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 REPRESENTATIVE JOHN SCULLY SPEAKS IN SUPPORT OF CLARENCE
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Research done ethically

controversial experiments, cosmetic testing

wounds and surgery without proper anesthesia. If the committee finds that such an experiment is occurring, it is suspended. I myself have halted experiments that I believed to have strayed from the guidelines. Most investigators must also have a Ph.D., M.D., or postdoctoral degree before they can use the facility," Zook said.

He said GW does not conduct commercial product testing, such as the effects of cosmetics or household cleaners on animals. The facility is testing the effects of new drugs, such as AIDS vaccines and medical devices, Zook said. Last year's approved proposals at GW used 5,331 mice, 3,456 rats, 712 hamsters, 132 dogs, 131 gerbils, 54 rabbits, 38 pigs and 20 guinea pigs, he said, adding GW does not perform experiments on non-human primates like monkeys or apes.

Most of these animals were humanely euthanized at the termination of their experiments, after which an autopsy was usually performed in order to extract tissue and blood samples, Zook said.

Expenses involved in the research are billed to the investigators, he said. According to Zook, expenses include costs for the animal, animal care, technicians' wages, food, medicine, and cages.

All animals are ordered through the Animal Research Facility, which only buys from USDA licensed vendors. Zook said. Most investigators are given grants — the majority of which come from different government agencies, he added.

National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine literature says, "Methods to combat infectious diseases have not been the only dividends of animal research. Surgical procedures, pain relievers, psychoactive drugs, medications for blood pressure, insulin, pacemakers, nutrition supplements, organ transplants, treatments for shock trauma and blood diseases — all have been developed and tested in animals before being used in humans."

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