AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960 OFFERED BY MR. FLEMING OF LOUISIANA

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

1	SEC. 5 EXPANSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTEC-
2	TION OF RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE OF MEM-
3	BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CHAP-
4	LAINS OF SUCH MEMBERS.
5	(a) Accommodation of Members' Beliefs, Ac-
6	TIONS, AND Speech.—Subsection (a)(1) of section 533
7	of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
8	2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 1727; 10 U.S.C.
9	prec. 1030 note) is amended—
10	(1) by striking "The Armed Forces shall ac-
11	commodate the beliefs" and inserting "Except in
12	cases of military necessity, the Armed Forces shall
13	accommodate the beliefs, actions, and speech"; and
14	(2) by inserting ", actions, or speech" after
15	"such beliefs".
16	(b) Narrow Exception.—Subsection (a)(2) of such
17	section is amended by striking "that threaten" and insert-
18	ing "that actually harm".

- 1 (c) Deadline for Regulations; Consulta-
- 2 TION.—The implementation regulations required by sub-
- 3 section (c) of such section shall be issued not later than
- 4 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. In
- 5 preparing such regulations, the Secretary of Defense shall
- 6 consult with the official military faith-group representa-
- 7 tives who endorse military chaplains.

