

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

The resolution (S. Res. 475) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 475

Whereas public works infrastructure, facilities, and services are of vital importance to the health, safety, and well-being of the people of the United States;

Whereas those facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, and administrators who represent State and local governments throughout the United States;

Whereas those individuals design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation systems, water supply infrastructure, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities that are vital to the citizens and communities of the United States; and

Whereas it is in the interest of the public for citizens and civic leaders to understand the role that public infrastructure plays in—

- (1) protecting the environment;
- (2) improving public health and safety;
- (3) contributing to economic vitality; and
- (4) enhancing the quality of life of every community of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) proclaims the week of May 21 through May 27, 2006, as ‘National Public Works Week’;

(2) recognizes and celebrates the important contributions that public works professionals make every day to improve—

(A) the public infrastructure of the United States; and

(B) the communities that those professionals serve; and

(3) urges citizens and communities throughout the United States to join with representatives of the Federal Government and the American Public Works Association in activities and ceremonies that are designed—

(A) to pay tribute to the public works professionals of the Nation; and

(B) to recognize the substantial contributions that public works professionals make to the Nation.

INDIAN YOUTH TELEMENTAL HEALTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ACT OF 2006

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 412, S. 2245.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2245) to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD as if read, without intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (S. 2245) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2245

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 ‘Indian Youth Telemental Health Demonstration Project Act of 2006’.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) suicide for Indians and Alaska Natives is 2½ times higher than the national average and the highest for all ethnic groups in the United States, at a rate of more than 16 per 100,000 males of all age groups, and 27.9 per 100,000 for males aged 15 through 24, according to data for 2002;

(2) according to national data for 2002, suicide was the second-leading cause of death for Indians and Alaska Natives aged 15 through 34 and the fourth-leading cause of death for Indians and Alaska Natives aged 10 through 14;

(3) the suicide rates of Indian and Alaska Native males aged 15 through 24 are nearly 4 times greater than suicide rates of Indian and Alaska Native females of that age group;

(4)(A) 90 percent of all teens who die by suicide suffer from a diagnosable mental illness at the time of death; and

(B) more than ½ of the people who commit suicide in Indian Country have never been seen by a mental health provider;

(5) death rates for Indians and Alaska Natives are statistically underestimated;

(6) suicide clustering in Indian Country affects entire tribal communities; and

(7) since 2003, the Indian Health Service has carried out a National Suicide Prevention Initiative to work with Service, tribal, and urban Indian health programs.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to authorize the Secretary to carry out a demonstration project to test the use of telemental health services in suicide prevention, intervention, and treatment of Indian youth, including through—

(1) the use of psychotherapy, psychiatric assessments, diagnostic interviews, therapies for mental health conditions predisposing to suicide, and alcohol and substance abuse treatment;

(2) the provision of clinical expertise to, consultation services with, and medical advice and training for frontline health care providers working with Indian youth;

(3) training and related support for community leaders, family members and health and education workers who work with Indian youth;

(4) the development of culturally-relevant educational materials on suicide; and

(5) data collection and reporting.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—The term ‘demonstration project’ means the Indian youth telemental health demonstration project authorized under section 4(a).

(2) DEPARTMENT.—The term ‘Department’ means the Department of Health and Human Services.

(3) INDIAN.—The term ‘Indian’ means any individual who is a member of an Indian tribe or is eligible for health services under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

(4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

(5) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(6) SERVICE.—The term ‘Service’ means the Indian Health Service.

(7) TELEMENTAL HEALTH.—The term ‘telemental health’ means the use of electronic

information and telecommunications technologies to support long distance mental health care, patient and professional-related education, public health, and health administration.

(8) TRADITIONAL HEALTH CARE PRACTICES.—The term ‘traditional health care practices’ means the application by Native healing practitioners of the Native healing sciences (as opposed or in contradistinction to Western healing sciences) that—

(A) embody the influences or forces of innate Tribal discovery, history, description, explanation and knowledge of the states of wellness and illness; and

(B) call upon those influences or forces in the promotion, restoration, preservation, and maintenance of health, well-being, and life’s harmony.

(9) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term ‘tribal organization’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

SEC. 4. INDIAN YOUTH TELEMENTAL HEALTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to carry out a demonstration project to award grants for the provision of telemental health services to Indian youth who—

(A) have expressed suicidal ideas;

(B) have attempted suicide; or

(C) have mental health conditions that increase or could increase the risk of suicide.

(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS.—Grants described in paragraph (1) shall be awarded to Indian tribes and tribal organizations that operate 1 or more facilities—

(A) located in Alaska and part of the Alaska Federal Health Care Access Network;

(B) reporting active clinical telehealth capabilities; or

(C) offering school-based telemental health services relating to psychiatry to Indian youth.

(3) GRANT PERIOD.—The Secretary shall award grants under this section for a period of up to 4 years.

