

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
**TO H.R. 2499**  
**OFFERED BY Mr . Keller**

Strike the text of the amendment and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. GAO REPORT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after  
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
4 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on  
5 Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and  
6 the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-  
7 sions of the Senate a report on the health care benefits  
8 and treatment under chapter 81 of title 5, United States  
9 Code (known as the “Federal Employees’ Compensation  
10 Act”) provided to Federal firefighters with the following  
11 conditions:

- 12 (1) Bladder cancer.
- 13 (2) Brain cancer.
- 14 (3) Breast cancer.
- 15 (4) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- 16 (5) Colorectal cancer.
- 17 (6) Esophageal cancer.
- 18 (7) Kidney cancer.

1 (8) Leukemias.

2 (9) Lung cancer.

3 (10) Mesothelioma.

4 (11) Multiple myeloma.

5 (12) Non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

6 (13) Prostate cancer.

7 (14) Skin cancer (melanoma).

8 (15) A sudden cardiac event or stroke while, or  
9 not later than 24 hours after, engaging in activities  
10 related to the employee's occupation.

11 (16) Testicular cancer.

12 (17) Thyroid cancer.

13 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-  
14 section (a) shall include—

15 (1) a description of any known barriers to the  
16 delivery of health care to Federal firefighters under  
17 chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code (known as  
18 the “Federal Employees’ Compensation Act”) and  
19 the degree to which such delivery impacts the ability  
20 of firefighters with legitimate medical needs, includ-  
21 ing firefighters in rural areas, to access treatment  
22 for diseases described in subsection (a);

23 (2) an evaluation of the claims under such Act  
24 for firefighters and survivors claims who have sub-  
25 mitted a claim for benefits under such Act and have

1       been approved, denied, or are waiting for a final de-  
2       termination, including—

3               (A) the percentages of claims approved;  
4               and

5               (B) the average amount of time it takes  
6       for a claim to be resolved; and

7       (3) a description of the standard that the De-  
8       partment of Labor is using to determine this causa-  
9       tion with respect to such claims, including informa-  
10      tion on how the Department created such standard  
11      and the frequency with which the Department regu-  
12      larly updates the standard to take into account the  
13      latest scientific research, if at all.

Add at the end the following:

Amend the title to read as follows: “To direct the  
Comptroller General to prepare a report on health care  
benefits and treatment for Federal firefighters with cer-  
tain health conditions.”

