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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5658, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. STUPAK OF MICHIGAN

Page 218, after line 9, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 621. ONE-TIME BONUS FOR SERVICE IN COMBAT ZONE**
2 **DESIGNATED FOR OPERATION IRAQI FREE-**
3 **DOM OR OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.**

4 (a) MILITARY SERVICES.—The Secretary of Defense
5 shall pay a one-time bonus of $1,500 to each member of
6 the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, including
7 reserve components thereof, who—

8 (1) except as provided in subsection (c), serves
9 for not less than 90 days on or after October 7,
10 2001 in a combat zone designated in connection with
11 Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring
12 Freedom; and

13 (2) if discharged or released from such duty,
14 has been discharged or released under conditions
15 other than dishonorable.

16 (b) COAST GUARD.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
17 curity shall pay a one-time bonus of $1,500 to each mem-
18 ber of the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve who—

1 (1) except as provided in subsection (c), serves
2 for not less than 90 days on or after October 7,
3 2001 in a combat zone designated in connection with
4 Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring
5 Freedom; and
6 (2) if discharged or released from such duty,
7 has been discharged or released under conditions
8 other than dishonorable.
9 (c) KILLED AND WOUNDED.—For the purposes of
10 subsections (a)(1) and (b)(1), a member of the Armed
11 Forces who serves less than 90 days in a combat zone
12 designated in connection with Operation Iraqi Freedom or
13 Operation Enduring Freedom is eligible for the bonus if—
14 (1) the member dies of injuries incurred in con-
15 nection with such service; or
16 (2) the member is evacuated from the theater
17 of combat due to an injury incurred in connection
18 with such service.
19 (d) TAX FREE STATUS.—For the purposes of the In-
20 ternal Revenue Code of 1986, gross income does not in-
21 clude a bonus made under this section.
22 (e) PAYMENT OF BONUS.—The Secretary of Defense
23 or Secretary of Homeland Security shall pay the bonus
24 under this section not later than 60 days after the member
25 of the Armed Forces has become entitled to it.

1 (f) FUNDING REDUCTION.—The total amount that
2 may be appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-
3 propriations in this Act may not exceed the sum of such
4 authorizations reduced by 0.5 percent.