

S. Res. 106. A resolution to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Presidential Management Intern Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 107. A resolution to authorize the production of records by Senator ROBERT C. BYRD and Senator JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 999. A bill to specify the frequency of screening mammograms provided to women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

WOMEN VETERANS LEGISLATION

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I am today introducing legislation which would require the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] to provide mammograms to women veterans in accordance with nationally accepted standards.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death among women and the No. 1 killer of women ages 40 to 49. I am, and will continue to be, personally committed to ensuring that the women of this country receive mammography screening in accordance with the highest possible standards. Enactment of this legislation will ensure that our Nation's women veterans receiving care at Veterans Health Administration [VHA] treatment facilities will have access to mammography screening in accordance with accepted national policy.

At issue is the question of how often women should receive screening mammography examinations and the age at which those examinations should begin. On March 23, 1997, the American Cancer Society [ACS] recommended that women begin annual mammography screening at age 40. On March 27, 1997, after much deliberation, the National Cancer Advisory Board recommended that all women between 40 and 49 years receive regular mammogram screening every 1 to 2 years. The National Cancer Institute accepted the same recommendation, both recommendations being very close to the new ACS standard of annual screening beginning at age 40. In addition, the American College of Radiology Board of Chancellors approved revised guidelines in January 1997, affirming its support for yearly screening for women after the age of 40.

The issue of mammography screening for women between the ages of 40 to 49 has been an issue of particular interest to me and one that has occupied quite a bit of my time during the first half of 1997. In my capacity as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, I have already held four hearings this year addressing the importance of mammography screening for women ages 40 to 49; one here in Washington, DC on February 5, in

Philadelphia, PA on February 20, in Pittsburgh, PA on February 24, and in Hershey, PA on March 3, 1997. I have heard testimony, from physicians and women alike, advocating mammography screening beginning at age 40. Currently, 40 States have enacted legislation, and 4 States have legislation pending, which would require either insurance reimbursement for, or mandatory provision of, routine mammogram screening of women ages 40 to 49. Obviously, our Nation sees the value of screening women early for breast cancer, and the impact that early detection can have on decreasing the mortality of this No. 1 killer of women between 40 and 49.

It is estimated that last year 184,300 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and this year nearly 44,000 women will die from the disease. Research indicates that regular mammograms for women in their 40's can cut breast cancer mortality by 17 percent. When Dr. Vogel of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and Magee Women's Hospital testified at the February 24 hearing in Pittsburgh, PA, he stated that there are nearly 1 million women in Pennsylvania between the ages of 40 and 49, and that nearly 2,000 will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. As many as 1,000 of these women will die. He stated that if women aged 40 to 49 were screened annually, this death toll could be reduced by 250.

I am disappointed that VHA has refused to adopt this higher, now national, standard of mammography screening for our Nation's women veterans despite these research findings and national recognition that early mammography screening can save thousands of women's lives each year. In a report issued in April, 1997, VA's Inspector General Office of Health Care Inspections [OHI] offered their objective and critical assessment of the status of mammography services being provided to our Nation's women veterans receiving treatment at VA treatment facilities. Some of OHI's findings are particularly alarming. For example, only 36 percent of women veterans treated in 1995 were even offered a mammogram and only 79 percent of the VHA facilities systematically recorded reviews of outcome data, including disposition of positive mammograms and correlation of surgical biopsy results with radiologic interpretations. Only 72 percent of VHA facilities assessed effectiveness using quality improvement or quality assurance monitors, and none of the VHA facilities assessed customer satisfaction, quality of final diagnostic product, or any other quality of care indicators for contracted providers of mammography services.

The OHI recommended that VHA offer mammograms in accordance with ACS guidelines—yearly mammography screening, beginning at age 40. VHA, maintaining that mammography screening for women between the ages of 50 to 69 is sufficient, rejected this recommendation. For this reason, I am

compelled to introduce this legislation which will require the Department of Veterans Affairs to, at a minimum, offer mammograms in accordance with the most prudent guidelines, those of the American Cancer Society, which call for yearly mammogram screening starting at age 40.

The women who receive treatment at any of our Nation's VA medical centers deserve mammography screening consistent with the accepted national standard—the highest standard, which is currently the recommendation of the American Cancer Society. As chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, I urge my colleagues in the Senate to join me in supporting this legislation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 193

At the request of Mr. GLENN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [MS. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 193, a bill to provide protections to individuals who are the human subject of research.

S. 322

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 322, a bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to repeal the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact provision.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes.

S. 365

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 365, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased accountability by Internal Revenue Service agents and other Federal Government officials in tax collection practices and procedures, and for other purposes.

S. 472

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 472, a bill to provide for referenda in which the residents of Puerto Rico may express democratically their preferences regarding the political status of the territory, and for other purposes.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a pediatric research initiative.

S. 492

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 492, a bill to amend certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, in order to ensure equality between Federal firefighters and other employees in the civil service and other public sector firefighters, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 683, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Library of Congress.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide corporate alternative minimum tax reform.

