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Amendments to H.R. 1298 United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003

1. Tauzin/Brown (OH)

- Establishes priorities for the distribution of resources based on factors such as the size and demographics of specific nations to ensure that the countries that need assistance the most receive it first. Commissions a report by the Institutes of Medicine that compares the success rates of various programs and methods used under the strategy set forth in H.R. 1298.
- Adds accountability measures to the funds authorized for the Global Fund. States that if at any point
 administrative expenses within the Global Fund exceed 10 percent of total expenditures of the Fund
 for any 2-year period, the U.S. shall withhold an equal amount from its contribution the following
 year.
- Requires the HIV/AIDS Coordinator to make available to Congress information on the Global Fund, including all financial and accounting statements and reports provided to the Global Fund by organizations contracted to audit recipients of funds and project proposals submitted by applicants and grantees.
- Encourages the Centers for Disease Control, in coordination with the Global AIDS Coordinator, to develop and implement effective strategies to improve injection safety and improve the education and information provided to the public and to health professionals. Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on illegal importation into the U.S. of prescription drugs donated or sold for humanitarian efforts. (20 minutes)

2. Crowley

Requires the U.S. strategy against HIV/AIDS include efforts targeting toward encouraging men to be "responsible in their sexual behavior, child rearing and to respect women." It also adds to the strategy efforts "to increase women's access to employment opportunities, income, productive resources, and microfinance programs." The amendment would include under prevention "reducing sexual violence and coercion, including child marriage, widow inheritance, and polygamy." (10 minutes)

3. Biggert

Expresses the sense of Congress that the President should conduct an outreach campaign to inform the public of the existence of the Global Fund and encourage private contributions to the Global Fund by establishing and operating an Internet website and making public service announcements. Also states that the establishment of the Global Fund is consistent with the principles outlined by Congress in Public Law 106-264 (10 minutes)

4. Stearns

Requires that for every dollar paid to any individual Global Fund staffer that is over the amount of the U.S. Vice President's salary (currently \$192,600), that there be a deduction of the same amount from the

next year's appropriation to the Global Fund. The deducted amount would continue to go to HIV/AIDS programs, but through U.S. bilateral programs instead. The President may waive the provision for national security interests. (10 minutes)

5. Ballance

Expresses the sense of Congress that African nations that object to U.S. food aid on non-scientific grounds should accept this food assistance to improve nutrition, particularly for HIV/AIDS patients in those countries. Findings include discussion of food insecurity among HIV/AIDS infected individuals, the link between malnutrition and the accelerated deterioration of HIV/AIDS patients, as well as the diminished impact of HIV/AIDS drug therapy in malnourished individuals. Makes a technical change, removing an inaccurate reference to nevirapine. (10 minutes)

6. Smith (MI)

Reconciles funding levels with the President's budget and the budget resolution. The total authorization of \$15 billion over five years is maintained by the amendment, though instead of \$3 billion each year for five years, the amendment would modify the authorization levels to \$2 billion in FY04, as called for by the President's budget and the budget resolution, with increases of \$500 million in each subsequent year until it reaches \$4 billion in fiscal year 2008. The President said on Tues, April 29, "With the approval of Congress, this plan will direct \$15 billion to fight AIDS abroad over the next five years, *beginning with \$2 billion in 2004*." (10 minutes)

7. Millender-McDonald

Amends the pilot program in H.R. 1298 for the assistance of children and families affected by HIV/AIDS, to add a new program component to ensure the inheritance rights of women, particularly women in African countries, widowed and orphaned as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Calls for a significant portion of the child and family pilot program authorization to go to this component. (10 minutes)

8. McCollum

Ensures that orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS receive not less than 10 percent of the amounts appropriated for HIV/AIDS assistance for fiscal years 2006 through 2008, of which not less than 50 percent of the funding shall be channeled through non-profit, non-governmental organizations, including faith-based organizations, that implement programs at the community level. (10 minutes)

9. Jackson-Lee

Expresses the sense of Congress that U.S. agencies should encourage U.S. businesses to provide assistance to sub-Saharan African countries to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS. Funds and assistance should be coordinated through a privately funded HIV/AIDS Response Fund. (10 minutes)

10. Smith (NJ)/Hyde/Stupak/Renzi

Clarification of the existing conscience protection language. Ensures that a qualified grantee is not disqualified from receiving HIV/AIDS funds because the grantee has a religious or moral objection to participating in some types of HIV/AIDS prevention or treatment. (20 minutes) Note: The Administration supports this amendment.

11. Pitts/Hyde

Specifies that of the amount set aside for HIV/AIDS prevention in bilateral assistance, 33% should go to abstinence-until-marriage programs. NOTE: this is not 33% of the entire bill, but merely 33% of the prevention funds (possibly \$132 million out of \$400 million in the first year, depending on appropriations). (20 minutes) Note: The Administration supports this amendment.