Stem Cell and Cloning Legislation in the 109th Congress

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09/30/2005  CongressDailyAM - POLITICS - Democrats Sense Political Winds Shifting In Their Direction

09/29/2005  Press release from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute: NHLBI funds new centers for cell-based therapy

09/19/2005  Letter to HHS Inspector General Daniel Levinson From House Government Reform Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources Chairman Mark Souder
Letter requests an investigation into the activities of National Institutes of Health Stem Cell Task Force Chairman, Dr. James Battey


08/24/2005  Press Release from Rep. Diana DeGette: Degette Statement on Skin Cells Converted to Stem Cells Research

08/09/2005  Press Release from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences: NIGMS Funds New Stem Cell Centers

08/08/2005  Press Release from Sen. Dianne Feinstein: General, Health Care: Senator Feinstein on 4-year anniversary of President’s stem cell policy

08/08/2005  Press Release from the National Human Genome Research Institute: 
NHGRI Expands Effort to Revolutionize Sequencing Technologies


08/03/2005 CongressDailyPM - HEALTH - Bush Reiterates Opposition To Expanding Stem-Cell Research

08/03/2005 Opinion Makers - STEM CELL RESEARCH: Frist Returns to ‘Medical Constituency’

08/03/2005 Politics & Policy - HHS: Secretary Leavitt Interviewed on Variety of Topics

08/03/2005 Politics & Policy - STEM CELL RESEARCH: Bush Reiterates Threat To Veto Legislation

08/03/2005 CRS Report - Human Cloning

08/01/2005 Politics & Policy - STEM CELL RESEARCH: Frist Support of Bill Could Help Passage

08/01/2005 CRS Report - Stem Cell Research


07/29/2005 Press release from Rep. Roscoe Bartlett: It is Morally Reprehensible and Not Necessary to Destroy Human Embryos to Provide Raw Fodder for Scientific Research

07/29/2005 S 1557 - Introduced by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK)
To provide for a program at the National Institutes of Health to conduct and support research in the derivation and use of human pluripotent stem cells

07/29/2005 S 1557 - Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

07/28/2005 Press release from Sen. Sam Brownback: Brownback highlights versatility of adult stem cells

07/27/2005 Press Release from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke: Combination Therapy Leads to Partial Recovery from Spinal Cord Injury in Rats

07/27/2005 S 1520 - Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
A bill to prohibit human cloning
07/27/2005        S1520 - Referred to Senate Committee on the Judiciary

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits against income tax for qualified stem cell storage of qualified stem cells, and the donation of umbilical cord blood

07/26/2005        HR 3444 - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means


07/22/2005        CongressDailyAM - HEALTH - Specter Threatens Stem-Cell Rider

07/21/2005        Discussion Draft Legislation of HR to Revise and Extend the Authorities of the National Institutes of Health Discussion draft prepared by the Majority Staff of the House Energy and Commerce Committee

07/21/2005        S 975 - Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness hearing held

07/21/2005        CongressDailyAM - SCIENCE - Bucking The White House

07/20/2005        CongressDailyAM - HEALTH - Senate’s Window For Stem-Cell Legislation Starting To Close

07/19/2005        CongressDailyAM - OUTLOOK : Deal On Highway Bill Within Reach; Contentious Stem-Cell Debate Awaits

07/19/2005        CongressDailyAM - SCIENCE : Agreement On Stem-Cell Floor Package Still Elusive


07/18/2005        S 975 - Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness hearing set on 07/21/2005

07/14/2005        Legislative Text of HR 3010, FY2006 Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations Bill HR 3010 as ordered reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 14, 2005

07/14/2005        HR 3010 - Report filed from Senate Committee on Appropriations (S.Rept. 109-103)

07/14/2005        Draft Committee Report to Accompany HR 3010, the FY 2006 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill Draft
Committee Report to accompany HR 3010, as ordered reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 14, 2005

07/14/2005  HR 3010 - Ordered to be reported as amended by Senate Committee on Appropriations

07/14/2005  CongressDailyPM - Outlook - Approps, Stem Cells Up In Senate; House On Patriot Act

07/13/2005  HR 3010 - Forwarded to full committee with an amendment in the nature of a substitute by Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

07/13/2005  Press release from Rep. Roscoe Bartlett: A Loss for the U.S. if President Bush Doesn’t Have a Pluripotent Stem Cell Alternative on His Desk to Sign When He Vetoes H.R. 810

