



Stem Cell Bill Faces Bush Veto

Measure's Backers Say they Will not Stop Introducing it

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WASHINGTON -- Making good on a key campaign promise and reigniting a long-standing ethical contro

The bill now goes to the White House, and President Bush promised to veto it when he returns from Eur

The Senate also has passed the stem cell measure, but supporters in both chambers fell short of the tw

Still, the Democratic Congress' passage of the bill -- which is supported by a number of high-profile Rep

The emotional question of whether the government should fund the research using discarded embryos p

The House voted 247-176 on Thursday, with 37 Republicans joining 210 Democrats to support the mea

With a few exceptions, Democrats from Illinois voted for the bill, Republicans against it. Democratic Rep

"This legislation does not seek to destroy life, it seeks to preserve life," said House Majority Leader Ste

Great hopes for primordial cells

Embryonic stem cells are capable of forming all of the different tissue types found in the human body, and

But critics decry the destruction of human embryos that takes place in the course of that research. "If this

The president and other opponents also say researchers can use stem cells found in adults, umbilical cord

"Here we have a stem cell created from a skin cell without destroying an embryo," Burgess said. "The so-called

Democrats expressed skepticism about the news reports. "It is ironic that every time we vote on this legislation

Emanuel said that in the 1950s, as polio swept the country, Congress stepped forward to support the scientific

In 2001, Bush prohibited federally funded research using embryonic stem cell lines derived after Aug. 9

Thursday's debate was highly personal, as lawmakers spoke of family members suffering from disease or

Debate crosses abortion divide

"Let me just say then for Fiona and for my grandchildren, who are left motherless at a very, very young age

The debate over embryonic stem cell research has divided lawmakers who traditionally oppose abortion

Rep. James Langevin (D-R.I.), who opposes abortion, said he struggled with whether to support the research

"I was told back then that I would never walk again, but I have hope and faith," said Langevin, speaking

But opponents like Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-Ga.) said research should not use embryos capable of developo