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# S. 2988

To provide for the cleanup of the site of the first anthrax attack.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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 “Anthrax Cleanup Com-  
5 munity Assistance Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMEDIATION OF THE SITE OF THE FIRST AN-**  
7 **THRAX ATTACK.**

8 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY.—The Administrator  
9 of General Services shall accept all right, title, and interest  
10 in the property described in subsection (b), if a written  
11 offer therefor (accompanied by such proof of title, prop-

1 erty descriptions, and other information as the Adminis-  
2 trator may require) is received by the Administrator from  
3 the owner of such property before the date that is 1 year  
4 after the date of enactment of this Act.

5 (b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property described  
6 in this subsection is the property located at 5401 NW Bro-  
7 ken Sound Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida, and all im-  
8 provements thereon.

9 (c) CONSIDERATION.—The United States shall pay  
10 an amount that does not exceed \$1 in consideration of  
11 any right, title, or interest received by the United States  
12 under this section.

13 (d) REMEDIATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
15 graph (2), not later than the date that is 1 year  
16 after the date on which the Administrator of General  
17 Services receives a written offer under subsection  
18 (a), the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-  
19 tion Agency shall complete the remediation of the  
20 property described in subsection (b) to ensure that  
21 such property is free from anthrax contamination.

22 (2) EXTENSION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.—  
23 The Administrator of the Environmental Protection  
24 Agency may complete the remediation of the prop-  
25 erty described in subsection (b) after the date de-

1 scribed in paragraph (1) if the Administrator of the  
2 Environmental Protection Agency certifies to Con-  
3 gress that the Environmental Protection Agency or  
4 any other Federal agency is actively using such  
5 property for research purposes.

6 (e) DISPOSAL OF BIOHAZARD WASTE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—During any remediation  
8 under subsection (d) or any remediation arranged  
9 for by the person that owns the property described  
10 in subsection (b) if such property is not transferred  
11 to the Administrator of General Services under sub-  
12 section (a), the Secretary of the Army shall permit  
13 any biohazard waste from such property to be depos-  
14 ited, or otherwise disposed of, at the facilities of the  
15 Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Dis-  
16 ease at Fort Detrick, Maryland, or another equally  
17 suitable Federal installation designated by the Sec-  
18 retary for purposes of this subsection.

19 (2) TRANSPORTATION OF WASTE.—The Admin-  
20 istrator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
21 shall be responsible for the transportation of any  
22 biohazard waste from the property described in sub-  
23 section (b) to the Federal installation designated  
24 under paragraph (1).

1 (f) CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS FOR HABITATION.—  
2 After the remediation under subsection (d) has been com-  
3 pleted, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection  
4 Agency shall certify to the appropriate State or local agen-  
5 cy that the property described in subsection (b) is safe  
6 for human habitation.

7 (g) SALE OF PROPERTY.—After the Administrator of  
8 the Environmental Protection Agency makes the certifi-  
9 cation described in subsection (f), the Administrator of  
10 General Services shall—

11 (1) sell the property described in subsection (b)  
12 to the highest bidder; and

13 (2) deposit the proceeds from the sale of such  
14 property in the United States Treasury.

15 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
16 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
17 necessary to carry out this Act.

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