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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"
to H.P. 901, L.D. 1180, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to
Voting by Citizens Overseas."

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of the
2nd paragraph after the title and inserting in its
place the following:

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'Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all
of paragraph A and inserting in its place the follow-
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A. At least 90 days prior to the election to
which they pertain, the Secretary of State shall
furnish each municipality with a reasonable
number of blank absentee ballots for the exclu-
sive use of members of the Armed Forces. These
ballots shall be similar to regular ballots,
except that no candidate names may be printed.
The Secretary of State shall prepare a ballot
listing all offices to be selected with spaces
after each office for the names of candidates for
that office and for writing in the name and
municipality of residence of any person whose
name is not on the ballot when it is received by
the voter. The Secretary of State shall place a
voting box to the left of each space. The fol-
lowing instructions must be printed in bold type
at the top of the ballot: "YOU MAY VOTE FOR A
PERSON BY PLACING A MARK IN THE SQUARE AT THE
LEFT OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR WHOM YOU WISH TO VOTE
OR BY PLACING THAT PERSON'S NAME AND MUNICIPALITY
OF RESIDENCE IN THE BLANK SPACE UNDER THE PROPER
OFFICE AND MARKING THE SQUARE AT THE LEFT."

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Further amend the bill in section 5 in that part
designated "§1306." by striking out all of the last 2

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L.D. 1180

1 underlined sentences (page 3, lines 7 to 13 in L.D.)
2 and inserting in their place the following: 'The
3 applicant for the absentee ballot may request the
4 regular absentee ballot specified in section 1252,
5 subsection 1, or the special ballot specified in
6 section 1252, subsection 1, paragraph A. When a spe-
7 cial ballot is requested, the clerk shall type in the
8 spaces after each office the names of all individuals
9 who have qualified as candidates for that office as
10 of that time, their party designation, if any, and
11 municipality of residence. The clerk shall promptly
12 fill requests for absentee ballots made under this
13 section.'

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 The purpose of this amendment is to require that
16 when a special blank ballot is requested, the munici-
17 pal clerk types in the names of the candidates for
18 each office who have qualified as of that time.

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