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# H. R. 535

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Mr. CARSON of Indiana (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. BLUMENAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Families Fi-  
5 nancial Preparedness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MATTERS COVERED BY PRESEPARATION COUN-**  
2 **SELING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
3 **FORCES AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

4 Section 1142(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “job place-  
7 ment counseling for the spouse” and inserting “in-  
8 clusion of the spouse when counseling regarding the  
9 matters covered by paragraphs (9), (10), and (16)  
10 is provided, job placement counseling for the spouse,  
11 and the provision of information on survivor benefits  
12 available under the laws administered by the Sec-  
13 retary of Defense or the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
14 fairs”;

15 (2) in paragraph (9), by inserting before the pe-  
16 riod the following: “, including information on budg-  
17 eting, saving, credit, loans, and taxes”;

18 (3) in paragraph (10), by striking “and employ-  
19 ment” and inserting “, employment, and financial”;

20 (4) by striking paragraph (16) and inserting  
21 the following new paragraph:

22 “(16) Information on home loan services and  
23 housing assistance benefits available under the laws  
24 administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
25 and counseling on responsible borrowing practices.”;  
26 and

1           (5) in paragraph (17), by inserting before the  
2           period the following: “, and information regarding  
3           the means by which the member can receive addi-  
4           tional counseling regarding the member’s actual en-  
5           titlement to such benefits and apply for such bene-  
6           fits”.

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