

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1022

To authorize the appropriation of an additional \$1,700,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 for health care for veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 1999

Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. WELLSTONE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS OF AD-**
4 **DITIONAL AMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000**
5 **FOR VETERANS MEDICAL CARE.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

1 (1) Funding for medical care for veterans has
2 not increased in significant amount the past three
3 fiscal years.

4 (2) The needs of veterans for medical care cur-
5 rently exceeds the capability of the Department of
6 Veterans Affairs to provide such care within current
7 funding levels.

8 (3) The veterans of the United States deserve
9 the appreciation and assistance of the American peo-
10 ple.

11 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Vet-
13 erans Affairs for fiscal year 2000, \$1,700,000,000 for ex-
14 penses of the Department (including the Veterans Health
15 Administration) relating to the provision of medical care
16 to beneficiaries of the Department.

17 (c) CONSTRUCTION.—The amount authorized to be
18 appropriated by subsection (b) is in addition to any other
19 amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Depart-
20 ment of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2000 for the ex-
21 penses described in that subsection.

22 (d) DESIGNATION AS EMERGENCY SPENDING.—The
23 amount appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-
24 propriations in subsection (b) is hereby designated by Con-
25 gress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section

- 1 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
- 2 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

