



**House Report 110-231 - DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2008**

*Tinnitus* - The Committee recognizes that tinnitus, characterized by loud ringing in the ears, can be a severely debilitating medical condition. While tinnitus disproportionately impacts military personnel exposed to explosive devices or loud noise, it also affects people of all ages, including children and the elderly. In 2005, the NIDCD held a workshop to explore areas of needed research for the treatment and cure of tinnitus. The Committee encourages NIDCD to follow up on the workshop's recommendations, including increasing collaboration between NIH, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to support a multi-disciplinary research approach that promotes accurate diagnosis and treatment to cure tinnitus.

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*Tinnitus* - The Committee recommends that the NIDCD expand its research into causal mechanisms underlying peripheral and central tinnitus and pursue research to develop therapies for treatment. In 2005, the NIDCD held a workshop to explore areas of needed research for the treatment and cure of tinnitus. The Committee urges the Institute to devote additional resources to follow up on the workshop's recommendations, including increasing collaboration with the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration to support a multi-disciplinary research approach that promotes accurate diagnosis and treatment to cure tinnitus.