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H. R. 2897

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. RUSH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Neglected Infections
5 of Impoverished Americans Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF**
2 **PARASITIC DISEASES THAT HAVE BEEN**
3 **OVERLOOKED AMONG THE POOREST AMERI-**
4 **CANS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
7 Health and Human Services shall report to the Congress
8 on the epidemiology of, impact of, and appropriate funding
9 required to address neglected diseases of poverty, includ-
10 ing neglected parasitic diseases such as—

- 11 (1) Chagas disease;
- 12 (2) cysticercosis;
- 13 (3) toxocariasis;
- 14 (4) toxoplasmosis;
- 15 (5) trichomoniasis;
- 16 (6) the soil-transmitted helminths; and
- 17 (7) other related parasitic diseases, as des-
18 ignated by the Secretary.

19 (b) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—The report under
20 subsection (a) should provide the information necessary to
21 guide future health policy to—

- 22 (1) accurately evaluate the current state of
23 knowledge concerning diseases described in such
24 subsection and define gaps in such knowledge; and
- 25 (2) address the threat of such diseases.