



Amendments to Labor/HHS Appropriations

NOTE: Under the unanimous consent agreement only the following amendments are in order.

Rep. Blumenauer (Amendment #3) may offer an amendment to provide that Federally recognized Indian tribes shall be eligible to the same extent as States are eligible for programs funded under the bill. *This amendment should be subject to a point of order.*

Rep. Manzullo (Amendment #4) may offer an amendment on Thursday, July 10, 2003. The amendment requires that no funds appropriated under the bill used for procurements, subject to the Buy American Act, be spent to acquire articles, materials, and supplies manufactured in the United States that do not have at least 65 percent, rather than the present 50 percent, domestic content. *This amendment should be subject to a point of order.*

Rep. Bereuter (Amendment #5) may offer an amendment on Thursday, July 10, 2003. The amendment would require the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to spend \$12 million for the conduct of research on the clinical appropriateness and cost-effectiveness of prescription drugs as already authorized by Title IV, Section 915(b) of the Public Health Services Act.

Rep. Rahall (Amendment #6) may offer an amendment that would prohibit the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) from implementing the March 6th proposed rule relating to Determination of Concentration of Respirable Coal Mine Dust. According to the Federal Register of that date: "The Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretaries) are reopening the rulemaking record on a joint proposed rule that would determine that the average concentration of respirable dust to which each miner in the active workings of a coal mine is exposed can be accurately measured over a single shift. The Secretaries proposed to rescind a previous 1972 finding by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, on the accuracy of single shift sampling."

Rep. Toomey may offer an amendment that would prevent the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from further funding four specific grants that they are currently funding. The amendment does not cut any funding to NIH, it simply prevents the agency from funding these four projects. The grants are:

Grant Number RO1HD043689: "Mood Arousal and Sexual Risk Taking." An excerpt from the grant abstract: "*In a series of laboratory studies, mood and sexual arousal will*

be induced and their individual and combined effects on sexual risk taking will be examined.”

Grant Number RO3HDO39206: “Study on Sexual Habits of Older Men.” This study seeks to determine whether older men experience a decline in sexual behavior and if that decline is associated with sexual dissatisfaction, *“especially with behaviors (such as masturbation) that may be substituted for more rigorous activities.”*

Grant Number R01DA01386: “Study on San Francisco’s Asian Prostitutes/Masseuses.” An excerpt from the grant abstract *“The proposed study will describe drug use and HIV-related behaviors among Asian female commercial sex workers at massage parlors.”*

Grant Number R01MH065871: Study on American Indian Transgender Research. This study aims to get a general understanding of the *“American Indian and Alaskan Native lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and two-spirited individuals... who are a drastically understudied and underserved group.”*

The combined value of these grants is roughly \$1.5 million for FY 2004.

Rep. Toomey believes that the important work of NIH ought to focus, as it usually does, on finding cures for the innumerable devastating illnesses affecting Americans. It is ridiculous to ask taxpayers to continue to pay for these types of laboratory studies on sexual promiscuity and pornography.

Rep. Chocola (Amendment #8) may offer an amendment that would prevent the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from further funding one specific grant that they are currently funding. The amendment does not cut any funding to NIH, it simply prevents the agency from funding this one project. The grant is:

Grant Number 01HD039789: National Institute for Child Health and Human Development Study on Pandalas in China. An excerpt from the grant abstract: *“In this study, we view population-environment interactions as the interrelationships among five major components: human population, forests, giant panda habitats, socioeconomic and institutional factors, and government policies.”*

The grant is roughly \$233,100 for FY 2004.

Rep. Obey (Overtime) may offer an amendment to prohibit funding to implement the Department of Labor’s proposed regulations related to overtime pay. It is unclear whether the amendment will also prohibit funding to implement the proposed regulations that would revise reporting and disclosure requirements under the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) and proposed regulations. According to the Statement on Administration Policy, “If either one of these provisions were included in the final version of the bill, the President’s senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill.”

Rep. Obey (Substitute) may offer an amendment to raise taxes to increase spending. *This amendment is subject to a point of order.*

Rep. Tancredo may offer an amendment to transfer \$5 million from the Higher Education section in Title III (currently funded at \$1,986 million) to the Safe Schools Program - Project School Emergency Response to Violence Program (currently funded at \$4.968 million).

Rep. Obey may offer an amendment regarding SCHIP. Details are currently unavailable.

Rep. Allen may offer an amendment related to Title I Education. Details are currently unavailable