

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. DUCKWORTH OF ILLINOIS**

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL LEAVE FOR MEM-**
2 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN CONNEC-**
3 **TION WITH THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.**

4 Section 701(j) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
7 paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

8 (2) by inserting after “(j)” the following new
9 paragraph (1):

10 “(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary
11 concerned, a member of the armed forces who gives birth
12 to a child shall receive 42 days of convalescent leave to
13 be used in connection with the birth of the child. At the
14 discretion of the member, the member shall be allowed up
15 to 42 additional days in a leave of absence status in con-
16 nection with the birth of the child upon the expiration of
17 the convalescent leave, except that—

18 “(A) a member who uses this additional leave
19 is not entitled to basic pay for any day on which

1 such additional leave is used, but shall be considered
2 to be on active duty for all other purposes; and

3 “(B) the commanding officer of the member
4 may recall the member to duty from such leave of
5 absence status when necessary to maintain unit
6 readiness.”; and

7 (3) in paragraph (3), as redesignated, by strik-
8 ing “paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1)
9 and (2)”.

