

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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**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.

