

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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OFFERED BY MS. BUSH OF MISSOURI

At the end of title V, add the following:

1 **SEC. 507. STUDY ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF WASTE RELATED**
2 **TO MANHATTAN PROJECT ON CERTAIN VET-**
3 **ERANS.**

4 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
5 conduct a study on the health trends of veterans who,
6 while serving in the active military, naval, air, or space
7 service—

8 (1) participated in activities relating to the
9 Manhattan Project (including activities relating to
10 covered waste) in connection with such service; or

11 (2) resided at or near, as determined by the
12 Secretary, the locations described in subsection (b).

13 (b) COVERED LOCATIONS.—The locations described
14 in this subsection are the following locations in the county
15 of St. Louis, Missouri:

16 (1) Coldwater Creek.

17 (2) The St. Louis Airport Site.

18 (3) The West Lake Landfill.

1 (4) Any other location in the county of St.
2 Louis, Missouri that is proximate to covered waste,
3 as determined by the Secretary.

4 (c) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
5 shall assess, with respect to each veteran included in the
6 study, the following:

7 (1) The age, gender, and race of the veteran.

8 (2) The period and location of exposure to cov-
9 ered waste.

10 (3) Any type of cancer, or other illness associ-
11 ated with toxic exposure, that the veteran has.

12 (4) A comparison of the overall health condition
13 of the veteran, including any illness of the veteran
14 identified pursuant to paragraph (3), with the over-
15 all health condition of past and present civilian pop-
16 ulations residing at the same location of exposure.

17 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
19 to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of
20 Representatives and the Senate a report on the study
21 under subsection (a).

22 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “covered waste” means any waste
24 arising from activities carried out in connection with
25 the Manhattan Project.

1 (2) The term “illness” has the meaning given
2 that term in section 1171 of title 38, United States
3 Code, as added by section 202.

4 (3) The term “toxic exposure” has the meaning
5 given that term in section 101 of such title, as
6 added by section 102(b).

