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Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare the National Advisory Council for International Medical Research, and to establish in the Public Health Service the National Institute for International Medical Research, in order to help mobilize the efforts of medical scientists, research workers, technologists, teachers, and members of the health professions generally, in the United States and abroad, for assault upon disease, disability, and the impairments of man and for the improvement of the health of man through international cooperation in research, research training, and research planning.

Whereas it is recognized that disease and disability are the common enemies of all nations and peoples, and that the means, methods, and techniques for combating and abating the ravages of disease and disability and for improving the

health and health standards of man should be sought and shared, without regard to national boundaries and divisions; and

Whereas advances in combating and abating disease and in the positive promotion of human health can be stimulated by supporting and encouraging cooperation among scientists, research workers; and teachers on an international basis, with consequent benefit to the health of our people and of all peoples; and

Whereas there already exist tested means for international cooperation in matters relating to health, including the World Health Organization, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), with which the United States is identified and associated, and it is highly desirable that the United States establish domestic machinery for the maximum mobilization of its health research resources, the more efficiently to cooperate with and support the research, research training, and research planning endeavors of such international organizations: Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That this joint resolution does establish the domestic ma-
- 4 chinery for such maximum mobilization of its health research
- 5 resources, the more efficiently to cooperate with and support
- 6 the research, research training, and research planning en-
- 7 deavors of the international organizations.

1 SEC. 2. The purpose of this joint resolution is:

2 (1) To encourage and support on an international basis
3 studies, investigations, experiments, and research, including
4 the conduct and planning thereof, relating to:

5 (A) The causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, and pre-
6 vention of physical and mental diseases and other killing and
7 crippling impairments of man.

8 (B) The rehabilitation of the physically handicapped,
9 including the development and use of appliances for the miti-
10 gation of the handicaps of such individuals.

11 (C) The origin, nature, and solution of health problems
12 not identifiable in terms of disease entities.

13 (D) Broad fields of science, including the natural and
14 social sciences, important to or underlying disease and health
15 problems.

16 (2) To encourage and support the rapid international
17 interchange of knowledge and information concerning de-
18 velopments in those branches of science pertaining directly
19 or indirectly to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, or miti-
20 gation of disease and disability and other health and re-
21 habilitation problems.

22 (3) To encourage and support, on an international
23 basis, the training of personnel in research and research-

1 training through interchange of scientists, research workers,
2 research fellows, technicians, experts, and teachers in re-
3 search specialties not otherwise or generally provided for in
4 the programs authorized by section 32 of the Surplus Prop-
5 erty Act of 1944, as amended, and the United States
6 Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, as
7 amended.

8 (4) To encourage and cooperate with research pro-
9 grams undertaken by the World Health Organization and
10 other international bodies engaged in, or concerned with, in-
11 ternational endeavors in the health sciences, and to support
12 such programs in cases in which such international organi-
13 zations can more effectively carry out activities authorized
14 by this joint resolution.

15 (5) To advance the status of the health sciences in the
16 United States, the health standards of the American people,
17 and those of other countries and peoples, by cooperative en-
18 deavors with the scientists, research workers, technicians,
19 experts, teachers, and practitioners of those countries in re-
20 search and research training.

21 (6) To help mobilize the health sciences in the United
22 States as a force for peace, progress, and good will among the
23 various peoples and nations of the world.

24 SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary of Health, Education, and
25 Welfare (hereinafter referred to in this joint resolution as the

1 "Secretary") is authorized and directed to carry out the pur-
2 poses of this joint resolution in conformity with its provisions.

3 (b) The Secretary may utilize, for the performance of
4 his duties authorized by this joint resolution, the Public
5 Health Service, including the National Institute for Interna-
6 tional Medical Research established by this joint resolution
7 and the other National Institutes of Health, and, where ap-
8 propriate, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Chil-
9 dren's Bureau, and such other agencies and offices in the
10 Department as he may deem desirable to carry out the func-
11 tions authorized herein.

12 (c) The duties and functions hereby authorized shall
13 be carried out in consultation and cooperation with the
14 National Advisory Council for International Health Research
15 established by this joint resolution.

16 SEC. 4. There is hereby established, in the Public
17 Health Service, as a part of the National Institutes of Health,
18 the National Institute for International Medical Research.
19 This Institute, in cooperation with the other National Insti-
20 tutes, shall carry out such major duties and functions of
21 operation and administration in connection with this joint
22 resolution, as may be assigned by the Surgeon General,
23 including the support of research and research training
24 through grants, contracts and cooperative activities and the

1 direct conduct of research in facilities outside the United
2 States.

