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H. R. 3651

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a feasibility study on renovating or replacing the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center with a new or updated facility.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 11, 2017

Mrs. RADEWAGEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

1 **SECTION 1. GAO FEASIBILITY STUDY ON RENOVATING OR**
2 **REPLACING THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON TROP-**
3 **ICAL MEDICAL CENTER WITH A NEW OR UP-**
4 **DATED FACILITY.**

5 (a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United
6 States, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
8 shall conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of, and
9 costs to the Federal Government and local government as-
10 sociated with, renovating or replacing the Lyndon B.
11 Johnson Tropical Medical Center with a new or updated
12 facility.

13 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than six months after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
15 shall submit to Congress a report containing the findings
16 of the study conducted under subsection (a). Such report
17 shall include the following:

18 (1) The cost to equip the facility with every-
19 thing necessary to meet relevant care standards re-
20 quired by the Department of Veterans Affairs, De-
21 partment of Defense, and Department of Health and
22 Human Services.

23 (2) The cost of renovations as compared to the
24 cost of an entire replacement of the facility.

1 (3) The cost of expansions and renovations nec-
2 essary to meet the healthcare demands of the terri-
3 tory.

4 (4) The feasibility of making the center a teach-
5 ing hospital.

6 (5) The ability to include a research center at
7 the facility for studying tropical diseases.

8 (6) How improvements to the facility compare
9 to the long term cost of off-island care.

10 (7) The feasibility and cost of a program that
11 would help pay for medical students to perform their
12 residency at the facility.

13 (8) The suitability of the location for a new fa-
14 cility.

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