

smaller, community-based transplant centers. It is simply not clear to me that using a so-called "National list" for potential organ recipients would improve upon the current system for allocation or make the system more "fair." In fact, what specialists in the Wisconsin transplant community have told me is that the opposite is true: that a "National list" could dramatically increase "cold ischemic time" leading to higher rates of transplant rejection, and that a "National list" would likely result in longer waiting times in areas such as Wisconsin that have operated efficiently and successfully.

Mr. President, additionally study prior to implementation of the rule is vitally important to ensure that a federal agency doesn't take action that—while well-intentioned—inadvertently harms populations served by smaller, community-based organizations. My hope is that further study over the course of the one year delay, combined with further cooperation between HHS, professional and community-based organizations will result in a final rule whose implementation will not harm regions of the country that—because of a tremendous amount of grassroots work, patient and family education, and deep personal involvement by health care professionals—are currently well-served under the current system.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to require that imported meat, and meat food products containing imported meat, bear a label identifying the country of origin.

S. 1094

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1094, a bill to authorize the use of certain public housing operating funds to provide tenant-based assistance to public housing residents.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1251, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of private activity bonds which may be issued in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of low-income housing credits which may be allocated in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

S. 1413

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. KEMPTHORNE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1413, a bill to provide a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions.

S. 1680

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify that licensed pharmacists are not subject to the surety bond requirements under the medicare program.

S. 1734

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1734, A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the income inclusion on a distribution from an individual retirement account to the extent that the distribution is contributed for charitable purposes.

S. 1754

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. SARBANES] and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] were added as cosponsors of S. 1754, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize health professions and minority and disadvantaged health education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1981, A bill to preserve the balance of rights between employers, employees, and labor organizations which is fundamental to our system of collective bargaining while preserving the rights of workers to organize, or otherwise engage in concerted activities protected under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 1993

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1993, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the formula used to determine costs limits for home health agencies under medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2049

At the request of Mr. KERREY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr.

INOUE], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 2049, a bill to provide for payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs.

S. 2078

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2078, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Farm and Ranch Risk Management Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 2098

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2098, a bill to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surroundings those public lands and acquired lands.

S. 2100

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2100, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase public awareness concerning crime on college and university campuses.

S. 2102

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2102, a bill to promote democracy and good governance in Nigeria, and for other purposes.

S. 2114

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2114, a bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965, and the Public Health Service Act to ensure that older women are protected from institutional, community, and domestic violence and sexual assault and to improve outreach efforts and other services available to older women victimized by such violence, and for other purposes.

S. 2185

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2185, a bill to protect children from firearms violence.

S. 2196

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2196, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for establishment at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of a program regarding lifesaving interventions for individuals who experience cardiac arrest, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 189

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms.

COLLINS], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 189, a resolution honoring the 150th anniversary of the United States Women's Rights Movement that was initiated by the 1848 Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, New York, and calling for a national celebration of women's rights in 1998.

SENATE RESOLUTION 207

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 207, a resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 237

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 237, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the situation in Indonesia and East Timor.

AMENDMENT NO. 2736

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2736 proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2737

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2737 proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

FORD (AND McCONNELL)
AMENDMENT NO. 2788

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. FORD (for himself and Mr. McCONNELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 2057) to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for mili-

tary activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title I, insert the following:

SEC. 117. ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR DESTRUCTION OF ASSEMBLED CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

(a) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.—The program manager for the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment shall continue to manage the development and testing (including demonstration and pilot-scale testing) of technologies for the destruction of lethal chemical munitions that are potential or demonstrated alternatives to incineration. In performing such function, the program manager shall act independently of the program manager for the baseline chemical demilitarization program and shall report to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

(b) POST-DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES.—(1) The program manager for the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment may undertake the activities that are necessary to ensure that an alternative technology for the destruction of lethal chemical munitions can be implemented immediately after—

(A) the technology has been demonstrated successful; and

(B) the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology has submitted a report on the demonstration to Congress.

