

Health shall establish and maintain a national database on existing needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protections.

(b) EVALUATION CRITERIA.—The Director shall develop a set of evaluation criteria for use by employers, employees, and other persons when they are evaluating and selecting needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protections.

(c) TRAINING.—The Director shall develop a model training curriculum to train employers, employees, and other persons on the process of evaluating needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps injury protections and shall (to the extent feasible) provide technical assistance to persons who request such assistance.

(d) MONITORING.—The Director shall establish a national system to collect comprehensive data on needlestick injuries to health care workers, including data on mechanisms to analyze and evaluate prevention interventions in relation to needlestick injury occurrence. In carrying out its duties under this subsection, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health shall have access to information recorded by employers on the sharps injury log as required by section 02(b)(2).

SEC. 04. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this title:

(1) BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS.—The term “bloodborne pathogens” means pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus.

(2) CONTAMINATED.—The term “contaminated” means the presence or the reasonably anticipated presence of blood or other potentially infectious materials on an item or surface.

(3) DIRECT CARE HEALTH CARE WORKER.—The term “direct care health care worker” means an employee responsible for direct patient care with potential occupational exposure to sharps related injuries.

(4) EMPLOYER.—The term “employer” means each employer having an employee with occupational exposure to human blood or other material potentially containing bloodborne pathogens.

(5) ENGINEERED SHARPS INJURY PROTECTIONS.—The term “engineered sharps injury protections” means—

(A) a physical attribute built into a needle device used for withdrawing body fluids, accessing a vein or artery, or administering medications or other fluids, that effectively reduces the risk of an exposure incident by a mechanism such as barrier creation, blunting, encapsulation, withdrawal, retraction, destruction, or other effective mechanisms; or

(B) a physical attribute built into any other type of needle device, or into a non-needle sharp, which effectively reduces the risk of an exposure incident.

(6) NEEDLELESS SYSTEM.—The term “needleless system” means a device that does not use needles for—

(A) the withdrawal of body fluids after initial venous or arterial access is established; (B) the administration of medication or fluids; and

(C) any other procedure involving the potential for an exposure incident.

(7) SHARP.—The term “sharp” means any object used or encountered in a health care setting that can be reasonably anticipated to penetrate the skin or any other part of the body, and to result in an exposure incident, including, but not limited to, needle devices, scalpels, lancets, broken glass, broken capillary tubes, exposed ends of dental wires and dental knives, drills, and burs.

(8) SHARPS INJURY.—The term “sharps injury” means any injury caused by a sharp, including cuts, abrasions, or needlesticks.

(9) SHARPS INJURY LOG.—The term “sharps injury log” means a written or electronic record satisfying the requirements of section 02(b)(2).

SEC. 05. APPLICATION TO MEDICARE HOSPITALS.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide by regulation that, as a condition of participation under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act of a hospital that is not otherwise subject to the bloodborne pathogens standard amended under section 02(a) because it is exempt from regulation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the hospital shall comply with the bloodborne pathogen standard amended under section 02(a) with respect to any employees of the hospital, effective at the same time as such amended standard would have applied to the hospital if it had not been so exempt.

SEC. 06. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This title shall become effective upon the date of its enactment, except that the Secretary of Labor shall take the action required by section 02 within 1 year of such date.

SMITH AMENDMENT NO. 1808

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

“SEC. . It is the sense of the Senate that the Conference on H.R. 2466, the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, shall include language prohibiting funds from being used for the Brooklyn Museum of Art unless the Museum immediately cancels the exhibit ‘Sensation,’ which contains obscene and pornographic pictures, a picture of the Virgin Mary desecrated with animal feces, and other examples of religious bigotry.”

BOXER (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1809

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SARBAKES) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of the title III, add the following:

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

SEC. . In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated under this title to carry out part I of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8241 et seq.), \$200,000,000 which shall become available on October 1, 2000 and shall remain available through September 30, 2001 for academic year 2000-2001.

GREGG AMENDMENT NO. 1810

Mr. GREGG proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1809, proposed by Mrs. BOXER to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of the amendment proposed strike the “.” and insert the following: “(which funds shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this title, be used to carry out activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1411 et seq.) in accordance with the require-

ments of such part, in lieu of being used to carry out part I of title X).”

BOXER (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1811

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SARBAKES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of the amendment, add the following:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act the following shall apply:

SEC. . In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated under this title to carry out part I of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8241 et seq.), \$200,000,000 which shall become available on October 1, 2000 and shall remain available through September 30, 2001 for academic year 2000-2001.

