

43. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
Schiff OF California, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 5 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5658, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SCHIFF OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 438, after line 6, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 1048. STUDY ON METHODS TO VERIFIABLY REDUCE**
2 **THE LIKELIHOOD OF ACCIDENTAL NUCLEAR**
3 **LAUNCH.**

4 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense
5 shall carry out a study to evaluate procedural and physical
6 options for introducing into the nuclear weapons launch
7 procedures of the United States, Russia, China, and any
8 other strategically appropriate nations determined by the
9 Secretary, a time-delay before a launch command can be
10 executed that would be transparent to and verifiable by
11 the other nations. The options studied shall encompass a
12 wide range of possible time-delays and shall include, for
13 each option, an analysis of—

14 (1) the increased time, over current procedures,
15 before a launch command can be executed;

16 (2) the strategic risk to United States national
17 security, including the survivability of the United
18 States arsenal under a range of verification failures;

1 (3) the range of possible inspection regimes, in-
2 cluding the degree of verifiability that each would af-
3 ford; and

4 (4) the availability of parallel options in the
5 other nations included in such study.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
8 the congressional defense committees a report on the re-
9 sults of the study. If a report under this subsection is sub-
10 mitted in classified form, the Secretary shall concurrently
11 submit to the congressional defense committees an unclas-
12 sified version of such report.

