

HR 2051

To authorize the National Science Foundation to establish regional centers for the purpose of plant genome and gene expression research and development and international research partnerships for the advancement of plant biotechnology in the developing world.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Nick [R-MI-7]

Party: Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bono, Mary [R-CA-44]	R · CA		Feb 14, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 15, 2002
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported by	Dec 12, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 4664	Related bill	Dec 19, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-368.

Requires the Director of the National Science Foundation to award grants to consortia of institutions of higher education or nonprofit organizations with experience in plant biotechnology research (or both) to establish regional plant genome and gene expression research centers. Authorizes the Director to establish matching fund requirements. Includes among authorized center activities: (1) basic plant genomics research and genomics applications; (2) basic research that will contribute to the development or use of innovative plant-derived products; (3) basic research on alternative uses for plants and plant materials; and (4) basic research and dissemination of information on the ecological and other consequences of genetically engineered plants.

Requires the Director to: (1) award grants to such institutions, organizations, or consortia to establish research partnerships for supporting the development of plant biotechnology targeted to the needs of the developing world; and (2) encourage inclusion of historically black colleges or universities, hispanic-serving institutions, or tribal colleges or universities in consortia that enter into such partnerships. Requires institutions, organizations, or consortia, to be eligible to receive a grant, to enter into a partnership with at least one research institution in at least one developing nation. Permits such a partnership to include for-profit companies involved in plant biotechnology. Includes among authorized activities: (1) basic genomic research on crops grown in the developing world; (2) basic research in plant biotechnology that will advance and expedite the development of improved cultivars; (3) basic research that could lead to the development of technologies to produce pharmaceutical compounds such as vaccines and medications in plants that can be grown in the developing world; and (4) research on the impact of plant biotechnology on the social, political, economic, and environmental conditions in developing countries.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2002:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **May 14, 2002:** Mr. Smith (MI) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 14, 2002:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2399-2404)
- **May 14, 2002:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2051.
- **May 14, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2399)
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- **May 14, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 14, 2002:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 30, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science. H. Rept. 107-422.
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- **Apr 30, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 252.
- **Mar 20, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 20, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 12, 2001:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Dec 12, 2001:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 25, 2001:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 15, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research.
- **Jun 5, 2001:** Introduced in House
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