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## DOLE INTRODUCES LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE TO COMBAT AIDS

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) HAS INTRODUCED A THREE-PART LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE DESIGNED TO HELP COMBAT AIDS THROUGH TRAINING, SERVICES AND PUBLIC INFORMATION.

The legislation will authorize approximately \$600 million in fiscal 1988 and 1989 for a multifaceted effort to fight and find a cure to aids. Programs ranging from the purchase of drugs for the treatment of AIDS to providing money for public service announcements, telephone hotlines, and public information programs that pay specific attention to minorities and high risk groups, would be authorized under the bill.

In introducing the legislation, Senator Dole said: "Complex issues do not have simple solutions, and AIDS is one of the most complex public health and moral issues to come before this body. However, we are pushing forward, addressing issues as we can when we are able to reach a consensus. And that consensus is critical as this one issue where partisanship has no place."

According to Senator Dole, perhaps the most significant part of the bill provides funds to the states for the development, establishment, and operation of public information activities relating to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of AIDS. "It is our hope that in designing such programs, states will place special emphasis on the need to reach minorities and high risk groups," Dole said.

Attached are copies of a fact sheet on The Aids Act of 1987.

FACT SHEET

AIDS LEGISLATION

June 16, 1987

Senators Dole, Wilson, Hatch, Stevens, Chaffee, Cochran, Cohen,  
D'Amato, Danforth, Domenici, Durenberger, Murkowski, Quayle,  
Simpson, Thurmond

ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME ACT OF 1987

This bill is divided into three titles.

TITLE I: AIDS AS A NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

TITLE II: TRAINING AND SERVICES

TITLE III: PUBLIC INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

TITLE I: AIDS AS A NATIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

Authorization - FY88 - \$48.5 new, FY89 - \$39.5 new.

- A. Declare AIDS a Public Health Health Emergency under the Public Health Service Act. (\$30 M per year current auth, \$30 M new auth)
- B. Report to Congress - The Secretary shall submit a detailed expenditure report to Congress annually, which describes how Federal funds designated for AIDS are spent. This report should include funding regarding inter-agency and intra-agency spending as well as funds distributed to non-federal entities.
- C. Establish an International data bank through the National Library of Medicine. (\$0.5 M per year new auth). The Secretary, through the Library of Medicine, shall establish, maintain, and operate an International Data Bank and shall establish a schedule of charges for user of the Bank from other countries.
- D. Establish a virus and serum bank through the National Institutes of Health, in which all human immunodeficiency virus serotypes and serum are available to qualified investigators and organizations.
- E. Authorize additional 40 FTEE's for FDA to expedite the drug approval process. (\$18 M FY88, \$9 M FY89 new auth)



- F. The Secretary shall provide technical assistance to State and local governments and public and nonprofit private entities carrying out programs, projects, and activities relating to AID

TITLE II - TRAINING AND SERVICES

Authorization - \$35 M per year in FY88, FY89 new.

- A. Coordination of Services and Health Care in the Home. (\$25 M new auth for FY88 and FY89).
- a) Grants to States based on numbers of individuals with AIDS.
  - b) Funds may be used to coordinate services or reimburse health care providers for home health care services.
  - c) Individual eligibility to be determined by financial need and potential benefit to the individual.
- B. Drug procurement.
- a) The Secretary may purchase drugs in large quantities for the treatment of AIDS and distribute such drugs to the States, if such bulk purchase would save funds, and the State requested the Secretary to do so.
- C. Health Professions Training (\$10 M new auth for FY88 - Note: programs in title 7 and title 8 are up for reauthorization in FY89)
- a) Grants for curriculum develop and faculty training (\$4 M).  
The Secretary may make grants to schools of medicine and osteopathy, and both must make available training for denistry, public health, allied health and physician assistants.
  - b) Grants to schools of nursing (\$2 M).  
The Secretary may make grants to schools of nursing.
- NOTE: Both a and b would focus on the following:
1. improvement in training of health professionals in the care and treatment of victims of AIDS.
  2. development of curricula relating to the care and treatment of victims of AIDS.
  3. expansion of instruction in methods of care for victims of AIDS.
  4. supporting the training and retraining of faculty to provide such instruction.
  5. supporting continuing education of health professionals who care for victims of AIDS
  6. establishment of new affiliations with institutions and facilities in order to provide clinical training for students.
  7. minorities, both in training of minorities and treating minorities.



- c) Authorization for continuing education and technical assistance to health professionals (\$4 M).  
The Secretary may provide for education, training, and clinical skill improvement activities relating to AIDS.

TITLE III: PUBLIC INFORMATION

Authorization: \$214 M FY88, \$215 M FY89 new.

- A. Public service announcements (\$10 M per year new auth for FY88, FY89)
  - a) The Secretary will develop and disseminate public service announcements through print and broadcast media, using private organizations, PR firms, and business concerns as much as possible and place special emphasis on announcements which are directed toward minority individuals and those at high risk.
- B. Technical assistance to State and Local governments (auth such sums).
  - a) The Secretary, through the CDC, shall provide technical assistance to State and Local Governments as needed.
- C. Telephone Hotline (\$4 M for FY88, \$5M for FY89 new auth)
  - a) Public (\$2.5 M for FY88, \$3.0 M for FY89 new auth)  
The Secretary, through the CDC, shall maintain a toll free, 24 hour telephone line for public information.
  - b) Health Care Professionals (\$1.5 M for FY88, \$2.0 M for FY89 new auth)  
The Secretary, through the CDC, shall establish and maintain a professional telephone service, during normal business hours.
- D. State Information Programs (\$200 M per year for FY88, FY89)
  - a) Block grants to the states based on population through HHS for the purposes of:
    - 1) developing, establishing and operating public information activities for the general public relating to the prevention and diagnosis of AIDS.
    - 2) developing, establishing and operating public information activities for high risk populations relating to the prevention and diagnosis of AIDS.
    - 3) providing technical assistance to community-based organizations, public and nonprofit private entities, and employers in developing information programs related to AIDS.
    - 4) training personnel, especially those involved in testing and counseling to carry out public information activities.
  - b) Specific attention to minorities and high risk populations.
  - c) No funds can be used for bricks and mortar.
  - d) These funds cannot supplant local and state funds.
  - e) There would be a 10% limit on administrative costs.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION:

- A) Congress should appropriate sufficient funds to establish and maintain the Public Health Emergency Fund authorized under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act.
- B) Congress should appropriate \$47.5 million to the Veterans' Administration for furnishing of medical care to persons having AIDS who are entitled to receive medical care under laws administered by the Veteran's Administration.