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S. 1206

To provide for an enumeration of family caregivers as part of the 2000
decennial census of population.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr.
HARKIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill; which was
read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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of the 2000 decennial census of population.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Family Caregiver Enu-
5 meration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENUMERATION OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall
8 take appropriate measures to ensure that an enumeration
9 of family caregivers is taken as part of the 2000 decennial
10 census of population.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIVING.—The term “ac-
3 tivity of daily living” includes breathing, bathing,
4 dressing, eating, transferring, and toileting.

5 (2) CARE RECIPIENT.—The term “care recipi-
6 ent” means an individual (of any age) who requires
7 substantial assistance from another individual in
8 carrying out 1 or more activities of daily living or in-
9 strumental activities of daily living due to—

10 (A) a physical or mental condition or im-
11 pairment that has lasted, or is expected to last,
12 for a period longer than 3 months; or

13 (B) a terminal condition.

14 (3) CAREGIVER.—The term “caregiver” means
15 an individual who, without financial compensation,
16 regularly assists a care recipient in carrying out 1
17 or more activities of daily living or instrumental ac-
18 tivities of daily living.

19 (4) CENSUS OF POPULATION.—The term “cen-
20 sus of population” has the meaning given that term
21 in section 141(g) of title 13, United States Code.

22 (5) FAMILY CAREGIVER.—The term “family
23 caregiver” means a caregiver who is the spouse of a
24 care recipient or whose relationship to a care recipi-
25 ent is described in any of paragraphs (1) through

1 (9) of section 152(a) of the Internal Revenue Code
2 of 1986 (applied, for purposes of this paragraph, by
3 substituting “care recipient” for “taxpayer” each
4 place it appears).

5 (6) INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIV-
6 ING.—The term “instrumental activity of daily liv-
7 ing” means shopping for personal items, obtaining
8 and taking medication, managing money, preparing
9 meals, using the telephone, performing housework,
10 and any other measure of living independently or
11 functioning at a level commensurate with an individ-
12 ual’s age.

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