

In states in the U.S. that have adopted this standard of care, new cases have been virtually eliminated.

In Botswana, a country that used to have HIV infection rates as high as 50% of child-bearing-aged women, they instituted these policies. Now 92% of pregnant women are being tested, and the drop in HIV+ mothers delivering infected babies dropped from 35% to 4% from 2004–2007, with 13,000 HIV-infected moms being identified annually.

A recent study, the largest to date, just came out with findings that 99 percent of babies were born uninfected if an infected mother was diagnosed and proper treatment was administered.

However, a World Health Organization report found that access to AIDS drugs is severely limited in developing countries, with fewer than 10 percent of pregnant women with HIV in those countries having access to medication.

As a result, about 1,800 babies become infected with HIV each day. Prevention of mother-to-child-transmission (PMTCT) is cheap per life saved: Estimated cost of PMTCT drugs to support treatment of (1) mother/child pair is US\$167 (generics) and US\$318 (branded).

We haven't even come close to meeting the need in PEPFAR focus countries.

Estimated 1.15 million pregnant women with HIV/AIDS living in PEPFAR countries.

In 2006 PEPFAR proved ARV Prophylaxis to only 294,000 (25.5%).

And now PEPFAR is expanding beyond the focus countries to other countries—the need just will keep growing:

Estimated 2.1 million pregnant women estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS in developing countries (1.7 million in sub-Saharan Africa – 85%).

Of the estimated 2.3 million (1.7–3.5 million) children under the age of 15 years living with HIV, well over 90% are thought to have become infected through mother-to-child transmission.

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the pendency of the PEPFAR matter, there be no motions to proceed in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, in this body, both sides need to exercise good faith. I appreciate very much what the distinguished Republican leader has been able to work out in the last couple hours. We are going to do our very best. This is a very difficult time we find ourselves in in our country. We have housing matters for which I have had three calls today from the Secretary of the Treasury, and he does not call me very often. It is a very serious situation we have with housing. We are trying to get the House to do what we think is right for this country. We know the energy issue is right for our trying to do something.

So, Mr. President, I am going to do my very best. I have expressed to the

distinguished Republican leader, unless there is something I do not understand that comes up untoward, we are going to have all those 10 amendments debated and voted upon. And I indicated to the Republican leader that there will be no cloture filed unless he thinks it is appropriate. And if he does not want his fingerprints on it, I will do it on my own, but he will be closely advised of anything we do in that regard.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, let me just say to the majority leader, this is a good way to go forward. This consent agreement was rather painfully achieved last week, and I am glad to hear his representation that we will vote on the 10 amendments. I think all of our Members are more than happy to have short time agreements, process the amendments, and move on.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of Senators BIDEN and LUGAR, I call up the managers' amendment, which Senator LUGAR was on the floor wanting to do earlier today, but because of issues he was unable to do that. So this is the substitute amendment.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA RE-AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The reported committee amendment is withdrawn.

AMENDMENT NO. 5075

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

The clerk will report the amendment. The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], for Mr. BIDEN, for himself and Mr. LUGAR, proposes an amendment numbered 5075.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.") The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the substitute is agreed to and the bill will be treated as original text for the purpose of further amendment.

The amendment (No. 5075) was agreed to.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 5077

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the pending

amendment be set aside, and I call up amendment No. 5077 for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is no pending amendment.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] proposes an amendment numbered 5077.

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To reduce to \$35,000,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria in developing countries during the next 5 years)

On page 130, line 1, strike "\$50,000,000,000" and insert "\$35,000,000,000".

AMENDMENT NO. 5078

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I call up amendment No. 5078 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] proposes an amendment numbered 5078.

Mr. DEMINT. I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To limit the countries to which Federal financial assistance may be targeted under this Act)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . . FUNDING LIMITATION.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, amounts authorized to be appropriated under this Act may only be targeted toward those countries authorized for funding under the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–25).

AMENDMENT NO. 5079 TO AMENDMENT NO. 5078

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I send a second-degree amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Carolina [Mr. DEMINT] proposes an amendment numbered 5079 to amendment No. 5078:

At the end of the amendment, strike the period and add a comma and the following: "and shall not be made available to such countries, or other countries through the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, for any organization or program which supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilizations."

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I rise today to speak against this foreign aid bill and in favor of a couple of amendments that will restore some integrity to it.