3 SEC. 5. (a) There is hereby established, in the Depart-
4 ment of Health, Education, and Welfare, the National
5 Advisory Council for International Medical Research (here-
6 inafter referred to in this joint resolution as the "Council"),
7 to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the
8 Secretary or the Surgeon General or the Director of the
9 Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or such other officers of
10 the Department as may be appropriate, on matters relating to
11 the purposes and programs authorized by this joint resolu-
12 tion. The internal procedures of the Council shall be gov-
13 erned by rules and regulations adopted by the Council and
14 approved by the Secretary.

15 (b) The Council shall receive reports on and review
16 all research and research-training projects or programs
17 undertaken, or proposed to be undertaken, pursuant to this
18 joint resolution, and no grant, contract, or loan for any such
19 research project or program shall be approved by the Sur-
20 geon General, the Director of the Office of Vocational Re-
21 habilitation, or the Secretary except after review and rec-
22 ommendation by the Council.

23 (c) The Council shall consist of the Surgeon General of
24 the Public Health Service, who shall be Chairman, a duly
25 designated representative of the Secretary of State, and six-

1 teen members appointed by the Secretary without regard to
2 civil service laws. The Director of Vocational Rehabilitation
3 shall be a member ex officio. The Secretary may appoint
4 additional ex officio members on either a permanent or tem-
5 porary basis, as desirable, but the number of such additional
6 ex-officio members shall not be greater than two at any one
7 time. The sixteen appointed members shall be leaders in the
8 fields of medical research, teaching and training, medical or
9 biological science, rehabilitation, education, or public and
10 international affairs. Eight of the sixteen shall be selected
11 from among leading experts and authorities in the fields
12 with which this joint resolution is concerned, with special
13 emphasis on associations with research and research training.

14 (d) Each appointed member of the Council shall hold
15 office for a term of four years, except that (1) any member
16 appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration
17 of the term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be
18 appointed either for the balance of that term, or for a full
19 four-year term at the discretion of the Chairman, and (2)
20 the terms of the members first taking office after September
21 30, 1958, shall expire as follows: four shall expire four years
22 after such date; four shall expire three years after such date;
23 four shall expire two years after such date; and four shall
24 expire one year after such date, as designated by the Secre-
25 tary at the time of appointment. None of the sixteen ap-

1 pointed members shall be eligible for reappointment until a
2 year elapses since the end of his preceding term.

3 (e) Members of the Council, other than ex officio mem-
4 bers and members who are officers or full-time employees
5 of the Government, while attending conferences or meetings
6 of their respective Council or committees thereof, or while
7 otherwise engaged in the work of the Council or the com-
8 mittees thereof, upon the specific authorization of the Chair-
9 man of the Council or the Secretary, shall be entitled to
10 receive compensation at a rate to be fixed by the Secretary,
11 but not exceeding \$50 per diem, and shall also be entitled
12 to receive an allowance for actual and necessary traveling
13 and subsistence expenses while so serving away from their
14 places of residence. This authorization for compensation
15 and expenses shall also extend to consultants and members
16 of special field or other committees engaged or established
17 pursuant to section 6 of this joint resolution.

18 (f) The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman
19 or on the request of a third of its membership, but in no
20 event less than three times during the year.

21 (g) Provision shall be made by the Secretary, through
22 the Surgeon General, for coordination of the work of and
23 consultation between the Council and the National Advisory
24 Health Council, and the national advisory councils of the
25 National Institutes of Health, and through the Director of

1 Vocational Rehabilitation, the National Advisory Council
2 on Vocational Rehabilitation, with respect to matters bearing
3 on the purposes and administration of this joint resolution.

4 SEC. 6. The Secretary is authorized to secure, from time
5 to time, and for such periods as he deems advisable, the as-
6 sistance and advice of consultants who are technicians, ex-
7 perts, scholars, or otherwise especially qualified in fields
8 related to research, research training, or research planning,
9 from the United States or abroad. These experts, individu-
10 ally or in groups, shall advise the Secretary or the Surgeon
11 General or the Director of Vocational Rehabilitation, or the
12 Council, on such matters as are appropriate.

13 SEC. 7. The Secretary is hereby authorized to engage
14 in the following activities:

15 (1) Encourage and support research, investigations, and
16 experiments by individuals, universities, hospitals, labora-
17 tories, or other public or private agencies or institutions, in
18 countries other than the United States, relating to the cause,
19 prevention, and methods of diagnosis and treatment of physi-
20 cal and mental diseases and impairments of man, referred to
21 in paragraph (1) of section 2, by means of: the direct con-
22 duct of research in countries other than the United States,
23 financial grants, contracts, grants or loans of equipment, and
24 grants or loans of medical, biological, physical, or chemical
25 substances or standards where required for research or re-

1 search training, and furnishing expert personnel from the
2 United States (including the payment of travel and subsist-
3 ence for such experts when away from their places of resi-
4 dence).

