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Adolescent health and disparities		<p>Language found in NICHHD section: — The Committee strongly encourages the collaboration of NICHHD, the National Cancer Institute, the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in efforts to support CDC's Healthy Passages Program, which studies the developmental paths of health risk behaviors and adverse health outcomes in white, African-American, and Hispanic youth.</p>	
Bayh-Dole Act	<p>Language found in the OD section: — The Committee continues to support the principles of the Bayh-Dole Act with respect to the utilization, commercialization and public availability of government funded inventions. Therefore, recipients of NIH grants should not be discouraged from seeking patent protection, where appropriate, to bring a product to practical application, but should also license the intellectual property in a manner that maximizes the potential for broad distribution of the research tool. Accordingly, NIH should continue to offer guidance to both funding recipients and their commercial sponsors to find the appropriate balance between these potentially competing interests.</p>		

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Behavioral science research		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee commends NCI for expanding its infrastructure to fund behavioral and population research in cancer prevention, treatment, and control. — NCI is encouraged to expand its investigation of the effective provision of mental health services to improve the course of cancer treatment and to aid in the adjustment to cancer survivorship. — Committee encourages NCI to build upon its collaborations with the National Institute on Drug Abuse to more thoroughly investigate issues of youth tobacco use. In particular, expanding health promotion research focused on children and youth, and interdisciplinary research on tobacco addiction and cessation. —The Committee also encourages NCI to expand its research on adherence to treatment regimens and to health-promoting behaviors such as physical activity and healthy diet.</p> <p>Language found in OD section: — The Committee urges NIH to incorporate behavioral research as part of its core public health mission. — The Committee also urges the NIH to provide a detailed description of its ongoing work in the behavioral sciences, including a breakdown by Institute, and funds within each Institute of research and training activities included in NIH's behavioral and social science portfolio.</p>	

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Blood Cancers	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee is pleased that NCI has conducted a progress review group on lymphoma, leukemia and myeloma to evaluate opportunities for research in these areas and looks forward to receiving a copy of the final report. — The Committee requests that the Director of the Institute be prepared to provide a progress report on lymphoma and hematological cancer research, including a proposed budget plan, at the fiscal year 2003 appropriations hearing — The Committee urges NCI to enhance research support to improve the understanding of, and develop treatments for, myelodysplasia, a serious blood disorder affecting primarily older Americans and individuals who have previously undergone radiation or chemotherapy treatment for cancer.</p> <p>Language found in CDC section: — The Committee is aware of the NCI-convened progress review group on hematological cancers and encourages CDC to work with NCI to determine possible areas of collaboration.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee is interested in NCI's upcoming Progress Review Group report on leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma, and it is eager to know what research strategies NCI is pursuing to improve treatments for these blood cancers. — In particular, the Committee urges NCI to expand its research on myelodysplasia, a serious blood disorder affecting primarily older adults and individuals who have previously undergone radiation or chemotherapy treatment for cancer. — The Committee urges continued research and effort to seek new and better treatment for this disease. The Committee also requests that the NCI and NIEHS develop a joint report by April 1, 2002, on the progress of lymphoma and hematological cancer research. The report should address how the PRG has determined funds will be expended to expand the current base of lymphoma and hematological cancer research.</p>	

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<p>Bone disease (includes Bone Metastasis in Senate and Cancer metastases in House)</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages NCI to include multiple myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cells of the bone marrow, in its study of bone involvement in certain cancers. — The Committee urges NCI to collaborate with NIAMS in translational research activities to capitalize on recent advances in the study of biophosphonates, a class of drugs that strengthen bone through all available mechanisms, as appropriate. — The Committee encourages NCI to conduct research to develop a better understanding of the unique role bone microenvironment plays in cancer metastatic to bone, in particular, in breast cancer, prostate cancer and myeloma through all available mechanisms, as appropriate, including the development of animal models of bone metastases and the identification of novel therapeutic targets and modalities to prevent and treat bone metastases.</p> <p>Language found in NIAMS section: — The Committee urges NIAMS to work with NCI and NHLBI to establish translational research activities to understand the role of bone involvement and tumor growth in multiple myeloma, lymphoma, breast and prostate cancer.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages NCI to conduct research to develop a better understanding of the unique role the bone microenvironment plays in metastasis of cancer to bone, in particular, breast cancer, prostate cancer and myeloma. — The Committee also encourages NCI to support research on the development of animal models of bone metastasis and the identification of novel therapeutic targets and modalities to prevent and treat bone metastases.</p> <p>Language found in NIDDK section: — The Committee urges NIDDK to work with NCI to focus on cancer that spreads to bone.</p>	

