

His practice grew and flourished over four decades. His patients credit him with the old-fashioned virtue of patience and say he is always willing to spend extra time caring for them. He believes in giving back and is active in the community as a civil rights leader and as a volunteer athletic doctor for Jefferson High School.

Percy Harris's life is a list of firsts. He was the first African-American to hold an internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. He served as Linn County, Iowa's first and only medical examiner. In 1977, Governor Robert Ray appointed him to the Iowa Board of Regents where he served two terms as the Board's first African-American member.

Dr. Harris encountered adversity along the way, but he chose to view it as a challenge rather than an obstacle. In 1961, he and his wife, Lileah, decided to build a home for their growing family. They set their sights on a piece of property in one of Cedar Rapids' all white neighborhoods. The neighbors were up in arms, but Percy and Lileah Harris persisted and eventually purchased the property in a dispute that gained national attention. They built their family home on the property and raised 12 fine children, all of whom are now grown and successful in their own right.

Mr. President, Dr. Harris is one in a long American tradition of medical practitioners who put patients before profits, who lead by example, and who dedicate themselves to the well-being of humankind, from their community to their nation. I congratulate him on his many achievements and wish him well in all future endeavors. I know wherever he chooses to put his many talents, he will leave his mark.●

**IN HONOR OF TED WINTER'S 50TH BIRTHDAY**

● Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I speak today to recognize a very special Minnesotan. Ted Winter will be celebrating his 50th birthday the day after Thanksgiving. Friends and family will be gathering at the American Legion in Fulda, Minnesota, to honor this very good and decent man.

It is very appropriate that this year his birthday falls so close to Thanksgiving because as a Minnesotan I am very thankful that Ted so ably represents the people of Southwestern Minnesota in the State Legislature; I am thankful that Ted continues to be a strong voice for those struggling to maintain their family farms; I am thankful that Ted struggles daily to ensure the vitality of our rural communities and that he is committed to a vision of Minnesota that is rich and diverse.

In the last few years, Ted has been the driving force behind uniting Midwest State Legislators in calling for a change in federal farm policy. He has been central in calling attention to the devastating effect the concentration of power in agriculture is having on family farmers. Day in and day out, Ted spends time away from his own farm to work with farm organizations and other farmers to come up with ways that family farmers can survive to farm another day. He drives throughout the state to make sure that any meeting discussing the future of Minnesota includes a discussion about the future of family farms and rural communities.

I am pleased to be able to speak today to honor my friend, Ted Winter.●

**HONORING KAREN LEACH**

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an outstanding individual who has dedicated her life to the education of our young people. Karen Leach of Johnston, Rhode Island, is retiring from the Providence School Department after nearly thirty years of dedicated service.

Since Karen graduated from Rhode Island College in 1969 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education, she has received Masters of Education Degrees in both Elementary Education and in Administration for Elementary and Middle Schools. She has also furthered her professional development by achieving certification in many areas.

The capital of Rhode Island, Providence is at the heart of our state's urban center and during her career, Karen has been assigned to several

schools in the District. Karen began her long and accomplished career as a teacher and dedicated her efforts toward Special Education. During her tenure, the field of education has seen tremendous change—from curriculum, to technology, to teaching methods and to administrative practices. Throughout nearly three decades of service, Karen has brought efficiency, expertise and professionalism to her many challenging assignments.

In 1988, Karen was named Supervisor of Elementary/Pre-School Education for the Providence School Department and in 1992, she became Principal of the Sackett Street Elementary School and the Reservoir Avenue Elementary School. Since the 1992-1993 school year, she has been Principal of the Sackett Street Elementary School and she is retiring from her present administration position as Interim Acting Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

Karen Leach is a person of great integrity, compassion and initiative. She is accomplished and well respected for her many contributions to the Providence School System. She has made a positive impact on the quality of education, and in the lives of students, especially those with special needs. Most recently, Karen's leadership as a Principal and as an Administrator has left a lasting mark on the City of Providence.

