

Support for National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility Funding

SCR 1605 urges the United States Congress to support the President's budget request of \$150 million to ensure the timely construction and operations of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) to be located in Manhattan. The resolution encourages the Department of Homeland Security and the General Services Administration to move quickly to sell Plum Island and then direct the proceeds to be used to help fund the NBAF.

The resolution also urges the construction and operations of the NBAF be accelerated to eliminate the capability gap outlined in a 2004 report by the Department of Homeland Security and that the construction of the facility provide the research, testing, and evaluation necessary to secure the nation's food supply and agricultural economy.