

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on lands eligible for gaming pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "FBI Oversight" on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: Robert Mueller, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Glenn Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice, Washington, DC; Lee Hamilton, President and Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC; William H. Webster, Partner Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, Washington, DC; and John A. Russack, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Director of National Intelligence, Washington, DC.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 27, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a briefing.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Dirksen 106, for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER PREVENTION AND PREDICTION

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at 10 a.m., on All Hazards Alert Systems, in SR-253.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Energy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at 3 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on recent progress in hydrogen and fuel cell research sponsored by

the Department of Energy and by private industry. Testimony will also address the remaining challenges to the development of these technologies.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTRY, CONSERVATION, AND RURAL REVITALIZATION

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at 10 a.m. in SR-328A, Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this subcommittee hearing will be to discuss oversight of the Conservation Reserve Program.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing regarding "Who's Watching the Watchdog? Examining Financial Management at the SEC."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS AND TERRORISM

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing on United Nations Peacekeeping Reform.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ken Webster, a law clerk in my office, be granted privileges of the floor during the pending S. 397 or any motions related to that bill.

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

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Laura Soltis of my office be granted floor privileges for this debate.

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

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow from my office, Julie Caruthers, be allowed floor privileges for the duration of the debate on this bill.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Andrew Ginsburg, a fellow on my staff, be granted privileges of the floor during the remainder of the debate on S. 397.

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

MEDICAL DEVICE USER FEE STABILIZATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3423 which was received from the House.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3423) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees.

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

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to voice my support for the Medical Device User Fee Stabilization Act of 2005. This legislation preserves a valuable program for the review of innovative medical technologies.

This bill, H.R. 3423, is identical to S. 1420, which was reported last week by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. It represents a bipartisan, bicameral compromise that had unanimous support when it was reported out of the committee. It keeps an important Government program going, while providing more stability for the industry. We have considered the needs of small and large businesses, all while ensuring that FDA has enough resources to maintain a high level of effectiveness.

This compromise results in an 8.5 percent increase in user fees for each of the next 2 years. This is a significant reduction from the 20 percent annual increases these companies have been seeing. We have also raised the small business threshold more than threefold, from \$30 million to \$100 million. This means that additional companies will be able to take advantage of reduced fees for the review of new devices. This bill will result in an average increase to FDA of 6 percent in user fee revenues over the next 2 years, which means FDA will be able to continue reviewing new devices and will not be forced to lay off experienced FDA staff or wind down a program that has been successful.

Finally, this compromise clarifies a provision in the 2002 medical device law regarding the marking of reprocessed devices. I know that this provision, and any change to it, is controversial. However, we have found a fair way forward. The bill we are considering today would require reproducers to mark the device to identify the reprocessor, if the original manufacturer has marked the device. If the original manufacturer has not marked the device, the reprocessor must still mark the device but has more flexibility in how to do so. This is workable, and it is even-handed.

My colleagues, Senators BURR, DEWINE, MIKULSKI, DODD and MURRAY, have had great interest in the medical device user fee program, and I thank them for cosponsoring the Senate bill.

I would also like to thank Senator HATCH for his attention and input into

this issue. He is a strong defender of the small, entrepreneurial companies in this industry. We worked together before committee consideration of this bill to address his concerns about the impact of user fees on the innovative companies in his home State of Utah. I welcome his support and cosponsorship of the Senate bill.

Of course, I want to thank our staff for laboring so diligently to find a workable, reasonable compromise and doing so under difficult time constraints. In particular, I want to thank Jennifer Hansen, Abby Kral, Ellen-Marie Whelan, Ben Berwick, Anne Grady, Patricia Knight, and Patricia DeLoatche. I also want to thank my committee staff Amy Muhlberg and Stephen Northrup.

Finally, I must express my deep appreciation and thanks to the ranking member, Senator KENNEDY, and his staff, David Bowen and David Dorsey, for their hard work and support during this process. We have produced a fair deal, and I urge my colleagues to lend it their strong support.

