

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK**

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

1 **SEC. 5___ . MILITARY HAZING PREVENTION OVERSIGHT**
2 **PANEL.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a panel
4 to be known as the Military Hazing Prevention Oversight
5 Panel (in this section referred to as the “Panel”).

6 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Panel shall be composed of
7 the following members:

8 (1) The Secretary of the Army or the Sec-
9 retary’s designee.

10 (2) The Secretary of the Navy or the Sec-
11 retary’s designee.

12 (3) The Secretary of the Air Force or the Sec-
13 retary’s designee.

14 (4) The Secretary of Homeland Security (with
15 respect to the Coast Guard) or the Secretary’s des-
16 ignee.

17 (5) Members appointed by the Secretary of De-
18 fense from among individuals who are not officers or

1 employees of any government and who have exper-
2 tise in advocating for—

3 (A) women;

4 (B) racial or ethnic minorities;

5 (C) religious minorities; or

6 (D) gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender
7 individuals.

8 (c) DUTIES.—The Panel shall—

9 (1) make recommendations to the Secretary
10 concerned (as defined in section 101(a)(9) of title
11 10, United States Code) on the development of the
12 policies, programs, and procedures to prevent and
13 respond to hazing in the Armed Forces; and

14 (2) monitor any policies, programs, and proce-
15 dures in place to prevent and respond to hazing in
16 the Armed Forces and make recommendations to the
17 Secretary concerned on ways to improve such poli-
18 cies, programs, and procedures.

19 (d) HAZING DESCRIBED.—For purposes of carrying
20 out its duties under this section, the Panel shall use the
21 definition of hazing contained in the August 28, 1997,
22 Secretary of Defense Policy Memorandum, which defined
23 hazing as any conduct whereby a member of the Armed
24 Forces, regardless of branch or rank, without proper au-
25 thority causes another member to suffer, or be exposed

1 to, any activity which is cruel, abusive, humiliating, op-
2 pressive, demeaning, or harmful. Soliciting or coercing an-
3 other person to perpetrate any such activity is also consid-
4 ered hazing. Hazing need not involve physical contact
5 among or between members of the Armed Forces. Hazing
6 can be verbal or psychological in nature. Actual or implied
7 consent to acts of hazing does not eliminate the culpability
8 of the perpetrator.

9 (e) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Panel shall
11 hold its initial meeting.

12 (f) MEETINGS.—The Panel shall meet not less than
13 annually.

