

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 1960
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of title XI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 1108. PROHIBITION ON INTERFERENCE WITH REPORT-**
2 **ING OF WASTE, FRAUD, ABUSE, OR CRIMINAL**
3 **BEHAVIOR.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
5 vision of law, any officer or employee of an element of
6 the Department of Defense that retaliates against an em-
7 ployee or contractor working for the Department of De-
8 fense or any of its elements who seeks to disclose or dis-
9 closes covered information to the relevant committee of ju-
10 risdiction or the Inspector General of the Department of
11 Defense or the Inspector General of any element or agency
12 of the Department of Defense to which such employee or
13 contractor is assigned shall be subject to administrative
14 sanctions up to and including termination.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) RELEVANT COMMITTEE OF JURISDIC-
17 TION.—The term “relevant committee of jurisdic-
18 tion” means the Committee on Armed Services of

1 the House of Representatives or the Committee on
2 Armed Services of the Senate.

3 (2) COVERED INFORMATION.—The term “cov-
4 ered information” means any information (including
5 classified or sensitive information) that an employee
6 or contractor reasonably believes is evidence of—

7 (A) a violation of any law, rule, or regula-
8 tion; or

9 (B) gross mismanagement, a gross waste
10 of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial
11 and specific danger to public health or safety.