HUTCHINSON AMENDMENT NO. 1812

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. HUTCHINSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED HEALTH CENTERS

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, \$25,472,000 of the amounts appropriated for the National Labor Relations Board under this Act shall be transferred and utilized to carry out projects for the consolidated health centers under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b).

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on September 30, 1999, in SR-328A at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the administration’s agriculture agenda for the upcoming World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a business meeting to consider pending business Wednesday, September 29, 10 a.m., hearing room (SD-406).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., to hear testimony on

the preparations for the upcoming WTO ministerial meeting in Seattle and the objectives for the multilateral negotiations that will follow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on S. 1508, a bill to provide technical and legal assistance to tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes.

The hearing will be held in room 485, Russell Senate Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Dirksen Room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, to markup S. 791, the Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act of 1999, and other pending legislation. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 2 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SURFACE, TRANSPORTATION, AND MERCHANT MARINE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., on the Motor Carrier Safety Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, for purposes of conducting a Water & Power Subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of

this oversight hearing is to conduct oversight on the practices of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding operations and maintenance costs and contract renewals.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE VFW ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, today is the 100th birthday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Yesterday, the Senate approved H.J. Res. 34, a resolution which commemorates that auspicious event. I wish to mark the occasion further by offering my congratulations to the members and families of that fine organization.

In my 19 years as a United States Senator I have been able to count on the VFW to convey the concerns of veterans in a fair and insightful manner. Especially during my tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I have always been able to rely on the VFW to assist me in ascertaining the quality of health care and benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Without the VFW's 2,000,000 strong membership, it would be extremely difficult for the Committee—or the Congress—to operate in the best interest of America's veterans.

Earlier this year, I had the honor of being named the recipient of the VFW Congressional Award. At the award reception, I was struck by the history of the VFW. From the trenches of Verdun to the deserts of Iraq, VFW members have taken their place in America's history, serving to preserve "one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

The service of VFW members, however, has never been limited to wartime service—as vital as that has been. VFW members also play indispensable roles within their communities—as volunteers in VA hospitals and advocates for veteran claimants and through numerous civic and youth projects in every State and locality. Indeed, America counts VFW members among its model citizens.

For 100 years as honorable citizens and soldiers, the VFW deserves America's gratitude for a job well done. We salute you.●

NORMA SULLIVAN

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise in honor of Norma Sullivan, a great Californian who died on September 22 in San Diego.

Norma Sullivan was a woman of many talents: a champion skier, an accomplished poet, a prolific essayist, a loving mother, and an inspirational teacher. But she was best known to her many friends and admirers as a tireless fighter for the environment. As a writ-

er, activist, and spokesperson for the San Diego Audubon Society, Norma was one of Southern California's most dedicated and effective defenders of the natural world.

San Diego County contains some of the nation's most beautiful landscapes and diverse habitat. The County is home to more endangered species per square mile than any other region in the continental United States. Thanks largely to Norma's prodigious efforts, many of these lands and their inhabitants have been preserved for future generations.

She was instrumental in generating support for parks, establishing habitat conservation programs, and blocking projects that would harm the environment—including the proposal to build Pamo Dam near Ramona, which was withdrawn after Norma alerted the community to its dangers.

One of Norma's greatest achievements was her role in creating a major wildlife refuge in southern San Diego Bay. For ten years she worked tirelessly to build support for the refuge among conservationists, landowners, local governments, community members, and federal wildlife agencies. She never shied away from confrontation, but she was always ready to cooperate. Finally, this spring, her long efforts bore fruit when the South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge was established and dedicated.

This magnificent refuge—and many other pristine tracts of San Diego County—live on as part of Norma Sullivan's legacy. She has also left us a model of what it means to be an engaged citizen: a person who works for the public good with intelligence, humor, and love.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ROYAL

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the American Royal. The American Royal is an annual Fall event that has contributed much to the Kansas City area over the last century. The Royal features world-class horse and livestock competitions; a top-ten PRCA indoor rodeo; as well as many educational and scholarship programs that foster the development of tomorrow's leaders. The American Royal is truly the Midwest's largest and oldest agricultural extravaganza. From the world's largest Barbecue, to the outstanding parade, music and comedy, to the elegant Concert of Champions, the Royal has something for every member of the family.

Even though the Royal began in the 19th Century, it still plays an integral role in the community by providing a connection to Kansas City's rural roots and by celebrating the value of working in agriculture. For many, being a part of the Royal's livestock shows or rodeo can be the highlight of their career. Not only does the Royal offer agricultural competition, but there are