So many young people have had their lives enriched by one person's efforts. Karen Leach's commitment and her tangible accomplishments clearly demonstrate that an investment in education is indeed an investment in the future.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Karen Leach for her commitment to educational excellence and for her efforts to improve the overall quality of our education system. Indeed, she has made a tremendous difference in the lives of her students. As Karen Leach leaves the Providence School Department, she plans to continue as a professional educational consultant. I wish her well and remain confident that we will hear more news of this outstanding educator's good works.●

**FOREIGN CURRENCY REPORTS**

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following report(s) of standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

**CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999**

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Edward Barron:									
Italy .....	Lira .....	2,163,819	1,169.00		4,238.15				5,407.15
Croatia .....	Dollar .....		548.00						548.00
Macedonia .....	Dollar .....		175.00						175.00
Italy .....	Lira .....			938,500	507.02			938,500	507.02
France .....	Dollar .....		516.00						516.00
<b>Total .....</b>			<b>2,408.00</b>		<b>4,745.17</b>				<b>7,153.17</b>

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Patrick J. Leahy:									
Italy	Lira	1,515,897	839.00					1,515,897	839.00
Macedonia	Dollar		175.00						175.00
Croatia	Dollar		548.00						548.00
United States	Dollar				3,642.85				3,642.85
Tim Rieser:									
Macedonia	Dollar		175.00						175.00
Croatia	Dollar		248.00						248.00
United States	Dollar				2,151.00				2,151.00
Senator Ted Stevens:									
Russia	Dollar		450.00						450.00
United States	Dollar				11,258.84				11,258.84
Steve Cortese:									
Russia	Dollar		450.00						450.00
United States	Dollar				5,993.84				5,993.84
Jennifer Chartrand:									
Russia	Dollar		450.00						450.00
United States	Dollar				5,993.84				5,993.84
John Young:									
Papua New Guinea	Dollar		136.00						136.00
Indonesia	Dollar		466.00						466.00
Singapore	Dollar		254.00						254.00
Thailand	Dollar		498.00						498.00
Cambodia	Dollar		200.00						200.00
Vietnam	Dollar		556.00						556.00
Burma	Dollar		292.00						292.00
Laos	Dollar		250.00						250.00
Philippines	Dollar		488.00						488.00
Robin Cleveland:									
Italy	Dollar		300.00						300.00
Serbia	Dollar		300.00						300.00
Macedonia	Dollar		300.00						300.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>7,375.00</b>		<b>29,040.37</b>				<b>36,415.37</b>

TED STEVENS,  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Oct. 25, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Jeff Sessions:									
Macedonia	Dollar		291.00						291.00
David S. Lyles:									
Macedonia	Dollar		121.50						121.50
Richard D. DeBobes:									
Macedonia	Dollar		121.50						121.50
Joseph T. Sixeas:									
Macedonia	Dollar		121.50						121.50
Senator Carl Levin:									
Macedonia	Dollar		233.50						233.50
Senator Jack Reed:									
Macedonia	Dollar		271.50						271.50
Jason Matthews:									
Romania	Dollar		849.00						849.00
Senator Mary Landrieu:									
Macedonia	Dollar		264.25						264.25
Romania	Dollar		225.00						225.00
Joan V. Grimson:									
Russia	Dollar		1,905.00						1,905.00
Sweden	Dollar		246.00						246.00
Senator Jack Reed:									
Indonesia	Dollar		184.00						184.00
United States	Dollar				4,342.08				4,342.08
Elizabeth L. King:									
Indonesia	Dollar		162.00						162.00
United States	Dollar				4,137.08				4,137.08
Cord A. Sterling:									
Ecuador	Dollar		407.00						407.00
Colombia	Dollar		647.00						647.00
Peru	Dollar		819.00						819.00
United States	Dollar				1,758.40				1,758.40
Romie L. Brownlee:									
United States	Dollar				2,110.40				2,110.40
Colombia	Dollar		259.00				22.50		281.50
Edward H. Edens IV:									
Colombia	Dollar		267.00						267.00
United States	Dollar				2,110.40				2,110.40
<b>Total</b>			<b>7,394.75</b>		<b>14,458.36</b>		<b>22.50</b>		<b>21,875.61</b>

