

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2647, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of subtitle A of title VII (page 244, after line 8), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 708. SUICIDE AMONG MEMBERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL**
2 **READY RESERVE.**

3 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds that veterans who are
4 members of the Individual Ready Reserve (in this section
5 referred to as the “IRR”) and are not assigned to units
6 that muster regularly and have an established support
7 structure are less likely to be helped by existing suicide
8 prevention programs run by the Secretary of Defense and
9 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

10 (b) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall
11 ensure that all covered members receive a counseling call
12 from properly trained personnel not less than once every
13 90 days so long as the member remains a member of the
14 IRR.

15 (c) **PERSONNEL.**—In carrying out this section, the
16 Secretary shall ensure the following:

17 (1) Personnel conducting calls determine the
18 emotional, psychological, medical, and career needs
19 and concerns of the covered member.

1 (2) Any covered member identified as being at-
2 risk of self-caused harm is referred to the nearest
3 military medical treatment facility or accredited
4 TRICARE provider for immediate evaluation and
5 treatment by a qualified mental health care provider.

6 (3) If a covered member is identified under
7 paragraph (2), the Secretary shall confirm that the
8 member has received the evaluation and any nec-
9 essary treatment.

10 (d) REPORT.—Not later than January 31 of each
11 year, beginning in 2010, the Secretary shall submit to
12 Congress a report on the number of IRR members not
13 assigned to units who have been referred for counseling
14 or mental health treatment, as well as the health and ca-
15 reer status of such members.

16 (e) COVERED MEMBER DEFINED.—In this section, a
17 “covered member” is a member of the Individual Ready
18 Reserve who has completed at least one tour in either Iraq
19 or Afghanistan.

