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H. R. 2873

To amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the collection and use by the Department of Defense of individual genetic identifying information for the purpose of identification of remains, other than when the consent of the individual concerned is obtained.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 1996

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

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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. LIMITATION ON USE OF GENETIC INFORMA-**
4 **TION BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 49 of title 10, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing new section:

1 **“§ 983. Use of genetic identifying information: limita-**
2 **tion**

3 “(a) LIMITATION.—In any case in which the Sec-
4 retary of Defense obtains from any person blood samples
5 or other organic matter of that person that could be used
6 to obtain genetic information concerning that person, such
7 genetic information may be derived from such organic
8 matter, or used, without the consent of that person only
9 for the purpose of identification of remains.

10 “(b) NOTICE.—Whenever a Department of Defense
11 health care professional obtains a blood sample or other
12 organic matter from a person, the person shall be provided
13 notice of the provisions of subsection (a).”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
16 at the end the following new item:

“983. Use of genetic identifying information: limitation.”.

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