



Legislative Bulletin.....April 2, 2008

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H.R. 5501—Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008

H.R. 5501 is scheduled to be considered Wednesday, April 2, 2008, subject to a structured rule ([H.Res. 1065](#)) that allows for ten minutes of debate on four amendments made in order. The rule would waive all points of order against consideration of the bill—except those for PAYGO and earmarks—and would waive all points of order against the bill itself—except that for earmarks. The rule would make in order one motion to recommit (with or without instructions).

Note: The summaries below are based on RSC staff review of actual amendment text and thus differ from what's on the Rules Committee website. For a summary of the underlying bill, see a separate RSC document released yesterday.

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AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

Blumenauer (D-OR). This amendment adds safe drinking water to the list of programs for which direct funding under H.R. 5501 is encouraged. Effectively, this amendment is stating that safe drinking water is directly and undeniably linked to the spread of HIV/AIDS and therefore deserves funding under the bill.

Fortenberry (R-NE). This amendment would ensure that any audits done by the Inspector General of the Global Fund include information regarding the subcontractors who receive funding. According to a 2003 General Accountability Office (GAO) report cited in a [CRS report to Congress](#), there have been issues regarding the Fund's ability to organize and manage the monitoring of funding recipients and sub-recipients. In addition, the GAO and others have raised concerns about whether poor countries affected by AIDS will have the capacity to absorb the new resources becoming available through the Global Fund. Furthermore, as was noted in the RSC legislative bulletin released yesterday, the Global Fund may be granting money to organizations such as Marie Stopes (the UK equivalent to Planned Parenthood), the United Nations Population Fund (which supports China's "one-child" policy), as well as the Chinese Health Department itself (supporting the "one-child" policy). Passage of this amendment would hold the Global Fund to a higher level of accountability regarding subcontractors receiving Global Fund dollars.

McCollum (D-MN)/ Jackson (D-IL). This amendment would add Malawi, Swaziland, and Lesotho to the list of new “focus” countries proposed to be added in the bill. H.R. 5501 already expands the scope of the program to include 14 new Caribbean countries.

Carson (D-IN). This amendment would direct the Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to expand their plan for strengthening health systems of host countries by allowing for postsecondary educational institutions, particularly in Africa, to collaborate with postsecondary educational institutions and specifically historically black colleges and universities in the United States.
