

107TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 3961

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2002

Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, and Mr. ANDREWS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Rape Kit DNA Anal-  
5 ysis Backlog Elimination Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Every 2 minutes, somewhere in America,  
9 someone is sexually assaulted.

1           (2) The Department of Justice reports that in  
2 the year 2000, there were an estimated 261,000  
3 rapes and sexual assaults.

4           (3) The annual National Crime Victimization  
5 study consistently finds that only about one-third of  
6 rapes in the United States are reported.

7           (4) According to the Bureau of Justice Statis-  
8 tics of the Department of Justice, in the year 2000,  
9 34 percent of female victims of rape or sexual as-  
10 sault reported that the offender was a stranger.

11           (5) According to the Department of Justice,  
12 DNA evidence is often recovered from crime scenes  
13 and can be crucial to the investigation of sexual as-  
14 saults and other violent crimes.

15           (6) According to the Department of Justice, the  
16 importance of the role forensic DNA evidence plays  
17 in solving sexual assault and homicide cases cannot  
18 be overstated.

19           (7) A DNA profile from a crime scene can be  
20 entered into the Combined DNA Index System of  
21 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (known as  
22 CODIS), which allows agencies to match DNA pro-  
23 files with other profiles entered into local, State, and  
24 national databases to identify a suspect or link serial  
25 crimes.



1 samples from rape kits, and to ensure that DNA  
2 analyses of samples from rape kits are timely carried  
3 out in the future”.

4 (2) Subsection (j)(2) is amended—

5 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
6 “\$25,000,000” and inserting “\$150,000,000,”;  
7 and

8 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
9 “\$25,000,000” and inserting “\$100,000,000,”.

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