

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
1999-8650**

By Senators Hale, Loveland, Sheahan and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, Cancer kills more than one-half million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, Conventional treatments for cancer are costly, time-consuming, and can have harmful side effects; and

WHEREAS, Clinical trials are currently underway to develop alternative cancer treatments using radioisotopes to effectively destroy cancer cells while leaving most healthy cells intact; and

WHEREAS, Success of these new treatment techniques have indicated the need for a dependable supply of radioisotopes; and

WHEREAS, The United States has not produced enough radioisotopes to meet the demand; and

WHEREAS, Patients in Seattle were refused prostate cancer treatment due to lack of medical isotopes; and

WHEREAS, Promising research was stopped due to the lack of supply of medical isotopes; and

WHEREAS, Numerous independent studies have suggested that the Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) at Hanford could be used to produce cancer-curing medical isotopes; and

WHEREAS, The FFTF is presently being maintained in a stand-by mode; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Energy has announced their decision to further evaluate the FFTF for civilian means which include medical isotope production, advanced material research and other research and development programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and applaud the federal plans to fully evaluate the FFTF for use in meeting critical national research needs.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8650,  
adopted by the Senate March 15, 1999.

TONY M. COOK  
Secretary of the Senate