

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 5

Expressing the sense of the Congress that any Federal agency that utilizes the Draize rabbit eye irritancy test should develop and validate alternative ophthalmic testing procedures that do not require the use of animal test subjects.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. JACOBS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Draize rabbit eye irritancy test has long been used by various Federal agencies for predicting human ophthalmic response to pesticides and toxic chemicals, household cleaning solvents, some medicinal products, and other hazardous substances;

Whereas the Draize test causes significant pain to the albino rabbit which is used in each irritancy test; and

Whereas the reliability of the Draize test has been called into question: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the  
3 Department of Health and Human Services, the  
4 Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Environmental  
5 Protection Agency, and any other department, agency,  
6 or instrumentality of the United States that utilizes the  
7 Draize rabbit eye irritancy test, should develop and vali-  
8 date alternative ophthalmic testing procedures that do not  
9 require the use of animal test subjects.

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