

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 4435  
OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS**

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

**1 SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . DEFERRED RETIREMENT OF CHAPLAINS.**

2 Section 1253 of title 10, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 section:

5 “(c) DEFERRED RETIREMENT OF CHAPLAINS.—(1)  
6 The Secretary of the military department concerned may,  
7 subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), defer the retirement  
8 under subsection (a) of an officer who is appointed or des-  
9 ignated as a chaplain if the Secretary determines that  
10 such deferral is in the best interest of the military depart-  
11 ment concerned.

12 “(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), a  
13 deferment under this subsection may not extend beyond  
14 the first day of the month following the month in which  
15 the officer becomes 68 years of age.

16 “(3) The Secretary of the military department con-  
17 cerned may extend a deferment under this subsection be-  
18 yond the day referred to in paragraph (2) if the Secretary

1 determines that extension of the deferment is necessary  
2 for the needs of the military department concerned. Such  
3 an extension shall be made on a case-by-case basis and  
4 shall be for such period as the Secretary considers appro-  
5 priate.”.

