

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3269**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GARRETT OF NEW JERSEY**

Page 14, after line 6, insert the following:

1       (e) GAO STUDY.—

2           (1) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the fol-  
3       lowing:

4           (A) Over the last two years, several finan-  
5       cial institutions have failed and investors have  
6       been defrauded, at least in part due to regu-  
7       latory failure.

8           (B) In the cases where regulatory failures  
9       have occurred at appropriate Federal regu-  
10      lators, taxpayers have an inherent interest in  
11      these regulators, especially when taxpayers are  
12      called upon to provide funding for failed finan-  
13      cial institutions.

14          (2) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Comptroller Gen-  
15      eral of the United States shall carry out a study to  
16      determine—

17           (A) whether the current performance  
18      measurements for the appropriate Federal regu-  
19      lators provide incentives for the employees of  
20      such regulators to carry out their duties in the

1           most efficient and appropriate manner in re-  
2           gards to protecting investors and taxpayers;  
3           and

4           (B) whether current law makes it inordi-  
5           nately difficult to terminate employees of the  
6           appropriate Federal regulators that have failed  
7           to protect investors and taxpayers.

8           (3) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the 2-  
9           year period beginning on the date of the enactment  
10          of this Act, the Comptroller General shall issue a re-  
11          port to the Congress containing the results of the  
12          study required under paragraph (2).