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Brain tumors		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages NCI to fund at least three Specialized Program of Research Excellence in Brain Tumors (SPORE) grants in the upcoming fiscal year, with particular emphasis on those proposals which include both basic research and clinical treatment applications.</p> <p>Language found in NINDS section: — The Committee is concerned that not enough attention is being given by NINDS to identifying causes of and treatments for brain tumors, and it encourages NINDS to continue working with NCI to carry out the recommendations of the recently issued Report of the Brain Tumor Progress Review Group.</p>	
Breast cancer	<p>Language found in NCMHD section: — The Committee urges NCMHD, in collaboration with NCI, to enhance research targeting the rising incidence and mortality rate of breast cancer in African American women.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee continues to be concerned over the disparity in breast cancer mortality and morbidity among African-American women. The Committee therefore encourages the NCI to report to Congress by April 1, 2002, about existing efforts, as well as planned future efforts, to better understand and respond to this disturbing phenomenon. — The committee encourages NCI to consider as important research that of restoring sensitivity of tumor cells to standard chemotherapy drugs by reversing the effects of low oxygen stress on the cells.</p>	
Breast implants		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages the NCI to continue to collect and analyze data from the women in its three recent studies of the health risks of breast implants, to determine whether there is a link between breast implants and breast cancer, other cancers, or mortality from all causes.</p>	

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Cancer and minorities		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee remains concerned over recent statistics citing higher incidences of cancer among the native Hawaiian population. In comparison to other ethnic and racial groups, native Hawaiians have the highest incidence of the most common forms of cancer such as breast, colon, and lung cancer. The Committee encourages continued research in the areas of prevention and detection, utilizing nurse practitioners in community-based centers for screening and education for the underserved populations.</p>	
Cancer centers		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages the NCI to further expand their Cancer Centers Program and give full consideration to applicants that care for a large number of underserved patients from rural and economically distressed areas.</p>	
Cancer gene therapy		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee and the NCI have previously supported cancer genomics projects that investigate the role of oncogenes in the CaSm, Ets 2 and ESF genes. The Committee expects the NCI to continue these projects with the goal of identifying potential cancer therapies.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The conferees urge NCI to continue supporting cancer genomics projects with the goal of identifying potential cancer therapies.</p>
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee understands that NCI awarded a program project grant last year to establish and lead a multi-disciplinary national research consortium to study CLL at both the cellular and clinical levels. — The Committee encourages NCI to consider expanding the scope of research activities of the consortium through all available mechanisms, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee urges the NCI to increase research on CLL, its underlying cause, and improved therapies. — The Committee is pleased to learn that the NCI awarded a program project grant last year to establish and lead a multidisciplinary national research consortium to study CLL at both the cellular and clinical levels. — The Committee strongly encourages the NCI to give full and fair consideration to expanding the scope of research activities funded through the CLL Research Consortium and the participating partners involved.</p>	

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Complementary and alternative cancer therapies		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee expects NCI to expand its work and its collaborative efforts with the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine to support research on promising complementary and alternative cancer therapies as well as on their integration with traditional therapies</p>	
DES		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee expects NCI to continue its support of research in this area. In addition, the Committee urges NCI to continue its agreement with CDC to implement a national education program for consumers and health professionals. — The Committee expects NCI and these other agencies to continue to consult with organizations representing individuals impacted by DES as they carry out DES research and education efforts.</p>	
Digestive cancers		<p>Language found in NIDDK section: — The Committee is pleased with the NCI Progress Review Group on Pancreatic Cancer and urges the NIDDK to collaborate with NCI on mutual research areas and awareness programs for the scientific and lay communities.</p>	

