

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500
OFFERED BY MR. BANKS OF INDIANA

At the appropriate place in title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . IMPROVEMENTS TO LEADERSHIP OF INTER-**
2 **AGENCY PROGRAM OFFICE OF THE DEPART-**
3 **MENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT**
4 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 Subsection (c) of section 1635 of the Wounded War-
6 rior Act (title XVI of Public Law 110–181; 10 U.S.C.
7 1071 note) is amended to read as follows:

8 “(c) LEADERSHIP.—

9 “(1) DIRECTOR.—The Director of the Office
10 shall be the head of the Office.

11 “(2) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—The Deputy Director
12 of the Office shall be the deputy head of the Office
13 and shall assist the Director in carrying out the du-
14 ties of the Director.

15 “(3) REPORTING.—The Director shall report to
16 the Department of Veterans Affairs-Department of
17 Defense Joint Executive Committee established by
18 section 320 of title 38, United States Code.

19 “(4) APPOINTMENTS.—

1 “(A) DIRECTOR.—The Director shall be
2 jointly appointed by the Secretary of Veterans
3 Affairs and the Secretary of Defense for a five-
4 year term. The Director may be reappointed for
5 one or more additional terms.

6 “(B) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—The Deputy
7 Director shall be jointly appointed by the Sec-
8 retary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of
9 Defense for a five-year term. The Deputy Di-
10 rector may be reappointed for one or more ad-
11 ditional terms.

12 “(C) ADVICE.—The Department of Vet-
13 erans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Ex-
14 ecutive Committee shall provide the Secretary
15 of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of De-
16 fense with advice regarding potential individuals
17 to be appointed Director and Deputy Director
18 under subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively.

19 “(D) MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS.—The
20 Department of Veterans Affairs-Department of
21 Defense Joint Executive Committee shall de-
22 velop qualification requirements for the office of
23 the Director and the Deputy Director. Such re-
24 quirements shall ensure that, at a minimum,

1 the Director and Deputy Director, individually
2 or together, meet the following qualifications:

3 “(i) Significant experience as a clini-
4 cian, at the level of chief medical officer or
5 equivalent.

6 “(ii) Significant experience in health
7 informatics, at the level of chief health
8 informatics officer or equivalent.

9 “(iii) Significant experience leading
10 implementation of enterprise-wide tech-
11 nology in a health care setting in the pub-
12 lic or private sector.

13 “(5) ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.—In addition to
14 providing direction, supervision, and control of the
15 Office pursuant to paragraph (3), the Department of
16 Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Exec-
17 utive Committee shall—

18 “(A) provide guidance in the discharge of
19 the functions of the Office under this section;
20 and

21 “(B) facilitate the establishment of a char-
22 ter and mission statement for the Office.

23 “(6) INFORMATION TO CONGRESS.—Upon re-
24 quest by any of the appropriate committees of Con-
25 gress, the Director and the Deputy Director shall

1 testify before such committee, or provide a briefing
2 or otherwise provide requested information to such
3 committee, regarding the discharge of the functions
4 of the Office under this section.”.

