

**AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT**  
**OFFERED BY MR. TIM MURPHY**

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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . STUDY OF NOSOCOMIAL INFECTIONS RELAT-**  
2 **ING TO MEDICAL DEVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
4 United States shall conduct a study on—

5 (1) the number of nosocomial infections attrib-  
6 utable to new and reused medical devices; and

7 (2) the causes of such nosocomial infections, in-  
8 cluding the following:

9 (A) Reprocessed single use devices.

10 (B) Handling of sterilized medical devices.

11 (C) In-hospital sterilization of medical de-  
12 vices.

13 (D) Health care professionals' practices for  
14 patient examination and treatment.

15 (E) Hospital-based policies and procedures  
16 for infection control and prevention.

17 (F) Hospital-based practices for handling  
18 of medical waste.

19 (G) Other causes.

1           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall  
3 complete the study under subsection (a) and submit to the  
4 Congress a report on the results of such study.

5           (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term  
6 “nosocomial infection” means an infection that is acquired  
7 while an individual is a patient at a hospital and was nei-  
8 ther present nor incubating in the patient prior to receiv-  
9 ing services in the hospital.