

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 1987

Mr. BURTON of Indiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To require each State to ensure that individuals residing in the State are tested annually for the purpose of determining whether such individuals are infected with the etiologic agent for acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

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. FINDING.**

4 The Congress finds that there is a national emergency
5 as a result of the substantial incidence in the United States of
6 individuals infected with the virus causing acquired immune
7 deficiency syndrome.

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**CONGRESSMAN BURTON ANNOUNCES LEGISLATION
TO REQUIRE MANDATORY AIDS TESTING**

WASHINGTON, DC-- CONGRESSMAN DAN BURTON (R-IN-6), APPEARING IN A NEWS CONFERENCE WITH DR. VERNON MARK OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND A.D.J. ROBERTSON, PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH TESTING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF LEXINGTON, GEORGIA, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE IS INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE ANNUAL MANDATORY TESTING FOR ALL U.S. RESIDENTS FOR THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) VIRUS. THE STATES, WHO WILL REPORT THE RESULTS TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA, WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTRUCTING THOSE INFECTED WITH THE AIDS VIRUS HOW TO AVOID SPREADING THE DISEASE.

ALTHOUGH THE RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL TESTS ARE TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, THE RESULTS WILL ALLOW THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY TO ACQUIRE IMPORTANT DATA CONCERNING THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE. IT WILL ALSO ALLOW THOSE WHO HAVE BECOME INFECTED BUT WERE NOT AWARE OF IT TO RESTRUCTURE THEIR SOCIAL HABITS.



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Margie,
Dan wanted
you to see his
bill.

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