AMENDMENT OFFERED BY Mr. I add at the end the following:

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(A) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) members of the uniformed services should have a retirement system that is at least as generous as the one which is available to Federal civilian employees; and

7 (2) Federal civilian employees receive matching 8 contributions from their employing agencies for their 9 contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund, but the 10 costs of requiring such a matching contribution from 11 the Department of Defense could be significant.

12 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec14 retary of Defense shall report to Congress on—

(1) the cost to the Department of Defense ofproviding a matching payment with respect to con-

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tributions made to the Thrift Savings Fund by members of the armed forces;

3 (2) the effect that requiring such a matching
4 payment would have on recruitment and retention;
5 and

 (3) any other information that the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

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