

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MS. TSONGAS OF MASSACHUSETTS**

At the end of title VIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 833. COMPLIANCE WITH DOMESTIC SOURCE REQUIRE-**  
2 **MENTS FOR FOOTWEAR FURNISHED TO EN-**  
3 **LISTED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**  
4 **UPON THEIR INITIAL ENTRY INTO THE**  
5 **ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 418 of title 37, United  
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing new subsection:

9 “(d)(1) In the case of athletic footwear needed by  
10 members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps  
11 upon their initial entry into the armed forces, the Sec-  
12 retary of Defense shall furnish such footwear directly to  
13 the members instead of providing a cash allowance to the  
14 members for the purchase of such footwear.

15 “(2) In procuring athletic footwear to comply with  
16 paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall comply with  
17 the requirements of section 2533a of title 10, without re-  
18 gard to the applicability of any simplified acquisition

1 threshold under chapter 137 of title 10 (or any other pro-  
2 vision of law).—

3 “(3) This subsection does not prohibit the provision  
4 of a cash allowance to a member described in paragraph  
5 (1) for the purchase of athletic footwear if such foot-  
6 wear—

7 “(A) is medically required to meet unique phys-  
8 iological needs of the member; and

9 “(B) cannot be met with athletic footwear that  
10 complies with the requirements of this subsection.”.

11 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The amendment made by sub-  
12 section (a) shall not take effect until the Secretary of De-  
13 fense certifies that there are at least two sources that can  
14 provide athletic footwear to the Department of Defense  
15 that is 100 percent compliant with section 2533a of title  
16 10, United States Code.

