

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5620
OFFERED BY MR. LANCE OF NEW JERSEY

Page 54, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 11. ANNUAL REPORT ON PERFORMANCE OF RE-**
2 **GIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 Section 7734 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in the first sentence, by inserting before the
7 period the following: “and on the performance of
8 any regional office that fails to meet its administra-
9 tive goals”;

10 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “and”;

11 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
12 graph (4); and

13 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph (3):

15 “(3) in the case of any regional office that, for
16 the year covered by the report, did not meet the ad-
17 ministrative goal of no claim pending for more than
18 125 days and an accuracy rating of 98 percent—

19 “(A) a signed statement prepared by the
20 individual serving as director of the regional of-

1 fice as of the date of the submittal of the report
2 containing—

3 “(i) an explanation for why the re-
4 gional office did not meet the goal;

5 “(ii) a description of the additional re-
6 sources needed to enable the regional office
7 to reach the goal; and

8 “(iii) a description of any additional
9 actions planned for the subsequent year
10 that are proposed to enable the regional of-
11 fice to meet the goal; and

12 “(B) a statement prepared by the Under
13 Secretary for Benefits explaining how the fail-
14 ure of the regional office to meet the goal af-
15 fected the performance evaluation of the direc-
16 tor of the regional office; and”.

