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## Possible Amendment to the FY2005 Military Construction Appropriations Act (H.R. 4837)

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The following is a potential amendment. Under the open rule (H.Res. 732), new amendments may be offered without notice (although the rule does give priority to those amendments that were pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*). Under the rules of the House, the bill will be read for amendment by paragraph. If your boss is considering offering an amendment, please forward the **text** and talking points to: [paul.teller@mail.house.gov](mailto:paul.teller@mail.house.gov).

### **Amendment Pre-Filed in the *Congressional Record*:**

**Farr #1:** Provides that, when the Secretary of the Army determines that all or any portion of Fort Hunter Liggett, California (comprising about 165,000 acres) is no longer necessary for the Army, the Secretary of Agriculture would have the right of first refusal to negotiate with the Army and to accept (without reimbursement) said lands for incorporation into the National Forest System (in the Los Padres National Forest). The Secretary of the Army would have to perform all environmental response and restoration actions necessary to protect human health and the environment, consistent with the use of the transferred lands for National Forest System purposes.

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