

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. Shaheen to the amendment (No. 1463) proposed by Mr. MCCAIN.

In the appropriate place please insert the following:

SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that –

- (1) the accidental transfer of live *Bacillus anthracis*, also known as anthrax, from an Army laboratory to more than 28 laboratories located in at least 12 states and three countries discovered in May 2015 represents a serious safety lapse;
- (2) the Department of Defense, in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, should continue to investigate the cause of this lapse and determine if protective protocols should be strengthened;
- (3) the Department of Defense should reassess standards on a regular basis to ensure they are current and effective to prevent a reoccurrence; and
- (4) the Department of Defense should keep Congress apprised of the investigation, any potential public health or safety risk, remedial actions taken and plans to regularly reassess standards.

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