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## Possible Amendments to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (H.R. 1268)

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The following amendments have been pre-printed in the Congressional Record, however under an open rule, amendments do not need to be pre-printed and may be offered at any time without prior notice.

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**1. Blumenauer:** Prohibits funds from being used for the torture of any person who is imprisoned, detained, or otherwise held in the custody of a department, agency, or official of the United States Government, or any contractor of any such department or agency.

**2. Blumenauer:** Prohibits funds from being used for: 1) the torture of any person who is imprisoned, detained, or otherwise held in the custody of a department, agency, or official of the United States Government, or any contractor of any such department or agency; or 2) the involuntary return of any person to a country in which there are substantial grounds for believing the person would be in danger of being subjected to torture, regardless of whether the person is physically present in the United States.

**3. Jackson-Lee:** Increases funds for Coast Guard Salaries and Expenses by \$40 million.  
*Should be subject to a point of order.*

**4. Lantos:** This amendment is the text of H.R. 838. Provides for an effective non-reduction in pay when a federal employee gets called up to military service, as follows. An employee who is also a member of a reserve component and is absent from a position of employment with the federal government under certain calls or orders to serve on active duty for a period of more than 30 days would be entitled to receive an amount equal to the difference (if any) between:

- the amount of civilian basic pay that would otherwise have been payable to the employee for such pay period if the employee's civilian employment with the government had not been interrupted by the service on active duty; and
- the amount of military compensation that is payable to the employee for the service on active duty and is allocable to such pay period.

Such wage differential payments would be treated as wages (not benefits) for the purposes of tax withholding, pension plan contributions, individual retirement accounts, and related federal tax laws. These payments would be designated as emergencies for the purposes of the Budget Act.

Creates a Ready Reserve-National Guard employee tax credit for any taxable year at an amount equal to the lesser of: 50% of the actual compensation amount paid with respect to such Ready Reserve-National Guard employee for such taxable year while the employee is duly absent from employment; or \$30,000. The tax credit would be partially refundable.

Also creates a tax credit for self-employed reservists for 50% of the salary they would have made, up to \$60,000. And creates a \$12,000 tax credit for small businesses for the costs associated with hiring and training a temporary replacement worker (when an employee is called up to active National Guard duty).

*Should be subject to a point of order.*

Other possible amendments:

**Feeney:** Strikes all of the U.N. Peacekeeping funds.

**Upton:** Strikes the funds to build a new U.S. Embassy compound in Baghdad.