

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**54****OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY**

Add at the end of subtitle F of title X of division
A the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . GAO REVIEW AND REPORT ON BIOLOGICAL**
2 **WEAPONS EXPERIMENTS ON AND IN RELA-**
3 **TION TO TICKS, TICK-BORNE DISEASE.**

4 (a) **REVIEW.**—The Comptroller General of the United
5 States shall conduct a review of research conducted during
6 the period beginning on January 1, 1945, and ending on
7 December 31, 1970, by the Department of Defense, in-
8 cluding by the Department of Defense in consultation with
9 the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agri-
10 culture, or any other Federal agency on—

11 (1) the use of ticks as hosts or delivery mecha-
12 nisms for biological warfare agents, including experi-
13 ments involving Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales;
14 and

15 (2) any efforts to improve the effectiveness and
16 viability of Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales as bio-
17 logical weapons through combination with other dis-
18 eases or viruses.

1 (b) LOCATION OF RESEARCH.—In conducting the re-
2 view under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall
3 review research conducted at facilities located inside
4 United States and facilities located outside the United
5 States, including laboratories and field work locations.

6 (c) REVIEW OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—In con-
7 ducting the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller
8 General shall review any relevant classified information.

9 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
11 shall submit to Congress a report, which shall be sub-
12 mitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified
13 annex, that includes the following:

14 (1) the scope of any research described in sub-
15 section (a); and

16 (2) whether any ticks used in such research
17 were released outside of any facility (including any
18 ticks that were released unintentionally); and

19 (3) whether any records related to such re-
20 search were destroyed, and whether such destruction
21 was intentional or unintentional.



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2 visa processing steps completed with re-
3 spect to such individuals.

4 (B) Steps taken to implement each element
5 of the strategy described in paragraph (1).

6 **SEC. 6493. REVIEW AND REPORT OF EXPERIMENTATION**
7 **WITH TICKS AND INSECTS.**

8 (a) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the United
9 States shall conduct a review of whether the Department
10 of Defense experimented with ticks, other insects, airborne
11 releases of tick-borne bacteria, viruses, pathogens, or any
12 other tick-borne agents regarding use as a biological weap-
13 on between the years of 1950 and 1977.

14 (b) REPORT.—If the Comptroller General of the
15 United States finds that any experiment described under
16 subsection (a) occurred, the Comptroller General shall
17 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House
18 of Representatives and the Senate a report on—

- 19 (1) the scope of such experiment; and
20 (2) whether any ticks, insects, or other vector-
21 borne agents used in such experiment were released
22 outside of any laboratory by accident or experiment
23 design.