

must recruit even more volunteers in order to expand their program to help more young people;

Whereas, in an effort to begin closing the mentoring gap, this year Congress has significantly increased Federal grant funding for local mentoring organizations to \$100,000,000;

Whereas the recipients of these grants and other entities carrying out mentoring programs all across the country will need an influx of volunteers to meet the growing demand for mentoring;

Whereas nonprofit groups and leading media companies have joined together to designate January 2004 as National Mentoring Month to recruit more mentors for young people; and

Whereas the month-long celebration of mentoring will encourage more adults to volunteer their time as mentors for young people and enlist the involvement of nonprofit organizations, schools, businesses, faith communities, and government agencies in the mentoring movement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1)(A) designates the month of January 2004 as “National Mentoring Month”; and

(B) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of and volunteer involvement with mentoring;

(2) praises individuals who are already giving their time to mentor young people; and

(3) supports efforts to recruit more adults as mentors, in an effort to close the Nation’s mentoring gap.

MAMMOGRAPHY QUALITY STANDARDS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2003

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 424, S. 1879, relating to mammography quality standards.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1879) to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards.

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

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I am pleased that today the Senate will pass the Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2003, S. 1879. I am pleased to be sponsoring this bill with Senator ENSIGN and our bipartisan cosponsors. This important bill is about saving lives. That’s what the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) does. Accurate mammograms detect breast cancer early, so women can get treatment and be survivors.

Mammography is not perfect, but it is the best screening tool we have now. I authored MQSA over 10 years ago to improve the quality of mammograms so that they are safe and accurate. Before MQSA became law, there was an uneven and conflicting patchwork of standards for mammography in this country. There were no national quality standards for personnel or equipment. Image quality of mammograms

and patient exposure to radiation levels varied widely. The quality of mammography equipment was poor. Physicians and technologists were poorly trained. Inspections were lacking.

MQSA set Federal safety and quality assurance standards for mammography facilities for: personnel, including doctors who interpret mammograms; equipment; and operating procedures. By creating national standards, Congress helped make mammograms a more reliable tool for detecting breast cancer. In 1998, Congress improved MQSA by giving information on test results directly to the women being tested, so no woman falls through the cracks because she never learns about a suspicious finding on her mammogram. Now it is time to renew MQSA and lay the foundation to strengthen it even further.

The bill passed by the Senate today will extend MQSA for 2-years. This 2-year reauthorization of MQSA is important. It will give Congress an opportunity to consider in the next reauthorization expert recommendations from an Institute of Medicine, IOM, study and a General Accounting Office, GAO, report on several issues related to MQSA. I have been working with the Labor, Health and Human Services, HHS, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee to get these studies underway. The IOM study was included in the fiscal year 2004 omnibus appropriations bill. The HELP Committee also heard testimony in support of a 2 year reauthorization at its hearing last year on MQSA.

This legislation is also supported by groups including the American Cancer Society, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations, Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, and the American College of Radiology Association.

I thank Senators GREGG and KENNEDY for their support and help in moving this legislation through the Senate. I hope that the House will move quickly to pass this important bill. It is estimated that over 217,400 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and over 40,500 breast cancer deaths will occur in the United States this year. Early detection and treatment are important to reducing breast cancer deaths. Congress should pass this bill to reauthorize MQSA and extend this valuable program that helps save the lives of women and men with breast cancer.

Mr. ALEXANDER. On behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1879) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1879

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2003”.

SEC. 2. TEMPORARY RENEWAL AND LIMITED PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE.

Section 354 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting “or a temporary renewal certificate” after “certificate”; and

(ii) in clause (i), by striking “subsection (c)(1)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) or (2) of subsection (c)”;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting “or a limited provisional certificate” after “certificate”; and

(ii) in clause (i), by striking “subsection (c)(2)” and inserting “paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (c)”;

(C) in the flush matter at the end, by striking “provisional certificate” and inserting “temporary renewal certificate, provisional certificate, or a limited provisional certificate”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) TEMPORARY RENEWAL CERTIFICATE.—The Secretary may issue a temporary renewal certificate, for a period of not to exceed 45 days, to a facility seeking reaccreditation if the accreditation body has issued an accreditation extension, for a period of not to exceed 45 days, for any of the following:

“(A) The facility has submitted the required materials to the accreditation body within the established time frames for the submission of such materials but the accreditation body is unable to complete the reaccreditation process before the certification expires.