07/13/2005  CongressDailyAM - Health - Six Stem-Cell Measures Might Come To Senate Floor Soon

07/13/2005  National Journal - Insider Interview: Advancing Stem-Cell Research

07/12/2005  HR 3010 - Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies markup held

07/12/2005  Highlights of HR 3010, FY 2006 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Bill Highlights of HR 3010 as reported by the Senate Appropriations Labor, HHS, Education Subcommittee on July 12, 2005

07/12/2005  CongressDailyPM - Health - Stem-Cell Alternatives May Have Drawbacks, Scientists Say

07/12/2005  CongressDailyAM - Health - Senate Might Consider Series Of Stem-Cell Research Bills

07/12/2005  HR 3010 - Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies markup held

07/11/2005  S 1317 - Reported from Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions without written report


07/05/2005  Letter to President Bush from Rep. Nancy Johnson Letter urges the president to sign HR 810, the “Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act”

06/30/2005  Committee Amendment - S 1317- Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Amendment in the nature of a substitute (adopted by unanimous voice vote) Sen. Michael Enzi (R-WY)

06/30/2005  HR 3144 - Introduced by Rep. Roscoe G. Bartlett (R-MD)
For derivation and use of human pluripotent stem cells

06/30/2005  **HR 3144** - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

06/30/2005  **S 1317** - Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute by Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions

06/29/2005  **Press Release** from the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee: Enzi says approval of cord blood bill offers new hope for treatment of devastating illnesses

06/29/2005  **CongressDailyPM** - HEALTH - Stem-Cell Bill Passes Senate Panel; Bigger Fight Looms

06/29/2005  **National Journal Mark-Up Report** - Senate Health Committee Moves Stem Cell Act

06/29/2005  **S 1317** - Ordered to be reported by Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

06/29/2005  **S 1317** - Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions markup held

06/28/2005  **HR 3010** - Senate Committee on Appropriations markup set on 07/14/2005

06/28/2005  **HR 3010** - Replaces SGW107

06/28/2005  **CongressDailyAM** - HEALTH - Stem-Cell Bill Poses Dilemma For Frist

06/27/2005  **S 1317** - Introduced by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)

To provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research

06/27/2005  **S 1317** - Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

06/24/2005  **CRS Report** - Federal Protection for Human Research Subjects: An Analysis of the Common Rule and Its Interactions with FDA Regulations and the HIPAA Privacy Rule

06/23/2005  **CRS Report** - Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education: FY2006 Appropriations

06/23/2005  **Budgetary Analysis of HR 3010** the FY 2006 Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations Bill

Analysis prepared by the Majority Staff of the House Budget Committee

06/23/2005  **Statement of Administration Policy on House consideration of HR 3010** the FY 2006 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

SAP released by the Office of Management and Budget

06/23/2005  **HR 3010** - Committee of the Whole rises and leaves the bill as unfinished business

06/23/2005  **HR 3010** - 8 Amendments offered, 4 Amendments withdrawn, 2 Amendments rejected, 1 Amendment agreed to

06/23/2005  **HR 3010** - Considered in the House as in Committee of the Whole

06/23/2005  **HR 3010** - Considered in the House

06/22/2005  **CongressDailyAM** - HEALTH - Senate Panel To Take Up Stem-Cell Bill Next Month

06/21/2005  **HR 3010** - Report filed from House Committee on Appropriations (H.Rept. 109-143)
06/21/2005  **HR 3010** - Replaces HGW107
06/21/2005  **HR 3010** - Introduced by Rep. Ralph Regula (R-OH)
Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.


06/22/2005  **CongressDailyAM** - HEALTH - Senate Panel To Take Up Stem-Cell Bill Next Month

06/21/2005  **GalleryWatch Committee Article** - Diabetes Foundation Urges Senate to Allow Stem Cell Research

06/17/2005  **CongressDailyPM** - APPROPRIATIONS - Spending Bills Move To House Floor And Senate Committee

06/16/2005  **National Journal Markup Report** : House Appropriations Approves Labor-HHS Bill

06/16/2005  **Section-By-Section Summary of S** - the “Health Technology to Enhance Quality Act of 2005”

06/16/2005  **CongressDailyAM** - HEALTH - Senate Eyes Pre-August Stem-Cell Vote

06/15/2005  **Press Release** from Rep. James Langevin: Langevin Reaches Out to President for Stem Cell Meeting