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Five-a-Day	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee commends the NCI's national 5-A-Day program and encourages the Institute to conduct research on how best to promote healthy eating, especially fruit and vegetable consumption. This research should include, but not be limited to, research on children and adolescents, the general adult population, low-income and disparate groups, especially African Americans and Latinos and ways to transfer already-developed technologies to other government agencies and to non-profit, civic, and other organizations.</p> <p>Language in HHS/OS section: — The Committee recognizes the importance of the public/private partnerships that have made the 5 A Day program so successful and expects that future efforts by CDC and NCI to expand the 5 A Day program will continue to involve these partners.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages NCI to fund behavioral research on how best to promote healthy eating, especially fruit and vegetable consumption. — New research projects could include, but not be limited to (a) children and adolescents, the general adult population, policymakers, and low-income and disparate groups, especially African Americans and Latinos; (b) program channels such as the mass media, restaurants, supermarkets, schools, and faith organizations; and (c) transfer of already-developed technologies to other units and levels of government and to non-profit, civic, and other organizations.</p> <p>Language found in CDC section: — The Committee is aware of the report of the Evaluation Group on the national 5-A-Day for Better Health Program and the findings that eating fruits and vegetables reduces the risk of cancer, cardiovascular, and other diseases. — Given these findings, the Committee urges the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to jointly develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen and expand the 5-A-Day program. The plan should address the policy, environmental changes, communications, State and community programs, research and evaluation, and surveillance and program channels such as mass media, restaurants, supermarkets, schools, and faith organizations. The plan should also address how best to use already-developed technologies to promote healthy eating.</p>	

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Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)	<p>Language found in NIH section: — NIH should continue to work with the National Academy of Sciences and the other science agencies to develop a better conceptual and theoretical framework for such measures. — The Committee believes that NIH should begin to implement the Act where it can. Measures of administrative efficiency and effectiveness can and should be adopted and tracked. — Similarly, indicators of the ability of systems to support the research enterprise exist, and should be included. Presentation of these measures, including goals for improvements, baselines and reporting systems are an initial step. Information presented with the President's budget should include improvements in these indicators resulting from proposed funding levels. — In addition, the Committee will expect the Director to include a report in the fiscal year 2003 appropriations budget justifications on the progress toward indicators relating directly to research and the translation of basic research findings to medical and other applications.</p>		
Gynecologic cancer		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee strongly urges NCI to expedite current research on screening methods to detect, diagnose, and identify staging of ovarian cancer. — The Committee is pleased that NCI has fully funded four ovarian cancer SPOREs, and it encourages the Institute to consider issuing a new request for applications for additional ovarian cancer SPOREs. — The Committee also believes that identification of a cost-effective screening strategy could result in earlier diagnosis for women and higher cure rates. NCI is strongly urged to accelerate research in this area.</p>	

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Hepatocellular carcinoma		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee is aware that little is known about the mechanisms and natural history of this disease. The Committee, therefore, strongly encourages the NCI to work closely with the NIDDK to develop a comprehensive liver cancer research initiative to investigate prevention, diagnosis, and therapy.</p>	
Human stem cell research	<p>Language found in OD section: — It is the Committee's intent, that the NIH move ahead expeditiously to implement the President's policy concerning support of scientifically meritorious research involving both adult and human embryonic stem cells. The Director is requested to keep the Committee apprised of program initiatives as well as research progress concerning both adult and embryonic stem cells.</p>		
Imaging systems technologies		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee urges NCI to continue to take a leadership role with the Health Care Financing Administration and the Food and Drug Administration to avoid duplicative reviews of new imaging technologies that may prevent their benefits from reaching patients on a timely basis. — The Committee is aware of the great potential for improved patient care and disease management represented by molecular imaging technologies, especially positron emission tomography (PET). — The Committee continues to encourage the large-scale testing of women for breast cancer and of men for prostate cancer to demonstrate and quantify the increased diagnostic and staging capabilities of PET relative to conventional diagnostic and staging technologies, including mammography.</p>	

