

**OREGON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS UPDATE  
OCTOBER 9, 2003**

**National Legislation Watch –**

**H.R.3158**

**Title:** To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a task force to determine essential capabilities for State and local jurisdictions to prevent, prepare for, and respond to acts of terrorism, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to State and local governments to achieve such capability, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Turner, Jim [TX-2] (introduced 9/24/2003) **Cosponsors:** 136

**Latest Major Action:** 9/24/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security (Select), and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**H.R.3227**

**Title:** To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish clearly defined standards and guidelines for Federal, State, and local government emergency preparedness and response capability, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Shays, Christopher [CT-4] (introduced 10/2/2003) **Cosponsors:** 5

**Latest Major Action:** 10/2/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security (Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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Rep. Chris Shays (R-CT) introduced the National Preparedness Standards Act on October 2, 2003. Calls for the Department of Homeland Security in consultation with state and local officials and emergency responders to establish standards on response capabilities, training, interoperability and response equipment.

**H.R.2555**

**Title:** Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Rogers, Harold [KY-5] (introduced 6/23/2003) **Cosponsors:** (none)

**Related Bills:** [H.RES.293](#), [H.RES.374](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 10/1/2003 Became Public Law No: 108-90.

The President signed into law the 2004 Appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security last week. The budget authority is \$37.6 Billion, the key highlights are:

**\$4.037 Billion for State & Local Funding**

- \$1.7 Billion for formula-based grants for states
- \$750 Million for Firefighters Assistance Grants
- \$725 Million for discretionary grants for high-threat, high-density urban areas
- \$500 Million for law enforcement terrorism prevention grants. **(New appropriation, no guidance given)**
- \$40 Million for Citizen Corps

**\$9.1 Billion for Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- \$50 Million for Metropolitan Medical Response System
- \$180 Million for Emergency Management Performance Grants
- \$66.5 Million for Critical Infrastructure Protection

**If you use the 2003 formula, the estimated FY 2004 grants for Oregon would be:**

**Basic Grant - \$25,025 Million**

**Law Enforcement Prevention Grant - \$5,989 Million**

**S.1695**

**Title:** A bill to provide greater oversight over the USA PATRIOT Act.

**Sponsor:** Sen Leahy, Patrick J. [VT] (introduced 10/1/2003) **Cosponsors:** 4

**Latest Major Action:** 10/1/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**S.1279**

**Title:** A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area.

**Sponsor:** Sen Voinovich, George V. [OH] (introduced 6/18/2003) **Cosponsors:** 3

**Latest Major Action:** 7/30/2003 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

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Support for Inclusion of Agriculture in Disaster Response Operations

### **DISCUSSION:**

In the aftermath of the tornadoes in the Midwest this spring, major losses occurred in the agriculture sector and there was no central clearinghouse for agriculture disaster related information. Further, the importance of integration of the agriculture sector in homeland security is critical to coordinated planning and response.

Rep. Roy Blunt (R-MO) has introduced legislation that would designate a Department of Agriculture representative to the Disaster Field Office to assist state and local officials in coordination with other federal agencies in responding to a federally declared disaster. The representative would provide public information to facilitate the claims and applications related to agriculture related disasters.

### **S.15 (Project Bioshield Legislation)**

**Title:** A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the payment of compensation for certain individuals with injuries resulting from the administration of smallpox countermeasures, to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States, and to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program.

**Sponsor:** Sen Gregg, Judd [NH] (introduced 3/11/2003) **Cosponsors:** 11

**Latest Major Action:** 3/25/2003 Senate preparation for floor. Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

### **S.796**

**Title:** A bill to provide for the appointment of a Director of State and Local Government Coordination within the Department of Homeland Security and to transfer the Office for Domestic Preparedness to the Office of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

**Sponsor:** Sen Collins, Susan M. [ME] (introduced 4/7/2003) **Cosponsors:** 8

**Latest Major Action:** 4/7/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

### **H.R.2012**

**Title:** To require the Secretary of Defense to implement fully by September 30, 2004, requirements for additional Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams.