JOHN WARNER,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Oct. 4, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Phil Gramm:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		208.29						208.29
Senator Richard Shelby:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		241.05						241.05
Senator Robert Bennett:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		200.10						200.10
Senator Mike Crapo:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		208.29						208.29
Senator Evan Bayh:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		200.10						200.10
James Jochum:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		234.15						234.15
Senator Evan Bayh:									
Portugal	Escudo		837.00		4,084.00				4,921.00
Total			8,776.98		4,084.00				12,860.98

PHIL GRAMM,  
Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,  
Oct. 21, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Alice Grant:									
Italy	Lira	1,217,000	660.00					1,217,000	660.00
Serbia	Dollar		338.00						338.00
Commercial airfare					5,164.98				5,164.98
Total			998.00		5,164.98				6,162.98

PETE V. DOMENICI,  
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, Sept. 30, 1999.

AMENDMENT TO 3RD QUARTER 1998 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1998

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Ian J. Brzezinski:									
Jordan	Dinar		829.00						829.00
Turkey	Lira		452.00						452.00
Kyrgyzstan	Som		558.00						558.00
Mongolia	Tughrik		354.00						354.00
China	Yuan		552.00						552.00
Korea	Won		524.00						524.00
Total			3,269.00						3,629.00

WILLIAM V. ROTH, Jr.,  
Chairman, Committee on Finance, Sept. 9, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Joseph Biden:									
Serbia	Dollar		180.00				54.25		234.25
Bosnia	Dollar		207.00						207.00
Bulgaria	Dollar		182.50						182.50
Romania	Dollar		204.00						204.00
United States	Dollar				5,822.74				5,822.74
Senator Paul Coverdell:									
Colombia	Dollar		486.00						486.00
Senator Chuck Hagel:									
China	Dollar		514.00		332.00				846.00
Vietnam	Dollar		1,112.00		176.00				1,288.00
Thailand	Dollar		398.00						398.00
Singapore	Dollar		204.00						204.00
United States	Dollar				4,867.00				4,867.00
Senator Robert Torricelli:									
North Korea	Dollar		761.00						761.00
China	Dollar		508.00						508.00
United States	Dollar				6,770.40				6,770.40
Alex Albert:									
Colombia	Dollar		486.00						486.00
Marshall Billingslea:									
Austria	Dollar		216.00						216.00
Czech Republic	Dollar		544.00						544.00
Italy	Dollar		802.00						802.00
Netherlands	Dollar		264.00						264.00
United States	Dollar				5,202.75				5,202.75
James Doran:									
Thailand	Dollar		996.00						996.00
Cambodia	Dollar		472.00						472.00
Laos	Dollar		125.00						125.00
United States	Dollar				4,857.40				4,857.40
Debbie Fiddelke:									
Vietnam	Dollar		2,224.00		176.00				2,400.00
United States	Dollar				6,415.00				6,415.00
Heather Flynn:									
Italy	Dollar		380.00						380.00
Egypt	Dollar		800.00						800.00
Macedonia	Dollar		1,020.00						1,020.00
Serbia	Dollar		700.00						700.00
United States	Dollar				6,755.81				6,755.81
Edwin Hall:									
Serbia	Dollar		61.00				54.25		115.25
Bosnia	Dollar		172.00						172.00
Bulgaria	Dollar		232.50						232.50
Romania	Dollar		244.00						244.00
United States	Dollar				4,093.74				4,093.74
Michael Haltzel:									
Romania	Dollar		40.00						40.00
Croatia	Dollar		334.00						334.00
Bosnia	Dollar		702.00						702.00
United States	Dollar				5,514.70				5,514.70
Serbia	Dollar		71.00				54.25		125.25
Bosnia	Dollar		161.00						161.00
Bulgaria	Dollar		181.50						181.50
Romania	Dollar		186.00						186.00
United States	Dollar				4,093.74				4,093.74
Frank Jannuzi:									
Hong Kong	Dollar		1,735.00						1,735.00
United States	Dollar				4,648.84				4,648.84
Thomas Lewis:									
Serbia	Dollar		85.00				54.25		139.25
Bosnia	Dollar		161.00						161.00
Bulgaria	Dollar		172.50						172.50
Romania	Dollar		202.00						202.00
United States	Dollar				3,273.55				3,273.55
Michael Miller:									
Ethiopia	Dollar		1,421.00						1,421.00
Saudi Arabia	Dollar		166.00						166.00
Eritrea	Dollar		524.00						524.00
United States	Dollar				7,418.38				7,418.38
Roger Noriega:									
Columbia	Dollar		400.00						400.00
Kenneth Peel:									
China	Dollar		514.00		332.00				846.00
Vietnam	Dollar		1,112.00		176.00				1,288.00
Thailand	Dollar		398.00						398.00
Singapore	Dollar		204.00						204.00
United States	Dollar				4,800.00				4,800.00
Maria Pica:									
North Korea	Dollar		761.00						761.00
China	Dollar		508.00						508.00
United States	Dollar				4,323.00				4,323.00
Elizabeth Stewart:									
Italy	Dollar		650.00						650.00
Serbia	Dollar		348.00						348.00
United States	Dollar				5,164.98				5,164.98
Michael Westphal:									
Thailand	Dollar		996.00						996.00
Cambodia	Dollar		472.00						472.00
Laos	Dollar		125.00						125.00
United States	Dollar				4,857.40				4,857.40
Italy	Dollar		650.00						650.00
Serbia	Dollar		348.00						348.00
United States	Dollar				5,164.98				5,164.98
Total			28,123.00		95,236.81				123,576.81

