

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5136, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MRS. BACHMANN OF MINNESOTA**

At the end of subtitle E of title V, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . PROTECTION OF THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF**  
2 **MILITARY CHAPLAINS TO CLOSE A PRAYER**  
3 **OUTSIDE OF A RELIGIOUS SERVICE ACCORD-**  
4 **ING TO THE DICTATES OF THE CHAPLAIN'S**  
5 **CONSCIENCE.**

6 (a) UNITED STATES ARMY.—Section 3547 of title  
7 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following new subsection:

9 “(c) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
10 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close  
11 the prayer according to the dictates of the chaplain’s own  
12 conscience.”.

13 (b) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section  
14 4337 of such title is amended—

15 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17 section:

18 “(b) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
19 gious service, the Chaplain shall have the prerogative to

1 close the prayer according to the dictates of the Chaplain's  
2 conscience.”.

3 (c) UNITED STATES NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—  
4 Section 6031 of such title is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following new subsection:

6 “(d) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
7 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close  
8 the prayer according to the dictates of the chaplain's own  
9 conscience.”.

10 (d) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.—Section 8547 of  
11 such title is amended by adding at the end the following  
12 new subsection:

13 “(c) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
14 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close  
15 the prayer according to the dictates of the chaplain's own  
16 conscience.”.

17 (e) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section  
18 9337 of such title is amended—

19 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
21 section:

22 “(b) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
23 gious service, the Chaplain shall have the prerogative to

- 1 close the prayer according to the dictates of the Chaplain's
- 2 conscience.".

