

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1401, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ORTIZ OF TEXAS

At the end of title XI (page 307, after line 13), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1104. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE**
2 **HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CER-**
3 **TAIN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOY-**
4 **EES.**

5 (a) **EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.**—Clauses (i) and (ii)
6 of section 8905a(d)(4)(B) of title 5, United States Code,
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 “(i) October 1, 2003; or

9 “(ii) February 1, 2004, if specific notice of such
10 separation was given to such individual before Octo-
11 ber 1, 2003.”.

12 (b) **OFFSET.**—Of the amount authorized to be appro-
13 priated in section 301(5) for Defense-wide activities—

14 (1) \$9,100,000 shall be available to continue
15 health insurance coverage pursuant to the authority
16 provided in section 8905a(d)(4)(B) of title 5, United
17 States Code (as amended by subsection (a)); and

18 (2) the amount available for the Defense Con-
19 tract Audit Agency shall be reduced by \$9,100,000.