(2) To prepare for the immediate implementation of any such technology, the program manager may, during fiscal years 1998 and 1999, take the following actions:

(A) Establish program requirements.

(B) Prepare procurement documentation.

(C) Develop environmental documentation.

(D) Identify and prepare to meet public outreach and public participation requirements.

(E) Prepare to award a contract for the design, construction, and operation of a pilot facility for the technology to the provider team for the technology not later than June 1, 1999.

(c) INDEPENDENT EVALUATION.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology shall provide for two evaluations of the cost and schedule of the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment to be performed, and for each such evaluation to be submitted to the Under Secretary, not later than September 30, 1999. One of the evaluations shall be performed by a nongovernmental organization qualified to make such an evaluation, and the other evaluation shall be performed separately by the Cost Analysis Improvement Group of the Department of Defense.

(d) PILOT FACILITIES CONTRACTS.—(1) The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology shall determine whether to proceed with pilot-scale testing of a technology referred to in paragraph (2) in time to award a contract for the design, construction, and operation of a pilot facility for the technology to the provider team for the technology not later than December 30, 1999. If the Under Secretary determines to proceed with such testing, the Under Secretary shall (exercising the acquisition authority of the Secretary of Defense) so award a contract not later than such date.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to an alternative technology for the destruction of lethal chemical munitions, other than incineration, that the Under Secretary—

(A) certifies in writing to Congress is—

(i) as safe and cost effective for disposing of assembled chemical munitions as is incineration of such munitions; and

(ii) is capable of completing the destruction of such munitions on or before the later of the date by which the destruction of the munitions would be completed if incineration were used or the deadline date for completing the destruction of the munitions under the Chemical Weapons Convention; and

(B) determines as satisfying the Federal and State environmental and safety laws that are applicable to the use of the technology and to the design, construction, and operation of a pilot facility for use of the technology.

(3) The Under Secretary shall consult with the National Research Council in making determinations and certifications for the purpose of paragraph (2).

(4) In this subsection, the term "Chemical Weapons Convention" means the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature on January 13, 1993, together with related annexes and associated documents.

(e) FUNDING.—(1) Of the total amount authorized to be appropriated under section 107, \$18,000,000 shall be available for the program manager for the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment for the following:

(A) Demonstrations of alternative technologies under the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment.

(B) Planning and preparation to proceed from demonstration of an alternative technology immediately into the development of a pilot-scale facility for the technology, including planning and preparation for—

(i) continued development of the technology leading to deployment of the technology for use;

(ii) satisfaction of requirements for environmental permits;

(iii) demonstration, testing, and evaluation;

(iv) initiation of actions to design a pilot plant;

(v) provision of support at the field office or depot level for deployment of the technology for use; and

(vi) educational outreach to the public to engender support for the deployment.

(C) The independent evaluation of cost and schedule required under subsection (c).

(2) Funds authorized to be appropriated under section 107(1) are authorized to be used for awarding contracts in accordance with subsection (d) and for taking any other action authorized in this section.

(f) AMENDMENTS NECESSARY FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—(1) Section 409 of Public Law 91-121 is amended—

(A) in subsection (b) (50 U.S.C. 1512)—

(i) by striking out "warfare" in the matter preceding paragraph (1);

(ii) by inserting "or munition" after "agent" each place it appears; and

(iii) in paragraph (4)(B), by inserting "or munitions" after "agents";

(B) in subsection (c) (50 U.S.C. 1513)—

(i) by striking out "warfare" in paragraph (1)(A) and the first sentence of paragraph (2);

(ii) by inserting "or munition" after "agent" each place it appears; and

(iii) by inserting "agents or" before munitions in the first sentence of paragraph (2);

(C) by striking out subsection (d) (50 U.S.C. 1514) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(d) As used in this section, the term "United States", unless otherwise indicated, means the several States, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United States; and

(D) in subsection (g) (50 U.S.C. 1517), by striking out "warfare agent" both places it