

5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
TANNER OF TENNESSE, OR HIS DESIGNEE,  
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5122, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. TANNER OF TENNESSEE**

At the end of subtitle D of title V (page 131, after line 20), add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 534. REPORT ON USING SIX-MONTH DEPLOYMENTS**  
2 **FOR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND**  
3 **OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
5 gress that the Secretary of the Army should continue to  
6 further evaluate and consider—

7 (1) the potential benefits of converting to six-  
8 month overseas deployments for members of the  
9 Army, including members of the Army National  
10 Guard and the Army Reserve, in connection with  
11 Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi  
12 Freedom; and

13 (2) the potential impacts of such reduced de-  
14 ployment periods on morale, recruiting, retention,  
15 readiness, and the conduct of military operations.

16 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days  
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
18 of the Army shall submit to Congress a report  
19 containing—



1           (1) the results of any surveys conducted with  
2 soldiers and their dependents by the Department of  
3 the Army regarding the proposal to reduce deploy-  
4 ment times for members of the Army in connection  
5 with Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation  
6 Iraqi Freedom to a maximum of six months;

7           (2) potential plans for the Department to im-  
8 plement such reduced deployment times;

9           (3) a discussion of potential benefits associated  
10 with implementation of such reduced deployment  
11 times, such as improved members and family morale  
12 and increased recruiting and retention; and

13          (4) a discussion of potential drawbacks associ-  
14 ated with implementation of such reduced deploy-  
15 ment times, such as impacts on readiness, the con-  
16 duct of operations, and forecasted additional costs.