AMENDMENT TO 1ST QUARTER 1999 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1, TO MAR. 31, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Marshall Billingslea:									
Turkey	Dollar		941.00						941.00
Iraq	Dollar		250.00						250.00
United States	Dollar				4,553.40				4,553.40
Total			1,191.00		4,553.40				5,744.40

JESSE HELMS,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, Oct. 26, 1999.

AMENDMENT TO 2ND QUARTER 1999 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APRIL 1, TO JUNE 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Alex Albert:									
Ecuador	Dollar		325.00						325.00
Peru	Dollar		103.00						103.00
Curacao	Dollar		250.00						250.00
Kirsten Madison:									
Ecuador	Dollar		325.00						325.00
Peru	Dollar		103.00						103.00
Aruba	Dollar		55.00						55.00
Curacao	Dollar		195.00						195.00
Roger Noriega:									
Spain	Dollar		2,400.00						2,400.00
United States	Dollar				1,323.84				1,323.84
Danielle Pletka:									
United Kingdom	Dollar		544.00						544.00
United States	Dollar				3,243.50				3,243.50
Total			4,300.00		4,567.34				8,867.34

JESSE HELMS,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, Oct. 26, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Arlen Specter:									
United States	Dollar		197.03		5,174.96				5,371.99
England	Dollar		224.80						224.80
Netherlands	Dollar		172.00						172.00
Ukraine	Dollar		488.00						488.00
Israel	Dollar		454.00						454.00
Jordan	Dollar		154.00						154.00
Egypt	Dollar		270.00						270.00
Italy	Lira		587.00						587.00
David J. Urban:									
United States	Dollar				4,477.06				4,477.06
Netherlands	Dollar		214.00						214.00
Ukraine	Dollar		750.00						750.00
Israel	Dollar		825.00						825.00
Jordan	Dollar		236.00						236.00
Egypt	Dollar		444.00						444.00
Italy	Lira		708.00						708.00
David K. Brog:									
United States	Dollar		4,477.06		4,477.06				4,477.06
Netherlands	Dollar		214.00						214.00
Ukraine	Dollar		750.00						750.00
Israel	Dollar		825.00						825.00
Jordan	Dollar		236.00						236.00
Egypt	Dollar		444.00						444.00
Italy	Lira		708.00						708.00
Total			8,900.83		14,129.08				23,029.91

