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H. R. 2577

To require the Comptroller General to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on price controls of foreign governments on pharmaceuticals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. STUDY AND REPORT ON FOREIGN PRICE CON-**
4 **TROLS ON PHARMACEUTICALS.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General shall conduct
6 a study on—

7 (1) the impact of price controls of foreign gov-
8 ernments on pharmaceuticals, including the impact

1 of such price controls on full market access for
2 United States pharmaceuticals and on increased
3 prices for pharmaceuticals generally for United
4 States consumers; and

5 (2) the extent to which negotiations conducted
6 by the United States Trade Representative under
7 the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of
8 2002 (title XXI of division B of the Trade Act of
9 2002) facilitate the elimination of such price con-
10 trols of foreign governments on pharmaceuticals.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, and every 5 years thereafter,
13 the Comptroller General shall prepare and submit to Con-
14 gress a report that contains the results of the study con-
15 ducted under subsection (a) for the preceding 1- or 5-year
16 period (as the case may be).

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