AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 2892
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF MISSOURI

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the "Weather Alert Re-
3 sponse and Notification Act" or the "WARN Act".

4 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL**
5 **ALERTING SYSTEMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
7 United States shall conduct a study on the effectiveness
8 of local, State, and Federal emergency alerting systems
9 in disseminating timely and relevant information during
10 weather-related emergencies to help communities develop
11 better policies and procedures for emergency response and
12 enhance public safety in the event of a weather-related
13 emergency.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
15 section (a), the Comptroller General shall—

16 (1) evaluate the efficacy of various alert medi-
17 ums, including platforms such as social media, to
18 disseminate emergency alerts, including travel bans

1 and mass power outages, during extreme weather
2 events;

3   (2) assess the extent that guidance and training
4 exists for developing alert content, such as ensuring
5 alerts are clear, relevant, and provide the public with
6 actionable information; and

7   (3) determine whether improvements could be
8 made to public alerting based on input from a se-
9 lected sample of emergency managers, local officials,
10 and community groups.

11 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
13 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
14 frastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security of
15 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
16 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
17 ate a report on the study conducted under subsection (a).

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to direct the
Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a
study on the effectiveness of emergency alerting systems,
and for other purposes.".

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