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H. R. 528

[Report No. 112-23]

To require the submission of a report to the Congress on parasitic disease among poor Americans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 8, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

March 2, 2011

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Neglected Infections of Impoverished Americans Act of 2011'.

SEC. 2. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PARASITIC DISEASES THAT HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED AMONG THE POOREST AMERICANS.

(a) In General- Not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall report to the Congress on the epidemiology of, impact of, and appropriate funding required to address neglected diseases of poverty, including neglected parasitic diseases such as--

(1) Chagas disease;

(2) cysticercosis;

- (3) toxocariasis;
 - (4) toxoplasmosis;
 - (5) trichomoniasis;
 - (6) the soil-transmitted helminths; and
 - (7) other related parasitic diseases, as designated by the Secretary.
- (b) Required Information- The report under subsection (a) should provide the information necessary to guide future health policy to--
- (1) accurately evaluate the current state of knowledge concerning diseases described in such subsection and define gaps in such knowledge; and
 - (2) address the threat of such diseases.

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