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# H. R. 916

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Mr. STEARNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, 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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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Human Cloning Re-  
5 search Prohibition Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL**  
2 **FUNDS FOR RESEARCH ON CLONING HU-**  
3 **MANS.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds made available  
5 in any Federal law may be obligated or expended to con-  
6 duct or support any project of research that includes the  
7 use of human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology to  
8 produce an oocyte that is undergoing cell division toward  
9 development of a fetus.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

11 (1) the term “human somatic cell nuclear trans-  
12 fer” means transferring the nucleus of a human so-  
13 matic cell into an oocyte from which the nucleus has  
14 been removed or rendered inert; and

15 (2) the term “somatic cell” means a cell of an  
16 embryo, fetus, child, or adult which is not and will  
17 not become a sperm or egg cell.

18 **SEC. 3. REVIEW.**

19 The Director of the National Science Foundation  
20 shall enter into an agreement with the National Research  
21 Council for a review of the implementation of this Act.  
22 Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment  
23 of this Act, the Director shall transmit to the Congress  
24 a report containing the results of that review, including  
25 the conclusions of the National Research Council on—

1           (1) the impact that the implementation of this  
2       Act has had on research; and

3           (2) recommendations for any appropriate  
4       changes to this Act.

5       **SEC. 4. PROTECTED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.**

6       Nothing in this Act shall restrict other areas of sci-  
7       entific research not specifically prohibited by this Act, in-  
8       cluding important and promising work that involves—

9           (1) the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer or  
10       other cloning technologies to clone molecules, DNA,  
11       cells other than human embryo cells, or tissues; or

12           (2) the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer  
13       techniques to create animals other than humans.

14       **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL**  
15                               **PROHIBITION.**

16       It is the sense of the Congress that each foreign coun-  
17       try should establish a prohibition substantially equivalent  
18       to the prohibition established in section 2(a).

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