

Drug Detoxification Act of 1975

WHEREAS the proliferation of dangerous and addictive drugs, a symptom of social decay and a product of purposeful social control through barbaric means, represents a serious threat to the present and future ability of the population to function productively in the solution of the critical problems now facing society;

WHEREAS the narcotics crisis is itself a social crisis which can only be reversed and overcome through attacking the environment which tolerates massive drugging and destruction of the population, including government and privately funded programs of official drug addiction;

WHEREAS the epidemic proportions of this crisis requires emergency measures and programs to rehabilitate the addicted portion of the population, who themselves form an extension of the drug-controlled environment, and to vigorously press investigation and prosecution of those individuals and groups which conduct, foster and protect the flow of destructive drugs, including such "low-cost introductions" to the mainline culture as marijuana, psychedelics and amphetamines;

BE IT RESOLVED by the House and Senate of the United States of America assembled that the following measures be implemented:

I. Congress shall establish a Joint Committee on Drug Addiction which alone will be empowered to report out to Congress any new legislation relating to narcotics. The Joint Committee shall have the power to subpoena all intelligence related to drugs, hold hearings, and review all existing legislation relating to drugs. The Joint Committee shall immediately commence to review all existing legislation, create new emergency legislation proportionate to the dimensions of the present crisis after examining the failures and abuses of various current programs in the treatment of narcotics addiction. The Joint Committee shall also hold public hearings and solicit scientific testimony on new and/or more effective methods of treatment, both medical, psychiatric and social which may offer success in this area where current methods have been tremendous and costly failures.

An independent Special Prosecutor's Office, under the authority of Congress, is hereby established. The Special Prosecutor shall have the power to investigate, offer indictments and conduct prosecution of persons established to be complicit and active in the propagation of drugs.

The Joint Committee and the Special Prosecutor shall in concert set forth guidelines for the investigation of drug distribution and propagation and for the enforcement of the laws relating to drugs for state and local law enforcement authorities.

II. National Policy and Guidelines

Congress, through its control of Federal Funds and appropriations, shall act to end all programs which license or perpetuate narcotics addiction as matters of social policy or through ineffective or criminal lack of enforcement of existing statutes. Specifically, all recipients of Federal Funds must act to end all programs which license or perpetuate narcotics addiction (as matters of policy), as condition of receipt of further Federal funds and appropriations. Nor shall any employer require participation in any such program as a condition of employment, nor any school

require participation as a condition for education, nor any union enjoying the right to exclusive representation under the RLA or the NLRA require such participation or condition any element of fair representation upon such participation. The policy of subsidized and often mandated or coercive addiction to a dangerous and dulling narcotic is socially and medically dangerous and regressive. It has led to the burgeoning traffic and human destruction in an agent unknown prior to its introduction by government agencies. Its use is now explicitly destructive of the cognitive and moral powers of the population.

Congress shall undertake measures consonant with a social policy of detoxification of those addicted to drugs. Toward this policy of detoxification, all funds presently directed to programs of "methadone maintenance" shall be diverted into programs establishing decent detoxification facilities, under competent medical and psychiatric supervision, which will begin to implement detoxification of the population currently addicted to drugs such as heroin and methadone in the most rapid medically and socially feasible ways. Presently funded "methadone maintenance" programs must accomplish conversion, where judged desirable and feasible, within 90 days to qualify for continued Federal funding.

In furtherance of this policy, the following guidelines shall provide the effective basis for a national detoxification program:

1) Detoxification, wherever possible, shall be carried out in in-patient facilities. About 100,000 to 150,000 bed units nationally are to be set aside in existing hospital facilities and in other facilities which can quickly be converted and equipped for detoxification.

2) Medical personnel, adequately trained and supervised, shall be used with the minimal ratio of one physician per 50 hospitalized patients, one nurse per 20, and one ward person per five patients.

3) Adequate outpatient follow-up clinics and testing to give support and necessary supplementary treatment in the post-detoxification period shall be established. These can be located attached to the detoxification facilities and also located in currently existing and new clinics suitably converted from their previous purposes and staffed with competent personnel.

4) The problem of drug recidivism shall be dealt with by the subsequent detoxification of persons detoxified and later relapsing into drug use or addiction. Firm and un-remitting but humane treatment must be used to cure the disease of drug addiction.

5) Every effort shall be made to free persons undergoing detoxification and post-detoxification treatment from the destructive effects of the environment. While actually therapeutic psychoanalytical therapy should be used along with efforts to begin programs of positive education and intellectual development during and after detoxification, those so-called therapies which reduce patients' sense of positive human identity and force a fixation on the infantile and easily distorted aspects of their personality shall be prohibited.

6) Workers who have become victims of the drug epidemic shall not lose their jobs during detoxification. Persons leaving detoxification programs shall be supplied with

productive employment at decent wages or educational programs which will continue the intellectual development begun during detoxification and prepare them for productive employment.

7) In the detoxification programs, adequate basic medical services shall be provided to screen and treat the addicted population for underlying diseases such as tuberculosis, venereal diseases, hepatitis, malnutrition, heart disease, etc., many of which form public health hazards for the rest of the population.

8) An independent Commission on Drug Detoxification is hereby established under the authority of Congress to direct and review appropriations implementing the policy of Congress with regard to drug detoxification treatment and research.

9) The Congress shall appropriate no less than \$2.5 billion annually for two years for salaries, facilities and research programs to eradicate the drug problem in the U.S. sector. The following funds shall be appropriated in the first year for the named purpose:

- a) \$600 million for salaries of necessary personnel.
- b) \$1 billion for hospital and clinic facilities
- c) \$400 million for medical supplies, laboratory and clinical equipment.
- d) \$500 million for appropriate research and develop-

ment programs toward the goal of complete and lastingly effective drug detoxification

III. Research

Task forces of medical personnel and officials shall be established in order to immediately begin research and testing of more effective methods of drug detoxification and treatment than presently exist. This shall include pursuit of basic research into the nature and treatment of addiction and clinical trials of newly developed methods as soon as they are judged to be safe.

A number of presently partially developed programs, such as the so-called "metabolic" treatment of drug and alcohol addiction, shall be freed from the current restraints placed on them, and appropriate laboratory and clinical trials shall be carried out to determine if these methods are as effective as early indications make them appear.

Adequate research into actually beneficial humanist methods of psychiatric treatment for drug addicted persons shall also be undertaken.

IV. International Coordination

The United States Congress also calls upon the United Nations to establish an Emergency International Commission whose duties would include the investigation of the flow of narcotics and the enforcement of internationally established regulations designed to halt the flow of narcotics.

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