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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 2002

Mrs. CARNAHAN (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. JEFFORDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Uterine Fibroids Re-
5 search and Education Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The development of uterine fibroids is a
2 common and significant health problem, affecting
3 women of all ages, racial backgrounds, and socio-
4 economic levels.

5 (2) It has been estimated that between 20 and
6 30 percent of women of reproductive age have such
7 fibroids, though not all have been diagnosed. Studies
8 indicate the prevalence could be much higher.

9 (3) Uterine fibroids are the most common indi-
10 cation for hysterectomy, accounting for approxi-
11 mately one third of hysterectomies, or 200,000 pro-
12 cedures annually.

13 (4) Such fibroids are the leading indication of
14 hysterectomy among premenopausal women in the
15 United States.

16 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS REGARDING UTERINE**
17 **FIBROIDS.**

18 (a) RESEARCH THROUGH NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF
19 HEALTH.—In addition to other authorizations of appro-
20 priations that are available for the purpose of conducting
21 and supporting research on uterine fibroids through the
22 National Institutes of Health, there is authorized to be
23 appropriated for such purpose \$10,000,000 for each of the
24 fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

25 (b) PUBLIC AWARENESS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services (in this subsection referred to as
3 the “Secretary”) shall carry out a program to pro-
4 vide information and education to the public regard-
5 ing uterine fibroids, including information on the in-
6 cidence and prevalence of such fibroids, and on the
7 elevated risk for minority women.

8 (2) AUTHORITY FOR GRANTS AND CON-
9 TRACTS.—The Secretary may carry out paragraph
10 (1) directly or through awards of grants, cooperative
11 agreements, or contracts to public or nonprofit pri-
12 vate entities.

13 (3) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
14 section, the term “minority”, with respect to women,
15 means women who are members of racial or ethnic
16 minority groups within the meaning of section 1707
17 of the Public Health Service Act.

18 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
19 the purpose of carrying out this subsection, there
20 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may
21 be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2002
22 through 2006. Such authorizations are in addition to
23 any other authorizations of appropriations that are
24 available for such purpose.

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