

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 415

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide, with respect to research on breast cancer, for the increased involvement of advocates in decision-making at the National Cancer Institute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2003

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. HARKIN) 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 “Consumer Involvement
5 in Breast Cancer Research Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF ADVOCATES IN DECI-**
2 **SIONMAKING REGARDING RESEARCH ON**
3 **BREAST CANCER.**

4 Section 417(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 285a–6(c)) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following paragraph:

7 “(3) INVOLVEMENT OF ADVOCATES IN DECI-
8 SIONMAKING.—

9 “(A) The Director of the Institute shall, to
10 the extent practicable, provide for the increased
11 involvement (relative to fiscal year 2003) of ad-
12 vocates in decisionmaking at the Institute re-
13 garding research on breast cancer.

14 “(B) The Director of the Institute shall
15 prepare a report on the manner in which sub-
16 paragraph (A) has been carried out. The report
17 shall be included in the first report under sec-
18 tion 407 that the Director submits after the ex-
19 piration of the one-year period beginning on the
20 date of enactment of the Consumer Involvement
21 in Breast Cancer Research Act.

22 “(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the
23 term ‘advocate’ means an individual who is ac-
24 countable to, represents, and reports back to

- 1 organizations that represent those affected by
- 2 breast cancer.”.

