



## **Endocrine Society and Hormone Foundation Praise U.S. House for Passing Anabolic Steroid Control Act**

**Chevy Chase, June 4, 2004** - The Endocrine Society and its patient education affiliate, The Hormone Foundation, applaud the United States House of Representatives for passing the Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004. This critical legislation supports extensive efforts by The Endocrine Society and The Hormone Foundation to address the potential dangers posed by the use and abuse of anabolic steroids and steroid precursors, such as androstenedione, or "andro." The House legislation, which was passed on Thursday, June 3 in a vote of 408 to 3, clearly demonstrates the desire of congressional leaders to protect the nation's athletes, adolescents and children from the risks posed by steroid precursors.

"In recent years, The Endocrine Society has focused significant attention on this important issue and has worked closely with House and Senate leaders to enact a meaningful policy that will protect our nation's youth," says Endocrine Society President, Dr. E. Chester Ridgway. "I sincerely thank Representative Osborne and Sweeney for their leadership on this issue."

In January 2004, The Endocrine Society identified hormone abuse/misuse as a legislative priority and has taken several steps to help prevent abuse through legislative and regulatory advocacy. In early April, the Society supported the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ban of the sale of products containing steroid precursors, which act like steroids once they are metabolized by the body and therefore can pose similar kinds of health risks as steroids. Both The Endocrine Society and The Hormone Foundation worked with the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) to co-found The Coalition for Anabolic Steroid Precursor and Ephedra Regulation (CASPER). This advocacy group, comprised of the nation's leading medical, public health and sport organizations, is focused on supporting efforts to regulate products containing steroid precursors and products containing ephedra.

*The Hormone Foundation, the public education affiliate of The Endocrine Society, is a leading source of hormone-related health information for the public, physicians, allied health professionals and the media. Our mission is to serve as a resource for the public by promoting the prevention, treatment and cure of hormone-related conditions through outreach and education. ([www.hormone.org](http://www.hormone.org))*

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*Founded in 1916, **The Endocrine Society** is the world's oldest, largest, and most active organization devoted to research on hormones, and the clinical practice of endocrinology. Today, The Endocrine Society's membership consists of over 11,000 scientists, physicians, educators, nurses and students in more than 80 countries. Together, these members represent all basic, applied, and clinical interests in endocrinology. The Endocrine Society is based in Chevy Chase, Maryland. To learn more about the Society, and the field of endocrinology, visit our web site at [www.endo-society.org](http://www.endo-society.org)*