

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2647, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. STUPAK OF MICHIGAN**

At the end of subtitle B of title VI (page 200, after line 14), add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 619. ONE-TIME BONUS FOR SERVICE IN COMBAT ZONE**  
2 **DESIGNATED FOR OPERATION IRAQI FREE-**  
3 **DOM OR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.**

4 (a) **MILITARY SERVICES.**—The Secretary of Defense  
5 shall pay a one-time bonus of \$1,500 to each member of  
6 the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, including  
7 reserve components thereof, who—

8 (1) except as provided in subsection (d), serves  
9 for not less than 90 days on or after October 7,  
10 2001, in a combat zone designated in connection  
11 with Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Endur-  
12 ing Freedom; and

13 (2) if discharged or released from such duty,  
14 has been discharged or released under conditions  
15 other than dishonorable.

16 (b) **COAST GUARD.**—The Secretary of Homeland Se-  
17 curity shall pay a one-time bonus of \$1,500 to each mem-  
18 ber of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve who—

1 (1) except as provided in subsection (d), serves  
2 for not less than 90 days on or after October 7,  
3 2001, in a combat zone designated in connection  
4 with Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Endur-  
5 ing Freedom; and

6 (2) if discharged or released from such duty,  
7 has been discharged or released under conditions  
8 other than dishonorable.

9 (c) MERCHANT MARINES.—The Secretary of Defense  
10 shall pay a one-time bonus of \$1,500 to each individual  
11 who—

12 (1) performs services for the Armed Forces as  
13 a crew member of a vessel that is under contract or  
14 charter to, or property of, the Federal Government;  
15 and

16 (2) except as provided in subsection (d), per-  
17 forms such services for not less than 90 days on or  
18 after October 7, 2001, in a combat zone designated  
19 in connection with Operation Iraqi Freedom or Op-  
20 eration Enduring Freedom.

21 (d) KILLED AND WOUNDED.—For the purposes of  
22 subsections (a)(1), (b)(1), and (c)(2), an individual who  
23 serves or performs services, as applicable, for less than  
24 90 days in a combat zone designated in connection with

1 Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom  
2 is eligible for the bonus if—

3 (1) the individual dies of injuries incurred in  
4 connection with such service; or

5 (2) the individual is evacuated from the theater  
6 of combat due to an injury incurred in connection  
7 with such service.

8 (e) TAX FREE STATUS.—For the purposes of the In-  
9 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, gross income does not in-  
10 clude a bonus paid under this section.

11 (f) PAYMENT OF BONUS.—The Secretary of Defense  
12 or Secretary of Homeland Security shall pay the bonus  
13 under this section not later than 60 days after the indi-  
14 vidual has become entitled to the bonus.

