

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8469, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SUBRAMANYAM OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of the bill (before the short title) insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE CONNECTION FOR**
2 **CERTAIN DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH EXPO-**
3 **SURE TO CERTAIN TOXINS AT THE PEN-**
4 **TAGON RESERVATION DURING CERTAIN PE-**
5 **RIOD BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.**

6 Subchapter II of chapter 11 of title 38, United States
7 Code is amended by adding at the end the following new
8 section (and conforming the table of sections at the begin-
9 ning of such chapter accordingly):

10 **“§ 1120A. Presumption of service connection for cer-**
11 **tain diseases associated with exposure to**
12 **toxins at Pentagon Reservation during**
13 **certain period beginning on September**
14 **11, 2001**

15 “(a) PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE CONNECTION.—For
16 the purposes of section 1110 of this title, and subject to
17 section 1113 of this title, a disease specified in subsection
18 (b) becoming manifest in a covered veteran shall be con-
19 sidered to have been incurred in or aggravated during ac-

1 tive military, naval, air, or space service, notwithstanding
2 that there is no record of evidence of such disease during
3 the period of such service.

4 “(b) DISEASES SPECIFIED.—The diseases specified
5 in this subsection are the following:

6 “(1) Asthma.

7 “(2) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

8 “(3) Emphysema.

9 “(4) Tracheomalacia.

10 “(5) Cancer of any type.

11 “(6) A cardiovascular disease of any type.

12 “(7) A skin disease of any type.

13 “(8) A respiratory disease of any type.

14 “(9) Any other illness or condition for which
15 the Secretary determines, pursuant to regulations
16 prescribed under subchapter VII that a presumption
17 of service connection is warranted based on a posi-
18 tive association with a substance, chemical, or air-
19 borne hazard identified in the list under section
20 1119(b)(2) of this title.

21 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) The term ‘covered veteran’ means any vet-
23 eran who, during the period beginning on September
24 11, 2001, and ending on November 19, 2001, per-
25 formed active military, naval, air, or space service

1 while assigned to a duty station at the Pentagon
2 Reservation.

3 “(2) The term ‘Pentagon Reservation’ has the
4 meaning given such term in section 2674 of title
5 10.”.