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Immunodeficiency diseases		<p>Language found in CDC section: — The Committee has included sufficient funds to continue and expand the CDC's national education awareness campaign with regard to primary immunodeficiency diseases, in collaboration with NICHD, NIAID, NCI, and private entities, to serve as a model for other genetic diseases.</p>	
Liver disease	<p>Language found in NIDDK section: — The Committee is pleased with the research focus on hepatitis C, but urges the Institute to continue focus on other liver diseases, hepatocellular carcinoma in collaboration with NCI, alcoholic liver disease in collaboration with NIAAA, and hereditary hemochromatosis in collaboration with NHLBI.</p>		
Lymphoma	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee understands that NCI is currently supporting research to identify possible risk factors for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, including a case control study investigating the role of immune suppression and stimulation in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma incidence. — The Committee encourages NCI to make the investigation of risk factors for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma a high priority and evaluate the possibility of a workshop to assess the state of knowledge of the causes of the disease.</p> <p>Language found in NIEHS section: — The Committee also encourages NIEHS to collaborate its research efforts with NCI, CDC and other appropriate agencies that will lead to a better understanding of how environmental factors contribute to the development of lymphoid malignancies.</p>	<p>Language found in NIEHS section: — The Committee also encourages NIEHS to collaborate with NCI and CDC to conduct research that will lead to a better understanding on how environmental factors contribute to the development of lymphoid malignancies. — The Committee requests that NIEHS and NCI submit a joint report to the Committee by April 1, 2002, on their current research portfolios on lymphoma and the direction of future research.</p>	
Melanoma		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee urges the NCI to continue seeking new therapies for melanoma as well as educate the public through campaigns that encourage appropriate protection from sunlight.</p>	

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Multiple Myeloma	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee urges NCI to collaborate with NIAMS and NHLBI and expand knowledge of abnormal proteins in the blood and urine through all available mechanisms, as appropriate, including greater use of translational research activities. — The Committee also urges NCI to work with CDC regarding epidemiological data gathering and interpretation.</p>		
National cancer registries		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages the Registries program to establish, with the States, high-risk registries for the digestive cancers (liver, pancreatic) and other cancers with significantly low survival rates following diagnosis.</p>	
Natural Products Drug Development	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages NCI to enhance the Natural Products Drug Development program, particularly in the area of complementary and alternative medicine. — NCI is encouraged to support high quality research proposals investigating cancer therapies such as iscadore and other botanical substances, Ayurvedic, homeopathic, traditional Chinese approaches, and alternative dietary approaches. — The Director of the Institute should be prepared to provide a progress report at the fiscal year 2003 appropriations hearings.</p>		

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Neurofibromatosis (NF)	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages NCI to strengthen its neurofibromatosis (NF) research portfolio in such areas as further development of animal models, natural history studies, therapeutic experimentation and clinical trials through all available mechanisms, as appropriate. — The Committee also urges NCI to continue to coordinate its efforts with other Institutes engaged in NF research.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages NCI to strengthen its NF research portfolio in such areas as further development of animal models, natural history studies, therapeutic experimentation and clinical trials.</p> <p>Language found in OD section: — The Committee recognizes that neurofibromatosis (NF) research involves many Institutes and Centers, including NCI, NINDS, NHLBI, NEI, NIDCD, and NIAMS. The Committee urges the Director to develop a plan to identify new research opportunities regarding NF that cuts across Institutes and Centers.</p>	
Neurological cancer		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee is pleased to learn of innovative research on the uniformly fatal brain cancer glioblastoma multiforme. Investigators have developed a transgenic mouse model in which tumor growth can be reduced by replacing a new gene that helps transport the brain chemical glutamate. The Committee is also aware of the importance of this research in the study of epilepsy. The Committee encourages the NCI to take note of these exciting developments.</p>	
Ovarian cancer	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee urges NCI to expedite current research in screening methods to detect, diagnose, and identify staging of ovarian cancer. — The Committee also encourages NCI to fully fund the four ovarian cancer SPORes and accelerate research in this area through all available mechanisms, as appropriate, including the establishment of additional ovarian cancer SPORes.</p>		

