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# S. RES. 266

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to polio.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 13 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 12), 2003

Mr. FEINGOLD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

NOVEMBER 20, 2003

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to polio.

Whereas polio has caused millions of casualties through history, paralyzing millions and killing untold numbers of others;

Whereas polio remains a public health threat in today's world, despite being easily preventable by vaccination;

Whereas polio is now limited to 10 countries, with the distinct possibility that it can be once and forever extinguished as an affliction on mankind by ensuring the vaccination of all children in these countries under the age of 5;

Whereas a Global Polio Eradication Initiative exists that seeks to once and forever end polio as an illness, which

includes efforts underway by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

Whereas the United States has the capacity to act to speed the eradication of polio by assisting in the targeting of its few remaining reservoirs: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2           (1) expresses serious concern about the con-  
3       tinuing threat posed by polio;

4           (2) encourages the United Nations and its com-  
5       ponent agencies, the private sector, private voluntary  
6       organizations and non-governmental organizations,  
7       concerned States, and international financial institu-  
8       tions to act with haste and manifold dedication to  
9       eradicate polio as soon as possible; and

10          (3) calls upon the United States government to  
11       continue its contribution to the multilateral effort to  
12       eradicate polio, including closely monitoring labora-  
13       tory stocks of the polio virus.

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