

140. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH
OF WASHINGTON OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF WASHINGTON**

Page 345, after line 8, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 731. REPORT ON RESEARCH AND TREATMENT OF**
2 **POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The high-incidence rate of neurological
5 trauma in members of the Armed Forces needs to
6 be addressed.

7 (2) Critical research using neuroimaging that is
8 concentrated on post-traumatic stress disorder offers
9 great hope in identifying conditions allowing for a
10 separate and distinct classification of post-traumatic
11 stress disorder.

12 (3) The Telemedicine and Advanced Technology
13 Research Center within the Army Medical Research
14 and Materiel Command has engaged the National
15 Resources for Neuroscience and Neuroimaging to
16 develop collaborative and inter-agency research link-
17 ing the Department of Defense and the Department
18 of Veterans Affairs with appropriate and established
19 university-affiliated partnerships.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
3 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
4 port assessing the benefits of neuroimaging research in an
5 effort to identify and increase the diagnostic properties of
6 post-traumatic stress disorder.

