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Purpose: To protect the religious freedom of military chaplains during non-military services.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. VITTER

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- 1 At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following:
- 2 **SEC. 514. PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS OF MILI-**
- 3 **TARY CHAPLAINS DURING NON-MILITARY**
- 4 **SERVICES.**
- 5 (a) ARMY CHAPLAINS.—Section 3547 of title 10,
- 6 United States Code, is amended—
- 7 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
- 8 section (c); and
- 9 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
- 10 lowing new subsection (b):

1 “(b) A chaplain may close a prayer lead by the chap-
2 lain outside of a religious service in accordance with the
3 traditions, expressions, and religious exercises of the
4 group for whom the prayer is lead.”.

5 (b) NAVY CHAPLAINS.—Section 6031 of such title is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(d) A chaplain may close a prayer lead by the chap-
9 lain outside of devine service in accordance with the tradi-
10 tions, expressions, and religious exercises of the group for
11 whom the prayer is lead.”.

12 (c) AIR FORCE CHAPLAINS.—Section 8547 of such
13 title is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
15 section (c); and

16 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
17 lowing new subsection (b):

18 “(b) A chaplain may close a prayer lead by the chap-
19 lain outside of a religious service in accordance with the
20 traditions, expressions, and religious exercises of the
21 group for whom the prayer is lead.”.