AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. ROE OF TENNESSEE

At the end of title VII, insert the following:

SEC. 7___. JOINT PANEL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FULLY-INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a joint panel to establish the criteria for the development of a fully-integrated electronic health records program eligible for an award and contract under this section to ensure that the program meets the requirements of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The members of the joint panel shall be—

(A) one physician from each of the military departments, to be appointed by the Secretary of the military department concerned;

1   (B) two physicians employed by the De-

2   partment of Veterans Affairs, to be appointed

3   by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and

4   (C) two representatives of the Veterans

5   Benefits Administration of the Department of

6   Veterans Affairs, to be appointed by the Sec-

7   retary of Veterans Affairs.

8   (2) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—Members

9   of the joint panel shall be appointed by not later

10 than 14 days after the date of the enactment of this

11 Act. Any member who is not appointed by such

12 deadline shall not be appointed to the panel.

13 (c) DEADLINE FOR CRITERIA.—The joint panel shall

14 establish criteria with sufficient specificity for develop-

15 ment, taking best practices of private and public electronic

16 health records under consideration. If the panel fails to

17 agree on such criteria or if an insufficient number of mem-

18 bers are appointed to the panel before the deadline under

19 paragraph (2)(B), the National Health Information Tech-

20 nology Coordinator shall determine such criteria, taking

21 best practices of private and public electronic health

22 record systems into consideration.

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