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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2003

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “Investment in America  
5       Act of 2003”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds as follows:

1           (1) Research and development performed in the  
2           United States results in quality jobs, better and  
3           safer products, increased ownership of technology-  
4           based intellectual property, and higher productivity  
5           in the United States.

6           (2) The extent to which companies perform and  
7           increase research and development activities in the  
8           United States is in part dependent on Federal tax  
9           policy.

10          (3) The Congress should make permanent a re-  
11          search and development credit that provides a mean-  
12          ingful incentive to all types of taxpayers.

13 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF RESEARCH**  
14 **CREDIT.**

15          (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 41 of the Internal Rev-  
16          enue Code of 1986 (relating to credit for increasing re-  
17          search activities) is amended by striking subsection (h).

18          (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Paragraph (1) of  
19          section 45C(b) of such Code is amended by striking sub-  
20          paragraph (D).

21          (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
22          this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred after  
23          the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. INCREASE IN RATES OF ALTERNATIVE INCRE-**  
2 **MENTAL CREDIT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section  
4 41(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating  
5 to election of alternative incremental credit) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “2.65 percent” and inserting “3  
7 percent”,

8 (2) by striking “3.2 percent” and inserting “4  
9 percent”, and

10 (3) by striking “3.75 percent” and inserting “5  
11 percent”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
13 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act.

15 **SEC. 5. ALTERNATIVE SIMPLIFIED CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED**  
16 **RESEARCH EXPENSES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 41 of the  
18 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to base amount)  
19 is amended by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as  
20 paragraphs (6) and (7), respectively, and by inserting  
21 after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

22 “(5) ELECTION OF ALTERNATIVE SIMPLIFIED  
23 CREDIT.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—At the election of the  
25 taxpayer, the credit determined under sub-  
26 section (a)(1) shall be equal to 12 percent of so

1 much of the qualified research expenses for the  
2 taxable year as exceeds 50 percent of the aver-  
3 age qualified research expenses for the 3 tax-  
4 able years preceding the taxable year for which  
5 the credit is being determined.

6 “(B) SPECIAL RULE IN CASE OF NO  
7 QUALIFIED RESEARCH EXPENSES IN ANY OF 3  
8 PRECEDING TAXABLE YEARS.—

9 “(i) TAXPAYERS TO WHICH SUBPARA-  
10 GRAPH APPLIES.—The credit under this  
11 paragraph shall be determined under this  
12 subparagraph if the taxpayer has no quali-  
13 fied research expenses in any one of the 3  
14 taxable years preceding the taxable year  
15 for which the credit is being determined.

16 “(ii) CREDIT RATE.—The credit de-  
17 termined under this subparagraph shall be  
18 equal to 6 percent of the qualified research  
19 expenses for the taxable year.

20 “(C) ELECTION.—An election under this  
21 paragraph shall apply to the taxable year for  
22 which made and all succeeding taxable years  
23 unless revoked with the consent of the Sec-  
24 retary. An election under this paragraph may

1 not be made for any taxable year to which an  
2 election under paragraph (4) applies.”.

3 (b) COORDINATION WITH ELECTION OF ALTER-  
4 NATIVE INCREMENTAL CREDIT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 41(c)(4)(B) of such  
6 Code (relating to election) is amended by adding at  
7 the end the following: “An election under this para-  
8 graph may not be made for any taxable year to  
9 which an election under paragraph (5) applies.”.

10 (2) TRANSITION RULE.—In the case of an elec-  
11 tion under section 41(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue  
12 Code of 1986 which applies to the taxable year  
13 which includes the date of the enactment of this Act,  
14 such election shall be treated as revoked with the  
15 consent of the Secretary of the Treasury if the tax-  
16 payer makes an election under section 41(c)(5) of  
17 such Code (as added by subsection (a)) for such  
18 year.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
20 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the  
21 date of the enactment of this Act.

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