

programs under section 753, programs and initiatives to train and educate individuals in providing geriatric care for the elderly.

“(b) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds under such grant to—

“(1) provide training to individuals who will provide geriatric care for the elderly;

“(2) develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals;

“(3) train faculty members in geriatrics; or

“(4) provide continuing education to individuals who provide geriatric care.

“(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity desiring a grant under subsection (a) shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

“(d) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘eligible entity’ includes a school of nursing, a health care facility, a program leading to certification as a certified nurse assistant, a partnership of such a school and facility, or a partnership of such a program and facility.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.”

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 753(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294c) is amended by striking “, and section 853(2),” and inserting “, and section 801(2).”

#### SEC. 203. NURSE FACULTY LOAN PROGRAM.

Part E of title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 297a et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 846 the following:

##### “NURSE FACULTY LOAN PROGRAM

“SEC. 846A. (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, may enter into an agreement with any school of nursing for the establishment and operation of a student loan fund in accordance with this section, to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty.

“(b) AGREEMENTS.—Each agreement entered into under subsection (a) shall—

“(1) provide for the establishment of a student loan fund by the school involved;

“(2) provide for deposit in the fund of—

“(A) the Federal capital contributions to the fund;

“(B) an amount equal to not less than one-ninth of such Federal capital contributions, contributed by such school;

“(C) collections of principal and interest on loans made from the fund; and

“(D) any other earnings of the fund;

“(3) provide that the fund will be used only for loans to students of the school in accordance with subsection (c) and for costs of collection of such loans and interest thereon;

“(4) provide that loans may be made from such fund only to students pursuing a full-time course of study or, at the discretion of the Secretary, a part-time course of study in an advanced degree program described in section 811(b); and

“(5) contain such other provisions as are necessary to protect the financial interests of the United States.

“(c) LOAN PROVISIONS.—Loans from any student loan fund established by a school pursuant to an agreement under subsection (a) shall be made to an individual on such terms and conditions as the school may determine, except that—

“(1) such terms and conditions are subject to any conditions, limitations, and requirements prescribed by the Secretary;

“(2) in the case of any individual, the total of the loans for any academic year made by

schools of nursing from loan funds established pursuant to agreements under subsection (a) may not exceed \$30,000, plus any amount determined by the Secretary on an annual basis to reflect inflation;

“(3) an amount up to 85 percent of any such loan (plus interest thereon) shall be canceled by the school as follows:

“(A) upon completion by the individual of each of the first, second, and third year of full-time employment, required by the loan agreement entered into under this subsection, as a faculty member in a school of nursing, the school shall cancel 20 percent of the principle of, and the interest on, the amount of such loan unpaid on the first day of such employment; and

“(B) upon completion by the individual of the fourth year of full-time employment, required by the loan agreement entered into under this subsection, as a faculty member in a school of nursing, the school shall cancel 25 percent of the principle of, and the interest on, the amount of such loan unpaid on the first day of such employment;

“(4) such a loan may be used to pay the cost of tuition, fees, books, laboratory expenses, and other reasonable education expenses;

“(5) such a loan shall be repayable in equal or graduated periodic installments (with the right of the borrower to accelerate repayment) over the 10-year period that begins 9 months after the individual ceases to pursue a course of study at a school of nursing; and

“(6) such a loan shall—

“(A) beginning on the date that is 3 months after the individual ceases to pursue a course of study at a school of nursing, bear interest on the unpaid balance of the loan at the rate of 3 percent per annum; or

“(B) subject to subsection (e), if the school of nursing determines that the individual will not complete such course of study or serve as a faculty member as required under the loan agreement under this subsection, bear interest on the unpaid balance of the loan at the prevailing market rate.

“(d) PAYMENT OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE.—Where all or any part of a loan, or interest, is canceled under this section, the Secretary shall pay to the school an amount equal to the school’s proportionate share of the canceled portion, as determined by the Secretary.

“(e) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—At the request of the individual involved, the Secretary may review any determination by a school of nursing under subsection (c)(6)(B).

“(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.”

#### SEC. 204. REPORTS BY GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

(a) NATIONAL VARIATIONS.—Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a survey to determine national variations in the nursing shortage at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care providers, and submit a report, including recommendations, to the Congress on Federal remedies to ease nursing shortages. The Comptroller General shall submit to the Congress this report describing the findings relating to ownership status and associated remedies.

