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H. R. 2863

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain a panel to provide expert scientific recommendations in the field of cell development.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2001

Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cell Development Re-
5 search Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Embryonic stem cell research and thera-
9 peutic cloning offer tremendous promise for devel-

1 oping cures for some of life’s most devastating dis-
2 eases and disabilities, including Parkinson’s disease,
3 Lou Gehrig’s disease, Huntington’s chorea, paral-
4 ysis, blindness, diabetes, and spinal cord injury.

5 (2) Studying the first days and the first cell di-
6 visions of a human embryo would lead to a greater
7 understanding of normal and abnormal human de-
8 velopment and of the potential for developing thera-
9 pies for congenital abnormalities.

10 (3) Techniques such as preimplantation genetic
11 diagnosis can identify embryos that are destined to
12 develop devastating recessive diseases, such as
13 Fanconi’s anemia and Tay-Sachs disease.

14 (4) The Food and Drug Administration has ju-
15 risdiction over certain human tissue transplantation
16 and cloning.

17 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF CELL DEVELOPMENT ADVI-**
18 **SORY PANEL.**

19 Subsection (n) of section 505 of the Federal Food,
20 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(n)) is amended
21 by adding at the end the following:

22 “(9) CELL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY PANEL.—
23 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
24 shall establish and maintain under this sub-
25 section a single panel in the Food and Drug

1 Administration to provide expert scientific ad-
2 vice and recommendations to the Secretary in
3 the field of cell development, including advice
4 and recommendations regarding any clinical in-
5 vestigation of a drug developed as a result of
6 research in the field of embryology and any ap-
7 proval for marketing of such a drug under this
8 section or section 351 of the Public Health
9 Service Act.

10 “(B) PROMOTION OF RESEARCH.—Such
11 panel shall make policy recommendations with
12 the goal of promoting research in the field of
13 cell development.

14 “(C) PROHIBITION.—Such panel shall not
15 make any recommendation regarding the prac-
16 tice of fertility medicine.

17 “(D) FIELD OF CELL DEVELOPMENT.—
18 For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘field
19 of cell development’ includes embryonic stem
20 cell research, therapeutic cloning,
21 preimplantation genetic diagnosis, and early de-
22 velopmental biology.”.

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