits and protections to be
13 made consistent regardless of the authority under
14 which members of the reserve components are called
15 to serve, including such recommendations as the
16 Comptroller General considers appropriate for
17 achieving that objective.

18 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER STUDIES AND RE-
19 PORTS.—To the extent that an issue required to be ad-
20 dressed by subsection (b) is also the subject of other stud-
21 ies or reports being prepared by the Comptroller General,
22 the Comptroller General may drop the issue from this re-
23 port to avoid duplication of effort.



1 (d) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—The Comptroller Gen-
2 eral shall submit the report to the congressional defense
3 committees not later than March 31, 2006.

