

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5658, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. SCHIFF OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 438, after line 6, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 1048. STUDY ON METHODS TO VERIFIABLY REDUCE**  
2 **THE LIKELIHOOD OF ACCIDENTAL NUCLEAR**  
3 **LAUNCH.**

4 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense  
5 shall carry out a study to evaluate procedural and physical  
6 options for introducing into the nuclear weapons launch  
7 procedures of the United States, Russia, China, and any  
8 other strategically appropriate nations determined by the  
9 Secretary, a time-delay before a launch command can be  
10 executed that would be transparent to and verifiable by  
11 the other nations. The options studied shall encompass a  
12 wide range of possible time-delays and shall include, for  
13 each option, an analysis of—

14 (1) the increased time, over current procedures,  
15 before a launch command can be executed;

16 (2) the strategic risk to United States national  
17 security, including the survivability of the United  
18 States arsenal under a range of verification failures;

1           (3) the range of possible inspection regimes, in-  
2           cluding the degree of verifiability that each would af-  
3           ford; and

4           (4) the availability of parallel options in the  
5           other nations included in such study.

6           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date  
7 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to  
8 the congressional defense committees a report on the re-  
9 sults of the study. If a report under this subsection is sub-  
10 mitted in classified form, the Secretary shall concurrently  
11 submit to the congressional defense committees an unclas-  
12 sified version of such report.

