

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3416

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2013

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. OLSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO**
2 **CERTAIN MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVICE**
3 **OATHS.**

4 (a) OATH OF OFFICE.—Section 3331 of title 5,
5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
6 following new sentence: “The text of the oath required by
7 this section may not be changed except by Act of Con-
8 gress.”.

9 (b) ENLISTMENT OATH.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 502 of title 10,
11 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
12 end the following new subsection:

13 “(c) TEXT OF OATH.—The text of the oath required
14 by this section may not be changed except by Act of Con-
15 gress.”.

16 (2) NATIONAL GUARD.—Section 304 of title 32,
17 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
18 end the following new sentence: “The text of the
19 oath required by this section may not be changed ex-
20 cept by Act of Congress.”.

21 (c) MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY OATHS.—

22 (1) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Sec-
23 tion 4346(d) of title 10, United States Code, is
24 amended by adding at the end the following new
25 sentence: “The text of the oath required by this sub-
26 section, and the text of any honor oath required of

1 a cadet, may not be changed except by Act of Con-
2 gress.”.

3 (2) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section
4 6958(d) of such title is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new sentence: “On and after Janu-
6 ary 1, 2014, the Secretary may not change the text
7 of the oath required by this subsection, and the text
8 of any honor oath required of a midshipman, with-
9 out specific authorization in an Act of Congress.”.

10 (3) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—
11 Section 9346(d) of such title is amended by adding
12 at the end the following new sentence: “On and after
13 January 1, 2014, the Secretary may not change the
14 text of the oath required by this subsection, and the
15 text of any honor oath required of a cadet, without
16 specific authorization in an Act of Congress.”.

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