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To provide for the coordination and use of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium by the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

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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

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## A BILL

To provide for the coordination and use of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium by the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

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. NATIONAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS CON-**  
4       **SORTIUM.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Title V of the Homeland Security  
6       Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 311 et seq.) is amended by adding  
7       at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 512. NATIONAL DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS CONSOR-**  
2 **TIUM.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Domestic Pre-  
4 paredness Consortium shall consist of—

5 “(1) the Center for Domestic Preparedness;

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

9 “(3) the National Center for Bio-Medical Re-  
10 search and Training, Louisiana State University;

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

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

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

17 “(b) USE OF CONSORTIUM.—To the fullest extent  
18 possible, the Under Secretary for Emergency Prepared-  
19 ness and Response shall use the Consortium members, in-  
20 cluding the facilities, resources, and expertise of Consor-  
21 tium members, to support cooperative programs to achieve  
22 cost-effective delivery of equipment, technical assistance,  
23 training, and situational exercises. To maximize training  
24 accessibility, multiple facilities and expertise of the Con-  
25 sortium members shall be used, requiring parallel efforts

1 to be coordinated between the Department and Consor-  
 2 tium members.

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

6 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—

7 (1) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-  
 8 tents under section 1(b) of the Homeland Security  
 9 Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101) is amended by inserting  
 10 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.”.

11 (2) REDESIGNATION.—The second section 510  
 12 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.  
 13 321) (relating to urban and other high risk area  
 14 communications capabilities) is redesignated as sec-  
 15 tion 511.

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