

Mr. Speaker:

I ask unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 2844 pursuant to House Resolution 602:

- the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment; and
- the amendment I have placed at the desk be in order in lieu of the amendment printed in part B of House Report 108-466 and numbered 3.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2844, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SKELTON OF MISSOURI, MR.
BLUNT OF MISSOURI, OR MRS. MALONEY OF
NEW YORK**

In section 26(b) of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as proposed to be added by the bill, add at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(5) PROTECTING ABILITY OF ABSENT MILI-
2 TARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN
3 SPECIAL ELECTIONS.—

4 “(A) DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF AB-
5 SENTEE BALLOTS.—In conducting a special
6 election held under this subsection to fill a va-
7 cancy in its representation, the State shall en-
8 sure to the greatest extent practicable (includ-
9 ing through the use of electronic means) that
10 absentee ballots for the election are transmitted
11 to absent uniformed services voters and over-
12 seas voters (as such terms are defined in the
13 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Vot-
14 ing Act) not later than 15 days after the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives an-
16 nounces that the vacancy exists.



1 “(B) PERIOD FOR BALLOT TRANSIT
2 TIME.—Notwithstanding the deadlines referred
3 to in paragraphs (2) and (3), in the case of an
4 individual who is an absent uniformed services
5 voter or an overseas voter (as such terms are
6 defined in the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
7 Absentee Voting Act), a State shall accept and
8 process any otherwise valid ballot or other elec-
9 tion material from the voter so long as the bal-
10 lot or other material is received by the appro-
11 priate State election official not later than 45
12 days after the State transmits the ballot or
13 other material to the voter.”.