“(B) The facility has acquired additional or replacement equipment, or has had significant personnel changes or other unforeseen situations that have caused the facility to be unable to meet reaccreditation timeframes, but in the opinion of the accreditation body have not compromised the quality of mammography.

“(3) LIMITED PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE.—The Secretary may, upon the request of an accreditation body, issue a limited provisional certificate to an entity to enable the entity to conduct examinations for educational purposes while an onsite visit from an accreditation body is in progress. Such certificate shall be valid only during the time the site visit team from the accreditation body is physically in the facility, and in no case shall be valid for longer than 72 hours. The issuance of a certificate under this paragraph, shall not preclude the entity from qualifying for a provisional certificate under paragraph (4).”.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 354(r)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263b(r)(2)(A) and (B)) are amended by striking “2002” each place it appears and inserting “2005”.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader,

pursuant to Public Law 108-132, Section 128, appoints the following individual to the Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States: Major General Lewis E. Curtis III, USAF (Retired).

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2004

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, February 3. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then conduct a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with 30 minutes under the control of Senator GRAHAM of Florida and the remaining time under the control of the majority leader.

I further ask that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party luncheons.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. ALEXANDER. On behalf of the leader, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow, at 10:30 a.m., the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1072, the highway bill. The bill managers will be here at 10:30 tomorrow morning, ready to work through opening statements and to begin the amendment process. Votes are possible during tomorrow's session.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if my friend will yield, the opening statements have been pretty well completed. Senator INHOFE has given one, I have given one, Senator JEFFORDS has given one, and Senator BOND. We are the ones moving this bill through the Senate.

I hope everyone within the sound of our voices will understand, if people have statements that should be given on the bill, they should come forward and give them. Otherwise, I hope those with amendments can come forward and offer amendments.

I say to the Senate that we have a relatively short period of time to finish this bill. It is a very big bill, \$255 billion, but the majority leader and the minority leader have indicated that we have only this week and next week to complete this most important legislation.

I say through the Chair to the distinguished acting majority leader, formerly Governor of one of the very big States population-wise in our country, Tennessee—a Governor understands more than anyone else, I believe, the importance of these highway moneys and what they mean to a State—if we don't finish this now and have to go to another year-long bill, it totally interferes with the ability of the highway planners to do their work.

I hope everyone understands that we have just a short period of time to complete this bill and that everyone will come forward if they have some problems with the bill, and if they want to change it some way, they can move on it as quickly as possible.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:57 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 2, 2004:

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BUILDING SCIENCES

WILLIAM HARDIMAN, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BUILDING SCIENCES FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 7, 2006, VICE H. TERRY RASCO, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

SUE ELLEN WOOLDRIDGE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE SOLICITOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, VICE WILLIAM GERRY MYERS III, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

WILLIAM T. HILLER, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 25, 2006. (REAPPOINTMENT)

JUAN R. OLIVAREZ, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 25, 2006. (REAPPOINTMENT)

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

MARIA OTERO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2007. (REAPPOINTMENT)

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

RICHARD KENNETH WAGNER, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 25, 2006, VICE ROBIN MORRIS, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION

ISAAC FULWOOD, JR., OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE MICHAEL JOHNSTON GAINES, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

DWIGHT R. BRASWELL, 0000
JAMES N. CUTTER, 0000
JEFFREY G. GUILD, 0000
GERALD A. HOUGE, 0000
BOBBY V. PAGE, 0000
HOWARD D. STENDAHL, 0000
KAREN H. STOCKS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

PAUL N. AUSTIN, 0000
ELIZABETH J. BRIDGES, 0000
LORIE J. CAPPELLINO, 0000
KIMBERLY S. COX, 0000
NANCY A. DEZELL, 0000
KONNIE M. DOYLE, 0000
NORMAN J. FORBES, 0000
KATHRYN E. HALL, 0000
SUSAN R. HALL, 0000
JOANNE HENKENIUSKIRSCHBAUM, 0000
HARVEY K. HILLIARD, 0000
BARBARA J. JEFFTS, 0000
THOMAS F. LANGSTON, 0000
SOLEAD LINDOMON, 0000
THERESE M. NEELY, 0000
JULIA E. NELSON, 0000
JOEL D. RAY, 0000

TERRI J. REUSCH, 0000
CASSANDRA R. SALVATORE, 0000
JUDITH SCHAFER, 0000
ANGELA L. THOMPSON, 0000
FRANK B. THORNBURG III, 0000
FLORENCE A. VALLEY, 0000

