

13 . AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY  
REPRESENTATIVE MCDERMOTT OF  
WASHINGTON, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO  
BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5122, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. McDERMOTT OF WASHINGTON  
AND MR. SHAYS OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of subtitle B of title VII (page 268, after line 9), add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 716. STUDY OF HEALTH EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO**  
2 **DEPLETED URANIUM.**

3 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense, in consulta-  
4 tion with the Secretary for Veterans Affairs and the Sec-  
5 retary of Health and Human Services, shall conduct a  
6 comprehensive study of the health effects of exposure to  
7 depleted uranium munitions on uranium-exposed soldiers  
8 and on children of uranium-exposed soldiers who were  
9 born after the exposure of the uranium-exposed soldiers  
10 to depleted uranium.

11 (b) **URANIUM-EXPOSED SOLDIERS.**—In this section,  
12 the term “uranium-exposed soldiers” means a member or  
13 former member of the Armed Forces who handled, came  
14 in contact with, or had the likelihood of contact with de-  
15 pleted uranium munitions while on active duty, including  
16 members and former members who—

17 (1) were exposed to smoke from fires resulting  
18 from the burning of vehicles containing depleted ura-

- 1       nium munitions or fires at depots at which depleted  
2       uranium munitions were stored;
- 3           (2) worked within environments containing de-  
4       pleted uranium dust or residues from depleted ura-  
5       nium munitions;
- 6           (3) were within a structure or vehicle while it  
7       was struck by a depleted uranium munition;
- 8           (4) climbed on or entered equipment or struc-  
9       tures struck by a depleted uranium munition; or
- 10          (5) were medical personnel who provided initial  
11       treatment to members of the Armed Forces de-  
12       scribed in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4).