

## **Amendment to the Conference Report for S. 524**

1 On page 5, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

2 (d) TRANSPARENCY AND CONFLICTS OF INTER-  
3 EST.—

4 (1) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary shall develop  
5 guidelines and procedures to—

6 (A) ensure that the operations of the task  
7 force are transparent to the public; and

8 (B) address potential conflicts of interest,  
9 including through appropriate disclosure and  
10 recusal requirements.

11 (2) POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—For  
12 purposes of paragraph (1)(B), a potential conflict of  
13 interest exists if a prospective member of the task  
14 force has, within a reasonable period of time deter-  
15 mined by the Secretary, been a board member, offi-  
16 cer, or employee of, or has received funds from, an  
17 entity that has financial interest in matters that  
18 may come before the task force, including a pharma-  
19 ceutical company or a medical device company.

20 (3) ADVANCE NOTICE.—At least 30 days before  
21 appointing a task force member other than a task  
22 force member appointed under subsection (c)(1), the

- 1 Secretary shall make public any potential conflict of
- 2 interest regarding that person.