

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA**

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 729. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON USE OF HYPERBARIC**
2 **OXYGEN THERAPY TO TREAT TRAUMATIC**
3 **BRAIN INJURY AND POST-TRAUMATIC**
4 **STRESS DISORDER.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic
7 stress disorder are the signature injuries of the wars
8 in Iraq and Afghanistan.

9 (2) Post-traumatic stress disorder is prevalent
10 throughout the regular component of the Armed
11 Forces.

12 (3) For example, with respect to Camp
13 Lejeune, North Carolina, which has a base popu-
14 lation of 41,753 active duty personnel, including
15 38,020 marines and 3,533 sailors—

16 (A) 6,616 patients with a principal diag-
17 nosis of post-traumatic stress disorder had at

1 least one visit for post-traumatic stress disorder
2 between February 2013 and April 2014; and

3 (B) the Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune,
4 which had a total of approximately 600,000
5 outpatient visits during 2013, recorded 15,043
6 outpatient visits for which post-traumatic stress
7 disorder was the primary reason for the visit
8 between February 2013 and April 2014.

9 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that—

11 (1) hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a medical
12 treatment that can be used to treat active duty
13 members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain
14 injury and post-traumatic stress disorder if—

15 (A) such treatment is prescribed by a mili-
16 tary medical doctor; and

17 (B) a hyperbaric chamber that is owned by
18 the Department of Defense and cleared for clin-
19 ical use is locally available; and

20 (2) the Secretary of Defense should increase
21 awareness among members of the Armed Forces, in-
22 cluding military medical doctors, of hyperbaric oxy-
23 gen therapy to treat traumatic brain injury and
24 post-traumatic stress disorder.

