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Military chaplains

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 590) that would amend sections 3547, 4337, 6031, 8547, and 9337 of title 10, United States Code, to prescribe that military chaplains shall have the prerogative to pray according to the dictates of their conscience, except as must be limited by military necessity, with any such limitation being imposed in the least restrictive manner feasible.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.
The House recesses.

The conferees direct that the Secretary of the Air Force rescind the policy and revised interim guidelines concerning the exercise of religion in the Air Force issued on February 9, 2006, and direct that the Secretary of the Air Force reinstate the policy that was set forth in Air Force Directive 52-1 dated 1 July 1999. The conferees further direct that the Secretary of the Navy rescind Secretary of the Navy Instruction 1730.7C dated February 21, 2006, titled "Religious Ministry within the Department of the Navy" and direct that the Secretary of the Navy reinstate the policy that was set forth in Secretary of the Navy Instruction 1730.7B dated October 12, 2000.