5 (2) Encourage and support research, investigations, and
6 experiments conducted in countries other than the United
7 States, related to the rehabilitation of the physically handi-
8 capped, by the means referred to in paragraph 2 hereof.

9 (3) Encourage and support the coordination of experi-
10 ments and programs of research conducted in the United
11 States with related programs conducted abroad, by facili-
12 tating the interchange of research scientists and experts be-
13 tween the United States and foreign countries who are en-
14 gaged in such experiments and programs of research,
15 including the payment of per diem compensation, subsistence
16 and travel for such scientists and experts when away from
17 their places of residence, as provided for consultants in section
18 5 (e) hereof.

19 (4) Make grants for the improvement or alteration of
20 facilities needed for medical research and research-training,
21 including the provision of equipment for research and train-
22 ing purposes.

23 (5) Establish and maintain research fellowships within
24 the National Institutes of Health and elsewhere with such al-
25 lowances (including travel and subsistence expenses) as may

1 be deemed necessary to train United States research workers,
2 research teachers, technicians and experts in the laboratories
3 of other countries, and to procure the assistance of talented
4 research fellows from abroad, and, in addition, to provide for
5 such fellowships and other research training through grants,
6 upon recommendation of the Council, to public and other
7 nonprofit institutions. This program of fellowships and
8 grants shall not duplicate or replace the programs authorized
9 under section 32 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as
10 amended, and the United States Information and Educational
11 Exchange Act of 1948, as amended.

12 (6) Encourage and support broad surveys of the inci-
13 dence of the major diseases endemic in various parts of the
14 world, and initiate comprehensive plans for their eradication
15 or mitigation through cooperative programs of research and
16 research training in regard to these diseases, including re-
17 search in pertinent phases of the science of public health.

18 (7) Support and encourage international communication
19 in the medical and biological sciences, international scientific
20 meetings, conferences, translation services and publications,
21 including provision for travel funds to permit participation
22 in such conferences.

23 SEC. 8. The Secretary shall keep the Secretary of State
24 fully informed concerning the projects and programs under-
25 taken pursuant to this joint resolution, and shall solicit and

1 secure from him policy guidance with regard to such proj-
2 ects, programs, or other activities proposed to be undertaken
3 under this joint resolution. No project, program, or activ-
4 ity shall be undertaken which is contrary to or inconsistent
5 with such policy guidance.

6 SEC. 9. Programs authorized by this joint resolution
7 shall not unnecessarily duplicate those undertaken by other
8 departments and agencies of the Government pursuant to
9 law, and the Secretary shall take proper precaution to this
10 end. Nothing contained in this joint resolution shall be ap-
11 plied or construed to diminish the authority or responsibility
12 of other departments and agencies in the field of international
13 cooperation in medical or other scientific endeavors.

14 SEC. 10. The activities authorized herein shall not extend
15 to the support of public health nor other programs of an
16 operational nature as contrasted with research, nor shall any
17 of the grants herein authorized include grants for the im-
18 provement or extension of public health administration in
19 other countries except for necessary research in the science
20 of public health and public health administration.

21 SEC. 11. The Secretary shall prepare an annual report,
22 which shall include a report from the Council, and submit it
23 to the President, for transmittal to the Congress, summarizing
24 the activities under this joint resolution, and making such

1 recommendations as he, and the Council, may deem appro-
2 priate.

3 SEC. 12. The Secretary, or the Surgeon General, or the
4 Director of Vocational Rehabilitation, is authorized to use
5 the services of any member or members of the Council,
6 and, where appropriate, any member or members of the
7 other several national advisory councils, or study sections,
8 or committees advisory thereto of the Public Health Service,
9 or of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, in connection
10 with matters related to the administration of this joint reso-
11 lution, for such periods as may be determined necessary.

12 SEC. 13. Any alien whom the Secretary deems it de-
13 sirable to come to the United States under the terms of para-
14 graphs (4) and (7) of section 7 of this joint resolution, who
15 is otherwise excluded from admission into the United States
16 by the provisions of section 212 of the Immigration and
17 Nationality Act, may, upon certification by the Secretary,
18 upon recommendation of the Surgeon General or the Director
19 of Vocational Rehabilitation, as may be appropriate, be
20 paroled into the United States by the Attorney General pur-
21 suant to the authority contained in section 212 (d) (5) of
22 such Act.

23 SEC. 14. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated
24 the sum of \$50,000,000 annually, to carry out the provisions

1 of this joint resolution. Such amount is to be apportioned
2 as the Congress may direct to the Office of the Secretary, the
3 Public Health Service (including the National Institute for
4 International Health and Medical Research), the Office of
5 Vocational Rehabilitation, and other agencies in the Depart-
6 ment of Health, Education, and Welfare as appropriate.

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