

“(e) Traumatic brain injury research shall include research—

“(1) to improve the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of traumatic brain injury;

“(2) to improve rehabilitation of veterans with traumatic brain injury;

“(3) to improve best practices for the activities described in paragraphs (1) and (2); and

“(4) to identify the mechanisms of brain injury and ways to prevent or ameliorate secondary effects of brain injuries.”.

(c) GRANTS OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In conducting the research required by subsection (a) or in accordance with section 7303(e) of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may provide grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements with, private or public medical centers with expertise in research on traumatic brain injury, including the treatment or rehabilitation of individuals with traumatic brain injury.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated—

(1) to the Secretary of Defense, \$20,000,000 to carry out the provisions of subsection (a); and

(2) to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, \$20,000,000 to carry out the amendments made by subsection (b).

SEC. 6. REPORT.

Not later than December 15 of each year, the Secretary of Defense shall, in conjunction with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, submit to Congress a report that contains, with respect to the fiscal year ending in the year such report is submitted, the following:

(1) Descriptions of the activities, accomplishments, and limitations of the program on traumatic brain injury established under section 2.

(2) Recommendations of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, if any, for improving the program established under section 2.

(3) Information on the following:

(A) The number of members of the Armed Forces and veterans tested for traumatic brain injury by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs under section 2(d).

(B) The number of members of the Armed Forces and veterans diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury.

(C) The number of members of the Armed Forces and veterans enrolled in the program on traumatic brain injury established under section 2.

(D) The types of treatment and rehabilitation provided as part of the program established under section 2.

(E) The types of facilities in which services were provided under section 2 and how such facilities were chosen to meet the individual needs of individual patients.

(F) The mechanisms used by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure continuity of care for members of the Armed Forces as they transition from receipt of health care services from the Department of Defense to the receipt of such services from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(G) The number and nature of any cooperative agreements engaged in under section 2(h).

(H) The outreach activities carried out under subsections (e) and (f) of section 2.

(4) A description of the expenditures associated with the outreach, screening, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and other services provided to members of the Armed Forces and veterans under sections 2 and 3.

SEC. 7. DEFINITION OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

In this Act, the term “traumatic brain injury” means an acquired injury to the brain.

Such term does not include brain dysfunction caused by congenital or degenerative disorders, nor birth trauma, but may include brain injuries caused by anoxia due to trauma. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may jointly revise the definition of such term as the Secretaries determine necessary, after consultation with the following:

(1) The Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(2) Representatives of any organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(3) Such public or nonprofit private entities that the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs considers appropriate.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. KERRY. I would like to inform the Members that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship will hold a public markup of S. 1256 “Small Business Lending Reauthorization and Improvements Act of 2007” on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in 328A, Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this committee hearing will be to consider Energy and Rural Development issues for the Farm bill.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to review all-terrain vehicle, ATV, issues and possible legislative approaches to obtaining ATV safety.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on climate change.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

Agenda

I. Bills: S. 221, Fair Contracts for Growers Act of 2007, (Grassley, Feingold, Kohl, Leahy, Durbin); and S. 376, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2007, (Leahy, Specter, Grassley, Kyl, Sessions, Cornyn).

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, to hold a hearing on pending benefits legislation. The hearing will take place in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today, Wednesday, May 9, 2007, from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SECTOR AND CONSUMER SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 9, 2007.

Agenda

Technologies and practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1348 AND H.R. 2080

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1348) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 2080) to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask for a second reading en bloc, and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

THANKS TO STAFF

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I thank all my colleagues for their cooperation today. I especially thank the ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee for his help and assistance and for his continuing graciousness as we consider the budget resolution, as well as all the Members who participated in the debate. I thought it was a very helpful debate—animated at times but genuine, sincere, and in the best traditions of the Senate.

I also wish to take this moment to thank the staffs, especially staff on my side, for unbelievable hours and devotion to getting a final product passed, and one we can be proud of. This staff has worked night and day, weekends, over and over, and I want to thank them publicly and commend them for it.

We should also acknowledge the staff on the other side, who have also worked long hours and have conducted themselves in the best tradition of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, there is some additional business we have been asked to handle.

