

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To recognize the scientific contributions in the fight against disease made by politicians in Congress.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—110th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 579**

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY.**
- 3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
- 4 sion of law, the authority provided to the National Insti-
- 5 tutes of Health with respect to the conduct of research
- 6 and the awarding of grants relating to cancer shall be
- 7 transferred to the Committee on Health, Education,
- 8 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

1 (b) PEER REVIEW.—Peer-review of research carried  
2 out under subsection (a) shall be conducted by the staff  
3 of the majority leader of the Senate and the majority and  
4 minority staff members of the Committee on Health, Edu-  
5 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

6 (c) PRIORITY.—In determining the priority for con-  
7 ducting research are provided for under subsection (a), the  
8 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of  
9 the Senate shall consult with the appropriate lobbyists,  
10 paid staff of nonprofit advocacy organizations, or celebrity  
11 spokespersons.

12 (d) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding research  
13 funds under this section, the staff of the Committee on  
14 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate  
15 shall take into special consideration research projects  
16 with—

17 (1) the greatest number of Washington, D.C.  
18 lobbyists advocating for such projects;

19 (2) the greatest number of editorials and media  
20 articles advocating for such projects, particularly  
21 when they appear in publications in States rep-  
22 resented by Senators serving on the Committee on  
23 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-  
24 ate; and

1           (3) the greatest number of pharmaceutical,  
2           biotech, or device companies advocating for the  
3           projects.

4           (e) REPORTS.—As often as possible, the Committee  
5           on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate  
6           shall issue press releases claiming credit for the progress  
7           made by real scientists in medical advances against cancer  
8           that were made possible by the micromanagement of the  
9           National Institutes of Health by Congress.