06/15/2005  **CongressDaily** - HEALTH - Senate Eyes Pre-August Stem-Cell Vote

06/10/2005  **CRS Report** Stem Cell Research

06/08/2005  **Hearing Testimony** from the Senate Special Committee On Aging
Subject: Exploring the Promise of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

06/02/2005  **Press Release** from the National Cancer Institute: NCI/Dana-Farber Science Writers’ Seminar: Blood-Born Cancers


05/26/2005  **HR 810** - Received in the Senate, after passage in the House

05/26/2005  **Letter** to FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford from House Government Reform Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Reform and Human Resources Mark Souder
Letter urges immediate action to create an exemption to the new regulations
Re: Eligibility Determination for Donors of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products, to protect embryo adoption

05/25/2005  **CongressDailyAM** - HEALTH - House Bucks GOP Leaders, Backs Embryonic
Stem-Cell Bill

**Letter** to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist from Sens. Arlen Specter, Tom Harkin, Orrin Hatch, Dianne Feinstein, Gordon Smith and Edward Kennedy. Letter urges bringing up HR 810, The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act to the Senate floor for consideration without amendment as soon as possible.

**HCR 166** - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

*Federal involvement in state stem cell research*

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal Government should not infringe on State or private programs that fund embryonic stem cell research.

**HR 2574** - Introduced by Rep. Roscoe G. Bartlett (R-MD)

*Animal Research for stem cells*

Section 1. To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program at the National Institutes of Health to conduct and support research on animals to develop techniques for the derivation of stem cells from embryos that do not harm the embryos, and for other purposes.

**HR 2574** - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

**Transcript** Remarks by President George W. Bush. Topic: Bioethics and stem cell research. The White House, Washington, DC

**CongressDailyPM** - HEALTH - Administration Pans One Stem-Cell Bill Praises Another

**CongressDailyAM** - HEALTH - Sponsors Predict Passage For Stem-Cell Cord-Blood Bills

**HR 2520** - Passed by 2/3 majority by (RCVote #205)

**HR 810** - Passed by (RCVote #204)

**Statement of Administration Policy** on House consideration of HR 2520, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005

SAP released by the Office of Management and Budget

**Statement of Administration Policy** on House consideration of HR 810, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005

SAP released by the Office of Management and Budget

**Letter to Reps. Michael Castle and Diana DeGette** from the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research and 30 Other Medical Associations

Letter endorses HR 810, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act

**Press Release** from Rep. Dave Reichert: Reichert statement on stem cell research vote

**Press Release** from Sen. Sam Brownback: Brownback condemns House vote on embryonic stem cell research
Press Release from Rep. Gil Gutknecht: Gutknecht opposes using federal taxpayer dollars for embryonic stem cell research
Press Release from Rep. Lacy Clay: Enhanced Stem Cell Research Offers Hope for Patients, Clay Urges President to Drop Veto Threat
Press Release from House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi: ‘With Great Potential of Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Science has Power to Answer the Prayers of America’s Families’
Press Release from Murray Disappointed by Bush Position on Life Saving Stem Cell Research
Press Release from Rep. Judy Biggart: House to Vote on Stem Cell Bill with Biggert’s Support

05/23/2005 News Conference Transcript – Embryonic Stem Cell Research Legislation- Participants- Rep Michael Castle (R-DE), Rep Diana Degette (D-CO), Rep Lois Capps (D-CA), and Rep Charles Bass (R-NH)


05/23/2005 HR 2520 - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce
05/24/2005 HR 2520 - Considered in the House under Suspension of the Rules

05/20/2005 Transcript - President Bush Remarks (Veto Threat)

05/20/2005 Press Release from Sen. Sam Brownback: Brownback comments on reports of cloning
Press Release from Reps. Mike Castle and Diana DeGette: Stem Cell Bill Co-Authors Respond to Bush Veto Threat

05/19/2005 Press Release from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: Human Cells Can “Silence: HIV Genes
Press Release from House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi: Transcript of Today’s Press Conference (Stem Cell bill on house floor next week)
05/18/2005  CongressDaily - HEALTH - Stem Cell Bill Appears Headed To House Floor Next Week

05/16/2005  Press Release from Rep. Mike Castle: Momentum to Expand Stem Cell Research Continues to Build: 200 Cosponsors, Over 200 Groups back Castle-DeGette


