

Amendment No. _____

Amendment to be proposed by Senator Lieberman

Page 69, beginning with line 23, strike all that follows through page 70, line 19 and insert the following:

(E) The Secretary may carry out human health biodefense-related biological, biomedical, and infectious disease research and development (including vaccine research and development) in collaboration with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Research supported by funding appropriated to the National Institutes of Health for bioterrorism research and related facilities development shall be conducted through the National Institutes of Health under joint strategic prioritization agreements between the Secretary and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Secretary shall have the authority to establish general research priorities, which shall be embodied in the joint strategic prioritization agreements with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. The specific scientific research agenda to implement these agreements shall be developed by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, who shall consult the Secretary to ensure their conformity with homeland security priorities. All research programs established under these agreements shall be managed and awarded by the Director of the National Institutes of Health consistent with these agreements. The Secretary may transfer funds to the Department of Health and Human Services in connection with such agreements.