

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4200, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MEEK OF FLORIDA**

At the end of title IX (page 348, after the matter following line 21), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9\_\_\_.** **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE GUIDANCE ON IDENTI-**  
2 **FICATION AND INTERNAL TRANSMISSION OF**  
3 **CRITICAL INFORMATION.**

4 (a) **DEFENSE GUIDANCE.**—The Secretary of Defense  
5 shall establish criteria for determining the types of critical  
6 information required to be made known expeditiously to  
7 senior decision makers in the Department of Defense. The  
8 types of information specified should be matters of ex-  
9 traordinary significance and potential strategic impact  
10 and should be immediately necessary to facilitate timely  
11 information management in the high-level, decision-mak-  
12 ing process affecting successful mission accomplishment.  
13 The Secretary may from time to time modify the list to  
14 suit the current strategic situation, as necessary. The Sec-  
15 retary should provide to the Secretaries of the military de-  
16 partments, the commanders of deployed forces, and other  
17 elements of the Department of Defense guidance for the  
18 purposes of identifying those critical information require-  
19 ments.



1 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The guidance  
2 under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, require-  
3 ment for identification of the following:

4 (1) Any incident that may require a military  
5 contingency based on the incident's nature, gravity,  
6 or potential for significant adverse consequences to  
7 United States citizens, military personnel, or assets,  
8 including an incident that provides opportunities for  
9 significant adverse publicity of a nature that could  
10 have a strategic impact.

11 (2) Any event, development, or situation that  
12 can be reasonably assumed to escalate into a signifi-  
13 cant adverse incident described in paragraph (1).

14 (3) Any deficiency or error in policy, standards,  
15 or training that can be reasonably assumed to foster  
16 significant adverse incidents described in paragraph  
17 (1).

18 (c) POLICY FOR TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION TO  
19 OSD.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a policy  
20 for the transmission from any element of the Department  
21 of Defense as expeditiously as possible to the Secretary  
22 of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of any report,  
23 assessment, or evaluation commissioned from any level  
24 within the Department of Defense that results in the iden-  
25 tification of any of the items on the list required by sub-



1 section (a). As part of that policy, the Secretary should  
2 establish a timetable for transmission of any such report,  
3 assessment, or evaluation to the responsible major com-  
4 mand upon receipt of the final document by the commis-  
5 sioning authority.

6 (d) TIME FOR ISSUANCE OF GUIDANCE.—The Sec-  
7 retary of Defense shall establish the list required by sub-  
8 section (a) and issue the guidance required by that sub-  
9 section not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
10 ment of this Act.