**Sponsor:** Rep Gibbons, Jim [NV-2] (introduced 5/7/2003) **Cosponsors:** 9

**Related Bills:** [S.918](#)

**Latest Major Action:** 7/17/2003 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Total Force. Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team Implementation Act of 2003 - Directs the Secretary of Defense to fully implement, by September 30, 2004, requirements under the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 that the Secretary: (1) establish 23 additional Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams, for a total of 55; and (2) ensure that at least one such

team is established in each State and territory. Increases the authorized end strengths for full-time Army and Air National Guard personnel as of September 30, 2004, in order to meet such requirements. Provides funding through the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2004.

#### **S.45**

**Title:** A bill to make changes to the Office for State and Local Government Coordination, Department of Homeland Security.

**Sponsor:** Sen Feingold, Russell D. [WI] (introduced 1/7/2003) **Cosponsors:** 1

**Latest Major Action:** 1/7/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to: (1) provide for the Office for State and Local Government Coordination to be headed by a director; and (2) require such Office to prepare annual reports on State and local priorities based on first responder needs, a needs assessment that identifies duplicative Federal and State or local homeland security functions, recommendations regarding program creation, expansion, or elimination to assist State and local entities in carrying out functions under the Department of Homeland Security, and proposals to increase the coordination of Department priorities within and between States.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to designate at least one employee in each State and the District of Columbia to serve as a Homeland Security Liaison Officer to provide homeland security information, research, technical support, coordination, training, and resources.

Establishes: (1) an Interagency Committee on First Responders and State, Local, and Cross-jurisdictional Issues that shall ensure coordination, with respect to homeland security functions, among the Federal agencies involved with State, local and regional governments, State, local, and community-based law enforcement, fire and rescue operations, and medical and emergency relief services; and (2) an Advisory Council for such Committee.

#### **S.1245**

**Title:** A bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Collins, Susan M. [ME] (introduced 6/12/2003) **Cosponsors:** 25

**Latest Major Action:** 9/5/2003 Senate preparation for floor. Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

#### **S.215**

**Title:** A bill to authorize funding assistance for the States for the discharge of homeland security activities by the National Guard.

**Sponsor:** Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA] (introduced 1/23/2003) **Cosponsors:** 35

**Latest Major Action:** 1/23/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Guaranteeing a United and Resolute Defense Act of 2003 or GUARD Act of 2003 - Authorizes the Secretary of Defense to provide funds to the governor of a State who

submits, and receives approval of, a plan for the use of personnel and equipment of the State's National Guard in homeland security activities. Provides authorizes uses of such funding, including: (1) pay, allowances, and clothing; (2) equipment and facilities operation and maintenance; and (3) procurement of related services.

### **Budget Notes –**

- Citizen Corps funding is included in the ODP application process as one of the "single application" grant pieces.
- Patriot Act distribution formula will continue to be used.
- Amount for CERT is not defined - looking like states will have discretion to make split between Citizen Corps and CERT.
- Pass through requirement is 80%, up from 75% (as directed by Appropriations language)
- ODP Grant stakeholders meeting is Oct 16th - about 10 states invited to participate. (List will be forthcoming)
- All ODP grant guidance has to be out by end of October (requirement in Appropriations bill). This means it must be finalized by end of 3rd week to allow time for OMB clearance.

### **Misc Notes –**

- The National Urban Search and Rescue Teams have now been officially trained and equipped to do their mission in a WMD environment.
- The National Infrastructure Institute (NI2) Center for Infrastructure Expertise has produced a new CD called the CARVER2, which is an infrastructure/key asset target assessment tool. The CARVER2 was specifically designed to provide federal, state, and local government officials with a quick and easy way to identify and prioritize potential terrorist targets. The tool is a simple method of comparing and rating infrastructure and key assets across all sectors.
- The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee approved Suzanne Mencer's appointment as Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness unanimously on October 2, 2003. The appointment will now move to the full Senate.