

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5122**  
**OFFERED BY MS. MCKINNEY OF GEORGIA**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE USE OF TAMIFLU**  
2 **TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ASIAN BIRD**  
3 **FLU.**

4 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Asian Bird Flu virus has been shown  
6 to be zoonotic to some degree, causing a small num-  
7 ber of human fatalities and illness from direct con-  
8 tact with infected birds and fowl but has shown no  
9 sign of human to human transmission to date.

10 (2) Recent scientific tests conducted in Israel  
11 and England have proven the efficacy of Sambucol,  
12 a natural extract of Black Elderberry plants in kill-  
13 ing at least 99 percent of the Asian Bird Flu virus  
14 in the blood of birds, pigs, and humans.

15 (3) Other simple dietary and hygiene methods  
16 can prevent the passage of the virus from birds to  
17 humans.

1           (4) The best scientific research and observation  
2 shows that the threat of a human pandemic from  
3 the Asian Bird Flu virus is exaggerated.

4           (5) Recent use of the drug Tamiflu in South-  
5 east Asia and elsewhere has shown it to be ineffec-  
6 tive against the virus and to have severe side-effects,  
7 including hallucinations and some fatalities.

8           (6) The Defense Supply Center of the Depart-  
9 ment of Defense in Philadelphia and other Federal  
10 agencies have been stockpiling Tamiflu.

11          (7) The profits from that stockpiling for mil-  
12 lions of people here and abroad have accrued to  
13 Roche Laboratories and Gilead Science, a company  
14 that financially benefits Secretary of Defense Donald  
15 Rumsfeld.

16          (8) Natural methods that are simpler than  
17 Tamiflu are effective in preventing the effects and  
18 spread of Asian Bird Flu to human and other bird  
19 and animal populations.

20          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
21 gress that no funds should be appropriated to the Depart-  
22 ment of Defense for the purchase or stockpiling of Tamiflu  
23 or any related product.