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H. R. 3208

To ensure that the travel and transportation allowances provided in connection with rest and recuperative leave granted to a member of the Armed Forces serving in Iraq or Afghanistan cover travel to and from the permanent duty station or home of record of the member, not simply to and from a port of entry in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

Mr. HENSARLING (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PORTER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VITTER, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama) 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. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES**
2 **PROVIDED FOR REST AND RECUPERATIVE**
3 **LEAVE IN CONNECTION WITH SERVICE IN OP-**
4 **ERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION**
5 **ENDURING FREEDOM.**

6 (a) **EXPANSION OF TRAVEL COVERED BY ALLOW-**
7 **ANCE.**—In the case of a member of the Armed Forces
8 serving outside of the United States in Operation Iraqi
9 Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom who is granted
10 rest and recuperative leave, and provided the travel and
11 transportation allowances authorized by section 411c(a) of
12 title 37, United States Code, in connection with that leave,
13 the Secretary of Defense shall pay the member for trans-
14 portation or provide transportation for the member, not
15 only between the overseas duty location and the locations
16 specified in paragraph (1) or (2) of such section, but, at
17 the request of the member, between the locations specified
18 in such paragraphs and the permanent duty station or
19 home of record of the member.

20 (b) **RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.**—In the case of a
21 member of the Armed Forces described in subsection (a)
22 who received travel and transportation allowances under
23 section 411c of title 37, United States Code, during the
24 period beginning on September 20, 2003, and ending on
25 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
26 Defense shall reimburse the member for any transpor-

1 tation costs incurred by the member before that date to
2 procure transportation between the designated port of
3 entry in the United States or the designated overseas loca-
4 tion under such section and the permanent duty station
5 or home of record of the member.

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