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To provide for the cleanup of the site of the first anthrax attack.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Anthrax Cleanup Com-
5 munity Assistance Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMEDIATION OF THE SITE OF THE FIRST AN-**
7 **THRAX ATTACK.**

8 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY.—The Administrator
9 of General Services shall accept all right, title, and interest
10 in the property described in subsection (b), if a written
11 offer therefor (accompanied by such proof of title, prop-

erty descriptions, and other information as the Administrator may require) is received by the Administrator from the owner of such property before the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property described in this subsection is the property located at 5401 NW Broken Sound Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida, and all improvements thereon.

(c) CONSIDERATION.—The United States shall pay an amount that does not exceed \$1 in consideration of any right, title, or interest received by the United States under this section.

(d) REMEDIATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), not later than the date that is 1 year after the date on which the Administrator of General Services receives a written offer under subsection (a), the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall complete the remediation of the property described in subsection (b) to ensure that such property is free from anthrax contamination.

(2) EXTENSION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may complete the remediation of the property described in subsection (b) after the date de-

scribed in paragraph (1) if the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency certifies to Congress that the Environmental Protection Agency or any other Federal agency is actively using such property for research purposes.

(e) DISPOSAL OF BIOHAZARD WASTE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—During any remediation under subsection (d) or any remediation arranged for by the person that owns the property described in subsection (b) if such property is not transferred to the Administrator of General Services under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army shall permit any biohazard waste from such property to be deposited, or otherwise disposed of, at the facilities of the Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Disease at Fort Detrick, Maryland, or another equally suitable Federal installation designated by the Secretary for purposes of this subsection.

(2) TRANSPORTATION OF WASTE.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for the transportation of any biohazard waste from the property described in subsection (b) to the Federal installation designated under paragraph (1).

1 (f) CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS FOR HABITATION.—

2 After the remediation under subsection (d) has been com-
3 pleted, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
4 Agency shall certify to the appropriate State or local agen-
5 cy that the property described in subsection (b) is safe
6 for human habitation.

7 (g) SALE OF PROPERTY.—After the Administrator of
8 the Environmental Protection Agency makes the certifi-
9 cation described in subsection (f), the Administrator of
10 General Services shall—

11 (1) sell the property described in subsection (b)
12 to the highest bidder; and

13 (2) deposit the proceeds from the sale of such
14 property in the United States Treasury.

15 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
16 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
17 necessary to carry out this Act.

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