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To provide for an awareness program, and a study, on a rare form of
breast cancer.

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Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WYNN, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BAKER, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. MASCARA, and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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rare form of breast cancer.

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 “Paget’s Cancer Aware-
5 ness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Paget's disease of the breast is a rare can-
2 cer of the nipple, accounting for a small fraction of
3 all breast cancers. The cancer is a different disease
4 than any other, not to be confused with Paget's dis-
5 ease, a devastating bone disease.

6 (2) In Paget's disease of the breast, the abnor-
7 mal cells begin growing in the milk ducts of the nip-
8 ple and can develop into a tumor.

9 (3) The cancer usually appears in women, but
10 can also affect males.

11 (4) It is a slow growing cancer, and with proper
12 treatment can be cured.

13 (5) The symptoms of the cancer appear to be
14 harmless. The symptoms in the nipple closely resem-
15 ble a skin inflammation (dermatitis) or infection.
16 This can lead to unfortunate delays in detection and
17 care.

18 (6) By the time the cancer is diagnosed, many
19 patients have a palpable mass. The underlying can-
20 cer may be invasive or in situ.

21 (7) Standard treatment is identical to that for
22 other forms of breast cancer, and the prognosis de-
23 pends on the invasiveness and size of the tumor and
24 the presence or absence of lymph node involvement.

1 **SEC. 3. PROGRAMS REGARDING PAGET’S CANCER.**

2 (a) AWARENESS PROGRAM.—The Secretary of
3 Health and Human Services (in this section referred to
4 as the “Secretary”) shall carry out a program to provide
5 information and education to health professionals and the
6 general public on the symptoms of and treatment for
7 Paget’s disease of the breast.

8 (b) STUDY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
10 a study for the purpose of carrying out the following
11 with respect to Paget’s disease of the breast:

12 (A) Collecting data to identify the full
13 range of symptoms associated with the disease,
14 and to identify the average time elapsing be-
15 tween the onset of symptoms and the diagnosis
16 and treatment of the disease.

17 (B) Collecting demographic data regarding
18 the disease, including data specific to the preva-
19 lence of the disease in demographic populations
20 according to race, ethnicity, gender, age, and
21 geographic region of residence.

22 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
24 shall complete the study under paragraph (1) and
25 submit to the Congress a report describing the find-
26 ings made in the study.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the
2 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized
3 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for
4 each of the fiscal years 2002 through 2004.

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