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Pancreatic cancer		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee commends NCI for its report on the Pancreatic Cancer Progress Review Group. The Committee urges the NCI to develop a professional judgment budget in line with the Progress Review Group for the period from fiscal year 2003 to fiscal year 2008. This budget should be presented to the Committee by April 1, 2002. — In addition, the Committee encourages NCI to develop an initiative to raise the awareness of pancreatic cancer in the general public and the research community.</p> <p>Language found in CDC section: — The Committee encourages the CDC to work with the National Cancer Institute to determine possible areas of collaboration in epidemiology, translational research, and awareness and registry programs for pancreatic cancer. — A report to the Committee on initiatives in these areas should be submitted prior to next year's appropriations hearing.</p>	
Pediatric research initiative	<p>Language found in OD section: — The Committee understands that the Acting Director has asked the NICHD Director to co-chair a committee developing recommendations to operate the Pediatric Research Initiative authorized as part of the Children's Health Act of 2000. The flexibility afforded to NIH in the implementation of the Initiative will facilitate the development of the most effective means to achieve the program's objectives. Within the total provided to NIH, the Committee believes adequate funds are available to continue implementing this activity.</p> <p>— The Committee requests that the Director be prepared to provide a status of this initiative at the fiscal year 2003 appropriations hearing.</p>	<p>Language found in OD section: — The Committee is aware that the Children's Health Act of 2000 authorized the establishment of the Pediatric Research Initiative within the Office of the NIH Director, for the purpose of encouraging an increased emphasis on research addressing children's illnesses and conditions across the various Institutes and Centers. — The Committee urges the Office of the NIH Director to carry out the Initiative, including supporting training for pediatric researchers, as authorized by Title X of the Children's Health Act. — The Committee requests NIH to provide a report to the Committee by April 1, 2002, on the pediatric research activities supported with these Initiative funds.</p>	<p>Language found in OD section: — The conferees concur with language contained in the Senate report regarding the pediatric research initiative.</p>

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Population health		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee congratulates the NCI for building and nurturing an infrastructure to support rigorous community-based research. Community-based research makes it possible for interventions developed at taxpayer expense to reach the greatest number of people. The National Research Council has called attention to the need for additional research at multiple levels of analysis (individual, family, community) that integrates population health dynamics with behavioral, psychosocial, and environmental factors. One challenge is the development of methodologies that can enable such multilevel analyses. The Committee encourages NCI to continue its leadership in this area.</p>	
Population-based prevention research		<p>Language found in the OD section: — The Committee urges NIH to significantly expand its support for studies that examine the biological, behavioral and environmental risks for disease. The Committee is especially interested in the assessment of prevention-focused interventions designed to enhance health status, the exploration of health disparities across population subgroups, the examination of strategies designed to move the findings of laboratory-based research from individuals to population-wide applications, and the exploration of the potential uses of communication technologies to enhance human health. — The Committee urges NIH to submit a report to the Committee by April 1, 2002, that indicates total dollars spent on population-based prevention research by Institute and relevant disease areas where possible.</p>	

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Primary immunodeficiencies (PI)	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee encourages NCI to develop a comprehensive research portfolio in this area. — The Director of the Institute should be prepared to provide a progress report at the fiscal year 2003 appropriations hearing. — NCI is also encouraged to expand its role in a national education and awareness campaign through all available mechanisms, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee strongly encourages the Institute to develop a comprehensive research portfolio on the basis of the data generated at the symposium in March 2000 and to supply the Committee with a report concerning its research plans not later than April 1, 2002. — In addition, NCI is urged to greatly expand its role in the national education and awareness campaign sponsored by the Jeffrey Modell Foundation.</p>	
Prostate cancer	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee urges NCI to place an increased priority on research through all available mechanisms, as appropriate, including clinical trials that result in earlier, more reliable detection methods and more effective and less disfiguring treatment regimes.</p>	<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee strongly urges the NIH to renew its commitment to prostate cancer research with special emphasis on accelerating new avenues for basic research, drug development and clinical research. — The Committee further requests that NIH submit a prostate research plan for fiscal year 2003 to fiscal year 2008 by April 1, 2002. In developing this plan, the Committee urges the NIH to consult and work closely with the research community, clinicians, patient advocacy groups and the Congress. — The Committee is aware of a novel DNA-based tumor vaccine that has proven effective in pre-clinical, phase I and phase II studies for the treatment of advanced prostate cancer. The Committee is also aware of complementary research in prostate cancer treatment using Cox-2 inhibitors. The Committee encourages NCI to explore the use of these important research initiatives.</p>	
Tobacco products		<p>Language found in OD section: — The Committee urges that the NIH, including NCI, NIDA, NHLBI, and NIMH, increase its commitment to tobacco-related research, especially regarding cigarette design, including ingredients and constituents.</p>	

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Transdisciplinary tobacco use research centers		<p>Language found in NCI section: — The Committee commends the Institute for its collaboration with the National Institute on Drug Abuse and private foundations in establishing seven new Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Centers.</p> <p>Language found in NIDA section: — The Committee is pleased that NIDA has teamed with the National Cancer Institute and an outside foundation to establish the Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Center (TTURC).</p>	