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To be colonel

EDWARD ACEVEDO, 0000
PAUL C. ACKERMAN, 0000
DARRELL E. ADAMS, 0000
DELANE A. ABANG AGUILAR, 0000
FRANK ALBANESE, 0000
RENITA D. ALEXANDER, 0000
KEITH R. ALLFORD, 0000
JOHN V. ALLISON JR., 0000
DAVID W. ALLVIN, 0000
MARK B. ALSID, 0000
TRACY A. AMOS, 0000
CRAIGEN B. ANDERSON, 0000
WARREN M. ANDERSON, 0000
JEFFERY S. ANTES, 0000
JAMES H. APPELYARD JR., 0000
MICHAEL G. ARCHULETA, 0000
MATTHEW H. ARENS, 0000
JONATHAN A. ARNOLD, 0000
STEVE ASHER, 0000
BALAN R. AYYAR, 0000
MICHAEL R. BABCOCK, 0000
DONALD J. BACON, 0000
MARK A. BAGGETT, 0000
PENNY H. BAILEY, 0000
JEFFREY A. BAKER, 0000
MARK A. BAKER, 0000
SID P. BANKS, 0000
JAMES L. BAREFIELD II, 0000
WILLIAM R. BARRETT, 0000
BRYAN D. BARTELS, 0000
WILLIAM L. BASSETT, 0000
JAMES B. BEARDEN, 0000
ROBERT A. BEARDSLEE, 0000
KRISTIN D. BEASLEY, 0000
JOSEPH D. BECKER, 0000
MICHAEL G. BEDARD, 0000
ERIC A. BEENE, 0000
DAVID C. BENDALL, 0000
ALEX J. BENEFIELD, 0000
DONALD H. BERCHOFF, 0000
ROBERT J. BERTINO, 0000
ERIC H. BEST, 0000
SANDRA R. BIGNELL, 0000
GUILLERMO A. BIRMINGHAM, 0000
DOUGLAS S. BLACK, 0000
FRANCINE BLACKMON, 0000
RUSSELL J. BLANE, 0000
DARRYL W. BLAN, 0000
ANDREW P. BOERLAGE, 0000
TIMOTHY L. BOONE, 0000
DAMON K. BOOTH, 0000
ANN L. BORGSMANN, 0000
PHILIP A. BOSSERT JR., 0000
GREGORY T. BOYETTE, 0000
ROBERT K. BOYLES, 0000
PHILIP G. BRADLEY, 0000
WILLIAM S. BRADSHAW, 0000
TONIA M. BRICKHOUSE, 0000
HARRY BRIESMASTER III, 0000
ROBERT E. BRODERICK, 0000
CHARLES Q. BROWN JR., 0000
SCOTT A. BRUMBAUGH, 0000
DAVID J. BUCK, 0000
TIMOTHY S. BURKE, 0000
GREGORY J. BURNS, 0000
MICHAEL T. BYRNE, 0000
NELSON CABOT JR., 0000
EDWARD A. CABBREA, 0000
DAVID M. CALLIS, 0000
MARIANO C. CAMPOS JR., 0000
NEAL R. CARBAUGH, 0000
PATRICK T. CAREY, 0000
TIMOTHY S. CASHDOLLAR, 0000
MICHAEL D. CASHIDY, 0000
SEAN P. CASSIDY, 0000
DEVIN L. CATE, 0000
SHEILA G. CHEWNING, 0000
LARRY J. CHODZKO, 0000
BRENDAN G. CLARE, 0000
GREGORY C. CLARK, 0000
PAUL J. CLARK, 0000
HARRY W. CONLEY, 0000
PATRICIA K. COOMER, 0000
CHRISTOP P. CORDES, 0000
JERRY R. COUICK, 0000
MARK C. CREWS, 0000
DENNIS M. CRIMIEL, 0000
THOMAS A. CRISTLER, 0000
CLINTON E. CROSIER, 0000
VINCENT F. D'ANGELO, 0000
JOHN M. DAVIDSON, 0000
JOHN R. DECKNICK, 0000
GODFRED N. DEMANDANTE, 0000
JAMES C. DENDIS, 0000
STEPHEN T. DENKER, 0000
LEE K. DEPALO, 0000
JEFFREY L. DERRICK, 0000
LLOYD D. DESERISY, 0000
NICHOLAS L. DESPORT, 0000
JAMES E. DETEMPLE, 0000
DEBRA A. DEXTER, 0000
ANTHONY R. DOMINICE, 0000
MATTHEW P. DONOVAN, 0000
KENNETH R. DORNOV, 0000
DANIEL C. DOTY, 0000