

HELP PREVENT HIV/AIDS TRANSMISSION
Co-Sponsor the Microbicide Development Act of 2001

**Summary of the
Microbicide Development Act of 2001**

H.R. 2405 and S. 1752*

A **BILL** to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

FINDINGS

- Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are producing serious and costly epidemics of infectious disease in populations worldwide.
- Microbicides are a promising new technology for HIV and STD prevention. Microbicides are user-controlled products that could kill or inactivate the bacteria and viruses that cause HIV and other STDs.
- Federal support for microbicide research and development is crucial.

I. MICROBICIDE RESEARCH AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- Expands and coordinates microbicide activities at the National Institutes of Health.
- Expedites the implementation of the five-year strategic plan for microbicide research.
- Establishes a program for microbicide development.
- Establishes a network of microbicide research and development teams.
- Requires a report to Congress.
- Requires coordination with other federal agencies working in this field.
- Authorizes to be appropriated such sums as necessary for fiscal year 2002-2004.

II. MICROBICIDE RESEARCH AT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- Expands and coordinates microbicide activities at the CDC.
- Requires coordination with other federal agencies working in this field.
- Requires a report to Congress on the activities of the CDC.
- Authorizes to be appropriated such sums as necessary for fiscal year 2002-2004.

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* While both HR2405 and S1752 serve the same goal—to establish a “microbicide research and development program” at NIH and strengthen ongoing microbicide activity at CDC—these two bills are not legislatively identical. The objective is to get at least one of the bills passed by the end of this Congressional session and to work out the differences during the conference process.