

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2346 (SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2009)
OFFERED BY MR. BRALEY OF IOWA**

(Offered for himself, Mr. Walz of Minnesota, Mr. Oberstar of Minnesota, Mr. Paulsen of Minnesota, Mr. Ellison of Minnesota, Mr. Boswell of Iowa, Mr. Loebsack of Iowa, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. Latham of Iowa, Mr. Peterson of Minnesota, and Mr. Kline of Minnesota)

At the end of the general provisions for title I (relating to the Department of Defense), add the following new section:

1 SEC. 10021. (a) RETROACTIVE BENEFITS UNDER
2 POST-DEPLOYMENT/MOBILIZATION RESPITE ABSENCE
3 PROGRAM.—Amounts appropriated by this Act for mili-
4 tary personnel, Reserve personnel, and National Guard
5 personnel accounts of a military department shall be avail-
6 able to the Secretary of that military department to pro-
7 vide a member or former member of the Armed Forces
8 under the jurisdiction of that Secretary with the benefits
9 specified in subsection (b) if the member or former mem-
10 ber would have qualified, on any day during the period
11 beginning on January 19, 2007, and ending on the date
12 of the implementation of the Post-Deployment/Mobiliza-
13 tion Respite Absence program by that Secretary, for a day
14 of administrative absence under the Post-Deployment/Mo-

1 bilization Respite Absence program had the program been
2 operational during such period.

3 (b) NATURE OF BENEFITS.—The benefits to be pro-
4 vided under subsection (a) are either of the following:

5 (1) In the case of an individual who is a former
6 member of the Armed Forces at the time of the pro-
7 vision of the benefits, payment of an amount not to
8 exceed \$200 for each day the individual would have
9 qualified for a day of administrative absence as de-
10 scribed in subsection (a) during the period specified
11 in that subsection.

12 (2) In the case of an individual who is still a
13 member of the Armed Forces at the time of the pro-
14 vision of benefits, either one day of administrative
15 absence or payment of an amount not to exceed
16 \$200, as selected by the Secretary concerned, for
17 each day the individual would have qualified for a
18 day of administrative absence as described in sub-
19 section (a) during the period specified in that sub-
20 section.

21 (c) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS.—
22 A former member of the Armed Forces is not eligible
23 under this section for the benefits specified in subsection
24 (b)(1) if the former member was discharged or released

1 from the Armed Forces under other than honorable condi-
2 tions.

3 (d) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER PAY AND
4 LEAVE.—The benefits provided a member or former mem-
5 ber of the Armed Forces under this section are in addition
6 to any other pay, absence, or leave provided by law.