05/09/2005  S 975 - Placed on the calendar

04/28/2005  S 975 - Introduced by Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (D-CT)
A bill to provide incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop medical countermeasures to prevent, detect, identify, contain, and treat illnesses, including those associated with biological, chemical, nuclear, or radiological weapons attack or an infectious disease outbreak, and for other purposes


04/26/2005  HR 1822 - Introduced by Rep. Mary Bono (R-CA)
To prohibit human cloning and protect stem cell research

04/26/2005  HR 1822 - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce


04/21/2005  S 876 - Introduced by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)
To prohibit human cloning and protect stem cell research

04/21/2005  S 876 - Referred to Senate Committee on the Judiciary


04/15/2005  Press Release from Sen. Sam Brownback : Brownback calls for immediate implementation of IOM cord blood recommendations
HR 1650 - Introduced by Rep. Nancy L. Johnson (R-CT)  
Tax credits to holders of stem cell research bonds  
HR 1650 - Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means

Hearing Testimony - Senate Committee on Appropriations- Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, Topic: National Institutes of Health  
Dr. Zerhouni, Elias, Director, National Institutes of Health

Press Release from Rep. Mike Castle: Castle & DeGette: Reasons to Expand Embryonic Stem Cell Policy Continue to Grow: Concerns aired at NIH hearing in Senate today

CRS Report Science and Technology Policy: Issues for the 109th Congress

Press release from Sen. Mary Landrieu: Sens. Landrieu, Brownback Reintroduce Bill to Ban Human Cloning

S 658 - Introduced by Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS)  
Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2005  
S 658 - Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

S 681 - Introduced by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-UT)  
Cord Blood Stem Cell Act of 2005  
S 681 - Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

HR 1357 - Introduced by Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL)  
Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2005  
HR 1357 - Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary


Press Release from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: Medicare Expands Coverage For Stem Cell Transplantation For Primary Amyloid Light Chain Amyloidosis

CRS Report - Stem Cell Research

Press Release from Sen. Sam Brownback: Brownback Commends UN Assembly Vote to Ban Human Cloning

Press Release from Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist: Frist Praises U.N. Statement Banning Human Cloning

S 471 - Introduced by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA)  
Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005  
S 471 - Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions


02/15/2005 HR 810 - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce

02/15/2005 HR 810 - Introduced by Rep. Michael N. Castle (R-DE) Human embryonic stem cell research


02/14/2005 CRS Report - Human Cloning

02/08/2005 Press Release from Rep. Chris Smith: Let’s Turn Medical Waste into Medical Miracles

02/04/2005 Letter to President Bush from Reps. Mike Castle and Diane DeGette Letter expresses concerns over his comments on stem cell research during his State of the Union Address

02/02/2005 HR 552 - Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary

02/02/2005 HR 552 - Introduced by Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) Right to Life Act

02/02/2005 HR 596 - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce


01/26/2005 Letter to President Bush from Acting New Jersey Governor Richard Codey Letter urges President Bush to reconsider executive order regarding stem cell research in light of new information

01/24/2005 Press Release from House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi: PELOSI -- Study Confirms Scientists’ Concerns Over Bush Stem Cell Policy


01/12/2005 Press Release from House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi: Pelosi Statement Endorsing Doris Matsui
01/04/2005   HR 162 - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce
01/04/2005   HR 162 - Introduced by Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA)
Stem Cell Replenishment Act of 2005
01/04/2005   HR 222 - Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce
01/04/2005   HR 222 - Referred to House Committee on Science
01/04/2005   HR 222 - Introduced by Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL)
Human Cloning Research Prohibition Act

01/03/2005   CRS Report - Federal Research and Development Funding: FY2005

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Late 108th Congress developments on this issue.
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12/28/2004   CRS Report - Human Cloning
12/17/2004   CRS Report - Stem Cell Research
12/08/2004   HR 4818 - Became Public Law No. 108-447
Omnibus Appropriations Bill
…Provided further, That $9,941,000 is available until expended for the National Cord Blood
Stem Cell Bank Program as described in House Report 108-401:…
11/15/2004   CRS Report - Background and Legal Issues Related to Stem Cell Research
10/26/2004   Press Release From the House Science Committee -- Minority: Baird Asks Attorney General to
Investigate “Political Limitus Testing” for Science Advisory Committees
09/29/2004   Hearing Testimony - Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation--> Subcommittee
on Science, Technology, and Space
Embryonic Stem Cell Research: Exploring the Controversy

Prepared Testimony

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