

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. LOWENTHAL OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 54, add after line 2 the following:

1 **SECTION 11. REVIEW OF WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 38, United
3 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 711 the
4 following new section:

5 **“§ 712. Review of whistleblower complaints**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—During each calendar quarter,
7 the Secretary shall review each covered whistleblower com-
8 plaint that is filed during the previous calendar quarter.

9 “(b) DELEGATION.—The Secretary may only dele-
10 gate the authority of the Secretary under subsection (a)
11 to review a covered whistleblower complaint, without fur-
12 ther delegation, to—

13 “(1) the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

14 “(2) the Under Secretary for Health;

15 “(3) the Under Secretary for Benefits;

16 “(4) the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs;

17 “(5) an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

18 “(6) a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Veterans

19 Affairs; or

1 “(7) a director of the Veterans Integrated Serv-
2 ice Network.

3 “(c) COVERED WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT DE-
4 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘covered whistleblower
5 complaint’ means any complaint filed with the Office of
6 the Special Counsel under subchapter II of chapter 12 of
7 title 5 with respect to a prohibited personnel practice com-
8 mitted by an officer or employee of the Department of
9 Veterans Affairs and described in section 2302(b)(8) or
10 2302(b)(9)(A)(i), (B), (C), or (D) of such title.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
12 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
13 after the item relating to section 711 the following new
14 item:

“712. Review of whistleblower complaints.”.

