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Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education, and Research Act of 2009

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1179	Related bill	Feb 26, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Prevention, Education, and Research Act of 2009 - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish the Tick-Borne Diseases Advisory Committee. Requires the Committee to advise the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Health regarding how officials can: (1) ensure interagency coordination and communication and minimize overlap regarding efforts to address tick-borne diseases; (2) identify opportunities to coordinate efforts with other federal agencies and private organizations addressing such diseases; (3) ensure interagency coordination and communication with constituency groups; (4) ensure that a broad spectrum of scientific viewpoints are represented in public health policy decisions and that information disseminated to the public and physicians is balanced; and (5) advise relevant federal agencies on priorities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

Requires the Secretary, acting through the appropriate federal officials, to provide for the coordination of all federal programs and activities related to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases and the conduct or support of specified activities, including: (1) developing sensitive and accurate diagnostic tools and tests, (2) improving the efficient utilization of diagnostic testing currently available; (3) surveillance and reporting of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases to accurately determine the prevalence of such diseases and to evaluate the feasibility of creating a national uniform reporting system; (4) providing and promoting access to a clearinghouse of information on such diseases; (5) increasing public education related to such diseases; (6) creating a physician education program; (7) establishing epidemiological research objectives to determine the long term course of illness for Lyme disease; and (8) determining the effectiveness of different treatment modalities by establishing treatment outcome objectives

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 25, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 25, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7076-7077)
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