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2D SESSION

H. R. 3051

To amend title 18, United States Code, to further restrict certain activities relating to biological weapons, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 1996

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. KASICH, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Biological Weapons
5 Enhanced Penalties Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. ATTEMPTS TO ACQUIRE UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.**

7 Section 175(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by inserting “attempts to acquire under false
9 pretenses,” after “acquires,”.

1 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF RECOMBINANT MOLECULES.**

2 Section 175 of title 18, United States Code, is
3 amended by inserting “recombinant molecules,” after
4 “toxin,” each place it appears.

5 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

6 Section 178 of title 18, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or naturally
9 occurring or bioengineered component of any such
10 microorganism, virus, or infectious substance,” after
11 “infectious substance”;

12 (2) in paragraph (2)—

13 (A) by inserting “the toxic material of
14 plants, animals, microorganisms, viruses, fungi,
15 or infectious substances” after “means”; and

16 (B) by inserting “, and includes” after
17 “production”;

18 (3) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or a mol-
19 ecule, including a recombinant molecule,” after “or-
20 ganism”.

21 **SEC. 5. THREATENING USE OF CERTAIN WEAPONS.**

22 Section 2332a of title 18, United States Code, is
23 amended by inserting “, threatens,” after “uses, or”.

1 **SEC. 6. INCLUSION OF RECOMBINANT MOLECULES AND BI-**
2 **OLOGICAL ORGANISMS IN DEFINITION.**

3 Section 2332a(b)(2)(C) of title 18, United States
4 Code, is amended by striking “disease organism” and in-
5 serting “biological agent or toxin, as those terms are de-
6 fined in section 178”.

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