

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5136, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. RAHALL OF WEST VIRGINIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . CHIEF OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.**

2 (a) **ROLE AS ADVOCATE AND LIAISON.**—Section
3 10502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as
5 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
7 lowing new subsection (d):

8 “(d) **ADVOCATE AND LIAISON FOR STATE NATIONAL**
9 **GUARDS.**—The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall
10 serve as an advocate and liaison for the National Guard
11 of each State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Dis-
12 trict of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and in-
13 form such National Guards of all actions that could affect
14 their Federal or State missions, including any equipment
15 level or force structure changes.”.

16 (b) **INCLUSION AS MEMBER OF JOINT CHIEFS OF**
17 **STAFF.**—Such section is further amended by inserting
18 after subsection (d), as added by subsection (a), the fol-
19 lowing new subsection:

1 “(e) MEMBER OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.—(1) The
2 Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall be a member
3 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under section 151 of this title.

4 “(2) As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the
5 Chief of the National Guard Bureau has the specific re-
6 sponsibility of advocating for the National Guards of the
7 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of
8 Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and coordinate
9 the efforts of the National Guard warfighting support and
10 force provider mission with the National Guard’s Home-
11 land Defense, Defense Support to Civil Authorities. and
12 State emergency response missions to ensure the National
13 Guard has the resources to perform its multiple missions.

14 “(3) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall
15 consult with the Governors and their Adjutant Generals
16 before any changes are made in National Guard force
17 structure or equipment levels (or both) to determine the
18 impact those changes may have on the National Guard’s
19 Homeland Defense, Defense Support to Civil Authorities,
20 and State emergency response missions.”.

