

59. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
Holt OF New Jersey, OR HIS  
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**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.

