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Rapid Pathogen Identification to Delivery of Cures Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 2, 2004
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2004
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	May 4, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 4, 2004)

Rapid Pathogen Identification to Delivery of Cures Act - Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretaries of Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, and Defense to submit a report setting forth a strategy to reduce the time frame from the identification of a pathogen to the development and emergency approval of a safe and effective countermeasure, which should include: (1) technical impediments to reducing this time frame; (2) research, development, and technology needs to address these impediments; (3) existing efforts to address such needs; (4) a proposal to establish a coordinated and integrated Federal program to address such needs; and (5) potential liability concerns stemming from distribution of rapidly developed priority countermeasures.

Allows the Secretary of Homeland Security to contract with any firm or institution to conduct research and analysis needed for this report.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a system to rapidly: (1) establish clinical research programs to examine the safety and efficacy of treatments for novel, unknown, or bioengineered pathogens; and (2) disseminate results and recommendations to clinicians. Authorizes establishment of a fund to support such clinical research.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to add the Secretary of Homeland Security to the working group on bioterrorism and to require the working group to assist in developing such a strategy.

Requires the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Defense, and Homeland Security to conduct programs to develop the capability to rapidly identify, develop, produce, and approve countermeasures.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 29, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7831-7832)
- **Jul 14, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5732)
- **Jun 2, 2004:** Executive Comment Requested from DOD.
- **Jun 2, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities.
- **May 21, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 4, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **May 4, 2004:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Homeland Security (Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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