

**SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY FOR
THE AMENDMENT**

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At the end of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5___ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SECTION 504**
2 **OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, ON EX-**
3 **ISTING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
4 **DEFENSE TO ENLIST INDIVIDUALS, NOT OTH-**
5 **ERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR ENLISTMENT, WHOSE**
6 **ENLISTMENT IS VITAL TO THE NATIONAL IN-**
7 **TEREST.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that a statute currently
9 exists, specifically paragraph (2) of section 504(b) of title
10 10, United States Code, which states that “the Secretary
11 concerned may authorize the enlistment of a person not
12 described in paragraph (1) [of that section] if the Sec-
13 retary determines that such enlistment is vital to the na-
14 tional interest”.

