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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

November 9, 2005

Mr. Allard introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NATIONAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS CONSORTIUM.

(a) In General.—Title V of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 311 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:
“SEC. 512. NATIONAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS CONSORTIUM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Domestic Preparedness Consortium shall consist of—

“(1) the Center for Domestic Preparedness;

“(2) the National Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology;

“(3) the National Center for Bio-Medical Research and Training, Louisiana State University;

“(4) the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, Texas A&M University;

“(5) the National Exercise, Test, and Training Center, Nevada test site; and

“(6) the Transportation Technology Center in Pueblo, Colorado.

“(b) USE OF CONSORTIUM.—To the fullest extent possible, the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response shall use the Consortium members, including the facilities, resources, and expertise of Consortium members, to support cooperative programs to achieve cost-effective delivery of equipment, technical assistance, training, and situational exercises. To maximize training accessibility, multiple facilities and expertise of the Consortium members shall be used, requiring parallel efforts
to be coordinated between the Department and Consor-
tium members.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary
to carry out this section.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

(1) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-
tents under section 1(b) of the Homeland Security
Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101) is amended by inserting
after the item relating to section 509 the following:

“Sec. 510. Procurement of security countermeasures for strategic national
stockpile.
“Sec. 511. Urban and other high risk area communications capabilities.
“Sec. 512. National Domestic Preparedness Consortium.”.

(2) REDESIGNATION.—The second section 510
321) (relating to urban and other high risk area
communications capabilities) is redesignated as sec-
tion 511.