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H. R. 3562

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2000

Mr. MURTHA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CALCULATION OF BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR**
2 **HOUSING FOR INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO
4 PRESCRIBE.—Paragraph (2) of section 403(b) of title 37,
5 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe the
7 monthly amount of the basic allowance for housing for a
8 member of a uniformed service who is entitled to the allow-
9 ance in a military housing area in the United States at
10 a rate based upon the costs of adequate housing in the
11 area determined under paragraph (1)”.

12 (b) MINIMUM ANNUAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR
13 HOUSING ALLOWANCES.—Paragraph (3) of such section
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 “(3) The total amount paid for a fiscal year for the
16 basic allowance for housing under this subsection shall be
17 not less than the product of—

18 “(A) the total amount authorized to be paid for
19 such allowance for the preceding fiscal year (as ad-
20 justed under paragraph (5)); and

21 “(B) a fraction—

22 “(i) the numerator of which is the index of
23 the national average monthly cost of housing
24 for the preceding fiscal year; and

1 “(ii) the denominator of which is the index
2 of the national average monthly cost of housing
3 for the second preceding fiscal year.”.

4 (c) BASIS FOR REDUCTION IN MEMBER’S ALLOW-
5 ANCE.—Paragraph (6) of such section is amended by
6 striking “, changes in the national average monthly cost
7 of housing,”.

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