S. 726

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAUX], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFEE], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN], the Senator

from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY], and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] were added as cosponsors of S. 726, a bill to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for breast cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

S. 728

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 728, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to establish a Cancer Research Trust Fund for the conduct of biomedical research.

S. 770

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 770, a bill to encourage production of oil and gas within the United States by providing tax incentives, and for other purposes.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to regulate the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail, and for other purposes.

S. 854

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 854, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduction in the capital in the capital gains tax for assets held more than 2 years, and for other purposes.

S. 938

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 938, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at the prevention and cessation of prenatal and postnatal smoking, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to close the United States Army School of the Americas.

AMENDMENT NO. 420

At the request of Mr. THURMOND the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 420 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe

personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 422

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of amendment No. 422 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 645

At the request of Mr. GORTON the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 645 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 657

At the request of Mr. DURBIN the names of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 657 intended to be proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 658

At the request of Mr. GLENN his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 658 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 670

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 670 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 688

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHINSON the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 688 intended to be proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of

the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 689

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 689 intended to be proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 706

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. KEMPTHORNE] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 706 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. WARNER his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 706 proposed to S. 936, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION—106—COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT INTERN PROGRAM

Mr. ROBB (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. KERRY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. RES. 106

Whereas, the Presidential Management Intern Program was created 20 years ago to attract to federal service men and women of exceptional management potential and special training in public policy;

Whereas, more than 3500 persons have been appointed to federal service under the Presidential Management Intern Program;

Whereas, these men and women contribute to raising the standards of public service through their hard work and dedication: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognize the skill and dedication of Presidential Management Intern Program participants and commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Presidential Management Intern Program.

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Presidential Management Alumni Group as an expression of appreciation for their continued support for federal service and the Presidential Management Intern Program.

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Presidential Management Intern, or PMI, program. I would request that Senators MIKULSKI, SARBANES, WARNER, KENNEDY, TORRICELLI, ROCKE-

FELLER, SANTORUM, and KERRY be listed as original cosponsors.

President Carter established the PMI program to recruit graduate students with excellent management potential and public policy backgrounds to the Federal work force. As many of us know, either from working with PMI's in Federal agencies or even having them on our staffs, these men and women have provided valuable services to our country in a wide variety of areas. Since the program's inception, over 3,500 men and women have participated as PMI's with over half of those remaining in government service today.

At a time when many have denigrated Federal employees, I believe we should recognize the outstanding commitment and abilities of these individuals and the program which has worked to ensure that our Government has civil servants of the highest caliber. For that reason, I and my colleagues are introducing this resolution to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Presidential Management Intern program and recognize the outstanding men and women who have participated in it.

SENATE RESOLUTION 107—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 107

Whereas, a prosecutor for the State of West Virginia has requested that Senator Robert C. Byrd and Senator John D. Rockefeller IV provide him with copies of constituent correspondence relevant to a criminal case, *State of West Virginia v. Brenda S. Cook*, No. 94-F-20 (Circ. Ct. of Hardy Cnty., W. Va.);

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that documents, papers, and records under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Senator Robert C. Byrd and Senator John D. Rockefeller IV are authorized to provide to the State of West Virginia copies of correspondence relevant to the criminal case, *State of West Virginia v. Brenda S. Cook*.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

REID AMENDMENT NO. 758

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 936, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 45, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

(e) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR COUNTER-LANDMINE TECHNOLOGIES.—Of the amounts transferred under this section, the Secretary of Defense may utilize not more than \$2,000,000 for the following activities:

(1) The development of technologies for detecting, locating, and removing abandoned landmines.

(2) The operation of a test and evaluation facility at the Nevada Test Site, Nevada, for the testing of the performance of such technologies.

FEINGOLD AMENDMENT NO. 759

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1075. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF GROUND FORCES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

(a) LIMITATION.—Funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense may not be obligated for the deployment of any ground elements of the Armed Forces of the United States in Bosnia and Herzegovina after the later of—

(1) June 30, 1998; or

(2) a date that is specified for such purpose (pursuant to a request of the President or otherwise) in a law enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The limitation in subsection (a) shall not apply—

(1) to the support of—

(A) members of the Armed Forces of the United States deployed in Bosnia and Herzegovina in a number that is sufficient only to protect United States diplomatic facilities in that country as of the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) noncombat personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States deployed in Bosnia and Herzegovina only to advise commanders of forces engaged in North Atlantic Treaty Organization peacekeeping operations in that country; or

(2) to restrict the authority of the President under the Constitution to protect the lives of United States citizens.

DOMENICI (AND BINGAMAN) AMENDMENTS NOS. 760-761

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 760

Insert where appropriate:

SEC. . LOS ALAMOS LAND TRANSFER.

(a) The Secretary of Energy on behalf of the federal government shall convey without consideration fee title to government-owned land under the administrative control of the Department of Energy to the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, Los Alamos, New Mexico, or its designee, and to the Secretary