I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 10; that on Thursday, following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired and the time of the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 128, H.R. 1495, the Water Resources Development Act, and that the time until 9:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the chair and ranking member of the Environment and Public Works Committee; that at 9:45 a.m., without further intervening action or debate, the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:38 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 9, 2007:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. KEVIN J. SULLIVAN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. RANDALL M. FALK, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. JUAN A. RUIZ, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. RONALD L. BURGESS, JR., 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. KENNETH F. MCKENZIE, JR., 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be major

ANIL P. RAJADHYAX, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be major

DAREN S. DANIELSON, 0000
COLLEEN M. FITZPATRICK, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be lieutenant colonel

BRET R. BOYLE, 0000

To be major

MICHAEL C. PAHANG, 0000
DIANA STANSBURY, 0000
CHAD A. WEDDELL, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be lieutenant colonel

LILLIAN C. CONNOR, 0000

To be major

MARVIN CONRAD, 0000
JONATHAN L. RONES, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be lieutenant colonel

NANCY J. S. ALTHOUSE, 0000
JAMES B. COWAN, 0000
MARY B. DURBIN, 0000
FRANKLIN H. HAUGER, 0000
SUSAN G. MARKEL, 0000
HENRY D. VAUGHAN, 0000

To be major

MICHAEL M. DUNN, 0000
BEVERLY J. EARLEY, 0000
SABRI Z. IBRAHIM, 0000
PHICK H. NG, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE

UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

GLEN L. DORNER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

SHIRLEY S. MIRESEPASSI, 0000

To be major

SCOTT L. DIERING, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 6221:

To be captain

GEORGE N. THOMPSON, 0000

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

To be captain

STEVEN D. BROWN, 0000
MICHAEL E. DORY, 0000
KALAS K. MCALEXANDER, 0000
MICHAEL J. PARISI, 0000
MARK G. STEINER, 0000

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

To be captain

RICHARD K. GIROUX, 0000
REX A. GUINN, 0000
DEAN W. LEECH, 0000
JEFFREY P. LUSTER, 0000
JAMES M. RYAN, 0000
ROBERT A. SANDERS, 0000
SUSAN C. STEWART, 0000
DENISE E. STICH, 0000

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

To be captain

MARK A. ADMIRAL, 0000
JULIENNE E. C. ALMONTE, 0000
PAUL D. ASHCRAFT, 0000
JOSEPH M. CHENELER, 0000
JAMES E. FANELL, 0000
DAVID C. FOLEY, 0000
WILLIAM P. HAMBLETT, JR., 0000
DARYL R. HANCOCK, 0000
CRAIG O. HAYNES, 0000
MICHAEL T. ORTWEIN, 0000
STEPHEN E. ROBERTS, 0000
ROBERT D. SHARP, 0000
CHRISTOPHER M. STRUB, 0000
ERIC A. TAYLOR, 0000
DANIEL F. VERHEUL, 0000

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

To be captain

MICHAEL D. ANDERSON, 0000
GREGG W. BAUMANN, 0000
RICHARD P. BLANK, 0000
JEFFREY A. BURCHAM, 0000
TIMOTHY J. CORRIGAN, 0000
PATRICK COSTELLO, 0000
KURTIS W. CRAKE, 0000
JEFFREY R. DUNLAP, 0000
KENNETH L. FRACK, JR., 0000
GLENN D. HOFERT, 0000
PERNELL A. JORDAN, 0000
MICHAEL L. MALONE, 0000
BRIAN R. MCHINNIS, 0000
KEVIN R. PETERSON, 0000
MIGUEL G. SANPEDRO, 0000
RICKY A. SERAIVA, 0000
MICHAEL H. SMITH, 0000
STEVEN L. STANCY, 0000
JAMES E. STEIN, 0000
ERIC A. TAPP, 0000
BRUCE C. URBON, 0000

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

To be captain

SCOT K. ABEL, 0000
TITO M. ARANDELA, JR., 0000
JAMES R. BRON, 0000
SILVESTER R. DELROSARIO, 0000
ROBERT W. DESANTIS, 0000
DANIEL P. HENDERSON, 0000
JOHN R. JONES, 0000
PETER R. LINTNER, 0000
JESUS A. MATUDIO, 0000
KEVIN K. NELSON, 0000
PATRICK B. SHEPLER, 0000
LELAND D. TAYLOR, 0000