(4) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GRANTS.—Not more than 5 grants shall be provided under paragraph (1), with priority consideration given to Indian tribes and tribal organizations that—

(A) serve a particular community or geographic area in which there is a demonstrated need to address Indian youth suicide;

(B) enter into collaborative partnerships with Service or other tribal health programs or facilities to provide services under this demonstration project;

(C) serve an isolated community or geographic area which has limited or no access to behavioral health services; or

(D) operate a detention facility at which Indian youth are detained.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—An Indian tribe or tribal organization shall use a grant received under subsection (a) for the following purposes:

(1) To provide telemental health services to Indian youth, including the provision of—

(A) psychotherapy;

(B) psychiatric assessments and diagnostic interviews, therapies for mental health conditions predisposing to suicide, and treatment; and

(C) alcohol and substance abuse treatment.

(2) To provide clinician-interactive medical advice, guidance and training, assistance in diagnosis and interpretation, crisis counseling and intervention, and related assistance to Service or tribal clinicians and health services providers working with youth being served under the demonstration project.

(3) To assist, educate, and train community leaders, health education professionals and paraprofessionals, tribal outreach workers, and family members who work with the youth receiving telemental health services under the demonstration project, including with identification of suicidal tendencies, crisis intervention and suicide prevention, emergency skill development, and building and expanding networks among those individuals and with State and local health services providers.

(4) To develop and distribute culturally-appropriate community educational materials on—

- (A) suicide prevention;
- (B) suicide education;
- (C) suicide screening;
- (D) suicide intervention; and
- (E) ways to mobilize communities with respect to the identification of risk factors for suicide.

(5) To conduct data collection and reporting relating to Indian youth suicide prevention efforts.

(c) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a grant under subsection (a), an Indian tribe or tribal organization shall prepare and submit to the Secretary an application, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including—

(1) a description of the project that the Indian tribe or tribal organization will carry out using the funds provided under the grant;

(2) a description of the manner in which the project funded under the grant would—

(A) meet the telemental health care needs of the Indian youth population to be served by the project; or

(B) improve the access of the Indian youth population to be served to suicide prevention and treatment services;

(3) evidence of support for the project from the local community to be served by the project;

(4) a description of how the families and leadership of the communities or populations to be served by the project would be involved in the development and ongoing operations of the project;

(5) a plan to involve the tribal community of the youth who are provided services by the project in planning and evaluating the mental health care and suicide prevention efforts provided, in order to ensure the integration of community, clinical, environmental, and cultural components of the treatment; and

(6) a plan for sustaining the project after Federal assistance for the demonstration project has terminated.

(d) TRADITIONAL HEALTH CARE PRACTICES.—The Secretary, acting through the Service, shall ensure that the demonstration project involves the use and promotion of the traditional health care practices of the Indian tribes of the youth to be served.

(e) COLLABORATION.—The Secretary, acting through the Service, shall encourage Indian tribes and tribal organizations receiving grants under this section to collaborate to enable comparisons about best practices across projects.

(f) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each grant recipient shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that—

(1) describes the number of telemental health services provided; and

(2) includes any other information that the Secretary may require.

(g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 270 days after the date of termination of the demonstration project, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a final report that—

(1) describes the results of the projects funded by grants awarded under this section, including any data available that indicate the number of attempted suicides;

(2) evaluates the impact of the telemental health services funded by the grants in reducing the number of completed suicides among Indian youth;

(3) evaluates whether the demonstration project should be—

(A) expanded to provide more than 5 grants; and

(B) designated a permanent program; and

(4) evaluates the benefits of expanding the demonstration project to include urban Indian organizations.

(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$1,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2006

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 12; I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time of the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, as I indicated earlier today, the Senate passed the tax relief extension conference report. Chairman GRASSLEY of course did an extraordinary job. He has the gratitude of all of us for his important role in advancing this extremely significant measure, which guarantees the continued robust economy we are enjoying.

Tomorrow we will be in a period of morning business. However, no votes will occur tomorrow. Moments ago we reached an agreement for a vote on Tuesday morning that will be on the Smith circuit court nomination. We will return to the immigration bill on Monday, and we are hoping to have other votes stacked on Tuesday morning in relation to immigration amendments. The votes on Tuesday morning will be the next set of rollcall votes.

Let me further underscore that it would be important for Members who have amendments to the immigration

bill to get over here Monday, lay down and debate those amendments. We have a kind of gentlemen's agreement between the two parties here in the Senate that we are going to process a lot of amendments before completing that bill. The occupant of the chair, for example, has been deeply involved in this issue and has been very understanding of the needs of Members on this side who believe that amendments should be processed in the regular order before final passage on a bill of this magnitude. I know there is a demand for amendments on the other side.

The way to accommodate all Senators, obviously, is for Senators to come over here and offer their amendments, not delay; to be willing to accept rather short time agreements so that patience prevails around here and we are able to accommodate the important amendments Senators desire to offer on both sides of the aisle.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. 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 7:26 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 12, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 11, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

WILLIAM H. TOBBY, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR DEFENSE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, VICE PAUL MORGAN LONGSWORTH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

GAYLEATHA BEATRICE BROWN, OF NEW JERSEY, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF BENIN.

PETER R. CONEWAY, OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SWITZERLAND, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN.

CHRISTINA B. ROCCA, OF VIRGINIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THOMAS D. ANDERSON, OF VERMONT, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE PETER W. HALL, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9333(B) AND 9336(A):

To be colonel

THOMAS L. YODER, 0000