

entities as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (a), \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2001, \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2003, and \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2004.”

(b) NURSING EDUCATION.—Part A of title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 807 as section 808; and

(2) by inserting after section 806 the following:

“SEC. 807. GRANTS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION.

“(a) GRANTS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION IN HEALTH DISPARITIES AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, may make awards of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to eligible entities for the purpose of carrying out research and demonstration projects (including research and demonstration projects for continuing health professions education) for training and education for the reduction of disparities in health care outcomes and the provision of culturally competent health care. Grants under this section shall be the same as provided in section 741.”

“(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are to be appropriated to carry out subsection (a) such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2001 through 2004.”

SEC. 402. NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION AND HEALTH DISPARITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”), acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, shall convene a national conference on health professions education as a method for reducing disparities in health outcomes.

(b) PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary shall include in the national conference convened under subsection (a) advocacy groups and educational entities as described in section 741 of the Public Health Service Act (as added by section 401), tribal health programs, health centers under section 330 of such Act, and other interested parties.

(c) ISSUES.—The national conference convened under subsection (a) shall include, but is not limited to, issues that address the role and impact of health professions education on the reduction of disparities in health outcomes, including the role of education on cultural competency. The conference shall focus on methods to achieve reductions in disparities in health outcomes through health professions education (including continuing education programs) and strategies for outcomes measurement to assess the effectiveness of education in reducing disparities.

(d) PUBLICATION OF FINDINGS.—Not later than 6 months after the national conference under subsection (a) has convened, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a summary of the proceedings and findings of the conference.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. 403. ADVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION IN HEALTH DISPARITIES AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY.

Section 1707 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u-6) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following paragraph:

“(10) Advise in matters relating to the development, implementation, and evaluation of health professions education in decreasing disparities in health care outcomes, including cultural competency as a method of eliminating health disparities.”;

(2) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “paragraphs (1) through (9)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) through (10)”;

(3) in subsection (d), by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LANGUAGE.—

“(A) PROFICIENCY IN SPEAKING ENGLISH.—The Deputy Assistant Secretary shall consult with the Director of the Office of International and Refugee Health, the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, and the Directors of other appropriate departmental entities regarding recommendations for carrying out activities under subsection (b)(9).

“(B) HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION REGARDING HEALTH DISPARITIES.—The Deputy Assistant Secretary shall carry out the duties under subsection (b)(10) in collaboration with appropriate personnel of the Department of Health of Human Services, other Federal agencies, and other offices, centers, and institutions, as appropriate, that have responsibilities under the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000.”

TITLE V—PUBLIC AWARENESS AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

SEC. 501. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.

(a) PUBLIC AWARENESS ON HEALTH DISPARITIES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a national campaign to inform the public and health care professionals about health disparities in minority and other underserved populations by disseminating information and materials available on specific diseases affecting these populations and programs and activities to address these disparities. The campaign shall—

(1) have a specific focus on minority and other underserved communities with health disparities; and

(2) include an evaluation component to assess the impact of the national campaign in raising awareness of health disparities and information on available resources.

(b) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON HEALTH DISPARITIES.—The Secretary shall develop and implement a plan for the dissemination of information and findings with respect to health disparities under titles I, II, III, and IV of this Act. The plan shall—

(1) include the participation of all agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services that are responsible for serving populations included in the health disparities research; and

(2) have agency-specific strategies for disseminating relevant findings and information on health disparities and improving health care services to affected communities.

TITLE VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 601. DEPARTMENTAL DEFINITION REGARDING MINORITY INDIVIDUALS.

Section 1707(g)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300u-6) is amended—

(1) by striking “Asian Americans and” and inserting “Asian Americans;”;

(2) by inserting “Native Hawaiians and other” before “Pacific Islanders;”.

SEC. 602. CONFORMING PROVISION REGARDING DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act, the term “racial and ethnic minority group” has the meaning

given such term in section 1707 of the Public Health Service Act.

SEC. 603. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act and the amendments made by this Act take effect October 1, 2000, or upon the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever occurs later.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Bowen, a fellow on the committee, be granted privileges of the floor for the remainder of the session.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow from the office of Senator JOHNSON, Bryan Kaatz, be allowed floor privileges during the remainder of this day.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be granted to Jerry Pannullo, John Sparrow, Valerie Mark, and Ben Gann of the Finance Committee staff until the end of the session. I make that request on behalf of Senator MOYNIHAN.

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

TARIFF SUSPENSION AND TRADE ACT OF 2000

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House to accompany H.R. 4868.

There being no objection, the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4868) entitled “An Act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes”, with the following House amendment to Senate amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—TARIFF PROVISIONS

Sec. 1001. Reference; expired provisions.

Subtitle A—Temporary Duty Suspensions and Reductions

CHAPTER 1—NEW DUTY SUSPENSIONS AND REDUCTIONS

Sec. 1101. HIV/AIDS drug.

Sec. 1102. HIV/AIDS drug.

Sec. 1103. Triacetoneamine.

Sec. 1104. Instant print film in rolls.

Sec. 1105. Color instant print film.

Sec. 1106. Mixtures of sennosides and mixtures of sennosides and their salts.

Sec. 1107. Cibacron red LS-B HC.

Sec. 1108. Cibacron brilliant blue FN-G.