

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2647, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WALZ OF MINNESOTA**

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

1 **SEC. 708. REPORT ON JOINT VIRTUAL LIFETIME ELEC-**
2 **TRONIC RECORD.**

3 Not later than December 31, 2009, the Secretary of
4 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs, shall submit to Congress a report on the progress
6 that has been made on the establishment, announced by
7 the President on April 9, 2009, of a Joint Virtual Lifetime
8 Electronic Record for members of the Armed Forces to
9 improve the quality of medical care and create a seamless
10 integration between the Department of Defense and the
11 Department of Veterans Affairs. The report shall—

12 (1) explain what steps compose the Secretaries'
13 plan to fully achieve the establishment of the seam-
14 less record system between the two departments;

15 (2) identify any unforeseen obstacles that have
16 arisen that may require legislative action; and

17 (3) explain how the plan relates to the mandate
18 in section 1635 of the National Defense Authoriza-
19 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181;

1 10 U.S.C. 1071 note) that the Secretary of Defense
2 and the Secretary of the Department of Veterans
3 Affairs jointly develop and implement, by September
4 30, 2009, electronic health record systems or capa-
5 bilities that allow for full interoperability of personal
6 health care information between the Department of
7 Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