ARLEN SPECTER,  
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Oct. 15, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
C. Nicholas Rostow			1,340.86						1,340.86
Arthur Grant			881.00		5,677.52				6,558.52
George K. Johnson			566.00		5,525.62				6,091.62
James Barnett			566.00		5,609.10				6,175.10
Linda Taylor			1,199.00		6,524.28				7,723.28
Senator Richard Lugar			2,755.00		4,337.28				7,092.28

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Kenneth Myers			2,798.00		4,337.28				7,135.25
Senator Richard C. Shelby			4,918.00						4,918.00
C. Nicholas Rostow			1,778.00						1,778.00
Anne Caldwell			4,918.00						4,918.00
William Duhnke			3,140.00						3,140.00
C. Nicholas Rostow			505.00						505.00
Senator Pat Roberts			1,938.00						1,938.00
Peter Dorn			2,941.00		5,134.40				8,076.40
Alan McCurry			2,193.00		2,958.20				5,151.20
James Barnett			974.00		4,792.40				5,766.40
Arthur Grant			1,111.00		4,792.40				5,903.40
Paula DeSutter			2,172.00		5,977.14				8,149.14
<b>Total</b>			<b>36,693.86</b>		<b>55,666.62</b>				<b>92,360.48</b>

RICHARD SHELBY,  
Chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence, Oct. 20, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
James Gwartney: United States	Dollar		916.99		471.12		408.29		1,796.40
<b>Total</b>			<b>916.99</b>		<b>471.12</b>		<b>408.29</b>		<b>1,796.40</b>

CONNIE MACK,  
Chairman, Joint Economic Committee, Oct. 14, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY MAJORITY LEADER FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Mitch Kugler: Russia	Dollar		1,150.00		5,319.02				6,469.02
Dennis McDowell: Russia	Dollar		1,150.00		5,319.02				6,469.02
Dennis Ward: Russia	Dollar		1,150.00		5,319.02				6,469.02
<b>Total</b>			<b>3,450.00</b>		<b>15,957.06</b>				<b>19,407.06</b>

TRENT LOTT,  
Majority Leader, Oct. 14, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Eric Shuffler: United States	Dollar				4,491.40				4,491.40
North Korea	Dollar		508.00						508.00
China	Yuan	6,376.17	771.00					6,376.17	771.00
Senator Patty Murray: Poland	Zloty		952.00						952.00
Hungary	Forint		225.00						225.00
Czech Republic	Dollar		464.00						464.00
United States	Dollar				2,326.41				2,326.41
Carol Cockril: Poland	Zloty		952.00						952.00
Hungary	Forint		225.00						225.00
Czech Republic	Dollar		464.00						464.00
United States	Dollar				2,326.41				2,326.41
Ben McMakin: Poland	Zloty		952.00						952.00
Hungary	Forint		225.00						225.00
Czech Republic	Dollar		464.00						464.00
United States	Dollar				2,019.41				2,019.41
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,202.00</b>		<b>11,163.63</b>				<b>17,365.63</b>

TOM DASCHLE,  
Democratic Leader, Sept. 30, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER FROM AUG. 13, TO AUG. 15, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Tom Daschle:									
Cuba .....	Dollar .....		500.00						500.00
Senator Byron Dorgan:									
Cuba .....	Dollar .....		500.00						500.00
Bradley Van Dam:									
Cuba .....	Dollar .....		285.00						285.00
Howard Walgren:									
Cuba .....	Dollar .....		300.00						300.00
Sally Walsh:									
Cuba .....	Dollar .....		278.00						278.00
Delegation expenses:									
Cuba .....	Dollar .....						1,560.58		1,560.58
Total .....			1,863.00				1,560.58		3,423.58

<sup>1</sup>Delegation expenses include direct payments and reimbursements to the Department of State and to the Department of Defense under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

TOM DASCHLE,  
Democratic Leader, Sept. 15, 1999.

HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY ACT OF 1999

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 580, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 580) to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2506

(Purpose: To provide for a complete substitute)

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, there is a substitute amendment at the desk submitted by Senators FRIST, JEFFORDS, and KENNEDY. I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM], for Mr. FRIST, for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. KENNEDY, proposes an amendment numbered 2506.

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, ten years ago, Congress created the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research to help us deal more effectively with critical national priorities in health care and research. I introduced the legislation with Senator HATCH, and it passed as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989. It was based on a precursor organization—the National Center for Health Services Research—that was created by President Lyndon Johnson. The Agency's focus is primarily on health services research and other cutting edge methods to improve clinical practice. In its first decade, the Agency has proven its worth time and again by providing valuable information to Congress, health profes-

sionals, patients, businesses, and many others.

This reauthorization begins a new chapter for the Agency. New responsibilities come with its new name, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. While the Agency's intramural and extramural research will remain focused on general outcomes research and assessments of the how well the nation is doing with respect to coverage and provision of health care, there will also be increased activity on research to monitor and improve the quality of care.

The Agency will serve an increasingly important role in the nation's effort to measure and improve the quality of health care, and to expand access to health insurance and health care. Research supported by the Agency provides critical information about the use, cost and quality of health services. As the health care market evolves, these data are necessary for informed decisions to help patients, providers, employers, government administrators, and policymakers. While the Agency is not directly involved in making policy, its research and expertise provide informed guidance to those who are. This legislation will help the Agency maintain and expand its efforts to encourage public-private partnerships at every level of the health care system.

The American people deserve to know that their hard-earned dollars are buying high-quality care. They want to know, as they are voluntarily or involuntarily enrolled in managed care plans, that the quality of care they receive is improving, not declining. Employers deserve to know that their investments in health benefits lead to healthier employees. As a result of the Agency's work, more and more Americans will be able to make the right decisions about their health care.

The Agency also provides an important link between advances in medical research and technology, and adoption of these practices by the public and private sectors. The research conducted and supported by the Agency helps

identify erroneous denials of treatment, and informs the nation about treatments that are the most effective or have the highest quality. While the Agency is not in the business of developing or promoting practice guidelines, its recommendations and research findings lead to significant savings for patients, providers, health plans, and taxpayers, while simultaneously improving the quality of care.

For example, if the Agency's recommendations were applied to even 20 percent of patients, the nation could save hundreds of millions of dollars annually—ranging from \$8.5 million for enhanced prenatal care for diabetic women to \$130 million for therapies that prevent stroke. We should do all we can to see that decision-making on health care is guided by the best available scientific information. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality will to help us achieve that goal.

The reauthorization of the Agency also provides an opportunity to expand research on health care for those with special needs. Our success in treating these patients is an important measure of the overall effectiveness of the nation's health care system. More needs to be done to evaluate how well our system treats those who need the most, and often the most complex, services. Persons with disabilities are often underrepresented in health services research. Assessing how well our fragmented system cares for a person with mental retardation or spina bifida or paraplegia or a person nearing the end-of-life will enable us to assess where better care can lead to both a higher quality of life and significant savings.

Reliable information about medical technology is an essential component of providing high quality health care to all Americans at a reasonable cost. It is especially important for Congress to be able to compare and understand the effectiveness of different technologies. For this reason, I was a strong supporter of the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, which evaluated technologies in a wide range of