(b) HIRING DIFFERENCES AMONG CERTAIN PRIVATE ENTITIES.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to determine differences in the hiring of nurses by nonprofit private entities as compared to the hiring of nurses by private entities that are not nonprofit. In carrying out the study, the Comptroller General shall determine the effect of the inclusion of private entities

that are not nonprofit in the program under section 846 of the Public Health Service Act. Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Congress a report describing the findings of the study.

(c) NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct an evaluation of whether the program carried out under section 846(d) of the Public Health Service Act has demonstrably increased the number of applicants to schools of nursing and, not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit a report to the Congress on the results of such evaluation.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at 10 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1344, a bill to Encourage Training to Native Americans Interested in Commercial Vehicle Driving Careers.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, July 25, 2002, at 10 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the July 2, 2002 Report of the U.S. Department of the Interior to the Congress on the Historical Accounting of Individual Indian Money Accounts.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 2016, to authorize an exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes;

S. 2565, to enhance ecosystem protection and the range of outdoor opportunities protected by statute in the Skykomish River Valley of the State of Washington by designating certain lower-elevation Federal lands as wilderness, and for other purposes;

S. 2587, to establish the Joint Federal and State Navigable Waters Commission for Alaska;

S. 2612, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in Clark County, Nevada, and for other purposes; and

S. Con. Res. 107, expressing the sense of Congress that Federal land management agencies should fully support the Western Governors Association "Collaborative 10-year Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment", as signed August 2001, to reduce the overabundance of forest fuels that place national resources at high risk of catastrophic wildfire, and prepare a National Prescribed Fire Strategy that minimizes risks of escape.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 312 Dirksen Senate Office building, Washington, DC 20510.

For further information, please contact David Brooks or Kira Finkler of the Committee staff at (202) 224-4103.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, July 31, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 934, to require the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Rocky Boy's North Central Montana Regional Water System in the State of Montana, to offer to enter into an agreement with the Chippewa Cree Tribe to plan, design, construct, operate, maintain and replace the Rocky Boy's Rural Water System, and to provide assistance to the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the noncore system, and for other purposes;

S. 1577, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects under that Act, and for other purposes;

S. 1882, to amend the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956, and for other purposes;

S. 2556, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District in the State of Idaho; and

S. 2696, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 312

Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

For further information, please contact Patty Beneke at (202) 224-5451 or Mike Connor at (202) 224-5479 of the Committee staff.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Peter Dees and Brett Freedman, congressional fellows in my subcommittee office, throughout the duration of my comments on the introduction of the Agriculture Security Preparedness Act.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—  
H.R. 3210

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I indicated last Thursday that I would return with a unanimous consent request dealing with appointing conferees to the terrorism insurance bill. We fought for weeks to get to the bill. We finally got to the bill, and we passed it. Now we have been working for weeks to try to get a conference.

The President said this bill is important. He said: You have to do something on this bill. We finally passed something. Now we cannot get a conference. This all appears foolish.

Some will remember that Senator DASCHLE said he wanted the ratio on the conference committee to be 3 to 2. The minority said make it 4 to 3. Senator DASCHLE said, OK, we will make it 4 to 3—so we could get it to conference. Still no conference. The last I heard, there were two people who wanted the third slot, so they are fighting over that. I don't know what the reason is. It is very important that we move on with this legislation.

I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 252, H.R. 3210, the terrorism insurance bill; that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 2600, as passed in the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof; the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with a ratio of 4 to 3, all without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I object on behalf of the leadership.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as I said, I will place this in my desk, and I will be back tomorrow to do it again.

This legislation is not good for the country. I hope that we can have cooler heads prevail and that we can go ahead

with the conference. I understand the House is going out for the summer recess this Friday. If the President wants this by the August recess, he had better get to it and ask those folks to allow us to proceed with a conference.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST  
TIME—H.R. 4687

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding that H.R. 4687, just received from the House, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4687) to provide for the establishment of investigative teams to assess building performance and emergency measured response and evacuation procedures in the wake of any building failure that has resulted in substantial loss of life or that posed significant potential of substantial loss of life.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading but object to my own request on behalf of a number of colleagues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 23,  
2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until tomorrow at 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 23; that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have 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 be in a period of morning business until 10:45 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first half of the time under the control of the Republican leader or his designee, and the second half of the time under the majority leader or his designees; that following the disposition of the nomination, the Senate resume legislative session and the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party conferences.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will vote on cloture on the Surgeon General nomination at 10:45 tomorrow morning. We expect to complete consideration of the nomination shortly after that vote, and we expect to resume consideration of the prescription drug bill, with the time until 12:30 p.m. equally divided between the managers of the bill.

The Senate will vote in relation to the two pending prescription drug