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

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

The bill (H.R. 3423) was read the third time and passed.

FOUNDATION FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 117, S. 302.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 302) to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment.

[Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in italic.]

S. 302

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 "Foundation for the National Institutes of Health Improvement Act".]

[SEC. 2. NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES.

[Section 499 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by amending subparagraph (D)(ii) to read as follows:

“(i) Upon the appointment of the appointed members of the Board under clause

(i)(II), the terms of service as members of the Board of the ex officio members of the Board described in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (B) shall terminate. The ex officio members of the Board described in clauses (iii) and (iv) of subparagraph (B) shall continue to serve as ex officio members of the Board.”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (G), by inserting “appointed” after “that the number of”;

(B) by amending paragraph (3)(B) to read as follows:

“(B) Any vacancy in the membership of the appointed members of the Board shall be filled in accordance with the bylaws of the Foundation established in accordance with paragraph (6), and shall not affect the power of the remaining appointed members to execute the duties of the Board.”; and

(C) in paragraph (5), by inserting “appointed” after “majority of the”;

(2) in subsection (j)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “(d)(2)(B)(i)(II)” and inserting “(d)(6)”;

(B) in paragraph (10), by striking “of Health.” and inserting “of Health and the National Institutes of Health may accept transfers of funds from the Foundation.”; and

(3) by striking subsection (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated to the National Institutes of Health, for each fiscal year, the Director of NIH shall transfer not less than \$500,000 to the Foundation.”.]

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(C) in paragraph (5), by inserting “appointed” after “majority of the”;

(2) in subsection (j)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “(d)(2)(B)(i)(II)” and inserting “(d)(6)”;

(B) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, including an accounting of the use of amounts transferred under subsection (1)” before the period at the end; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) The Foundation shall make copies of each report submitted under subparagraph (A) available—

“(i) for public inspection, and shall upon request provide a copy of the report to any individual for a charge that shall not exceed the cost of providing the copy; and

“(ii) to the appropriate committees of Congress.”; and

(C) in paragraph (10), by striking “of Health.” and inserting “of Health and the National Institutes of Health may accept transfers of funds from the Foundation.”; and

(3) by striking subsection (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated to the National Institutes of Health, for each fiscal year, the Director of NIH shall transfer not less than \$500,000 and not more than \$1,250,000 to the Foundation.”.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I strongly support the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health Improvement Act.

The bill makes several improvements in the 1990 law that established the Foundation. Most significantly, it assures the Foundation at least \$500,000 annually from the NIH to support its administrative and operating expenses. The annual allocation is capped at \$1.25 million. These funds will enable the Foundation to use its own resources for the actual support of projects to strengthen NIH programs, rather than raise money for its own expenses. As the bill makes clear, the NIH Director and the Commissioner of Food and Drugs are ex officio members of the Foundation's board of directors.

Congress established the Foundation in 1990 to raise private funds to support the research of the NIH. The Foundation has been a remarkable success. For every dollar the Foundation received from the NIH in 2003, it raised \$426 in private funds. Since its creation, it has raised \$270 million, or \$68 in private support for every dollar from the NIH.

The Foundation is currently managing 37 programs supported by \$270 million generated from private contributions. As one important example, the Edmond J. Safra Family Lodge on the NIH campus gives families of patients receiving in-patient treatment at the NIH Clinical Center a place to stay, at no cost to them.

In addition, the Foundation has formed partnerships with the NIH to develop new cancer treatments, to identify biochemical signs of osteoarthritis and Alzheimer's Disease, and to build on the promise of genomics. Through a public-private partnership, the Foundation has helped accelerate the sequencing of the mouse genome. It is also collecting private funds to study drugs in children. In 2003, Bill Gates announced a gift to the Foundation of \$200 million over the next 10 years to support research on global health priorities. Clearly, the Foundation's partnership with the NIH will grow productively in the coming years.

I urge my Senate colleagues to support this legislation, which will enable the Foundation to continue its effective support of the work and mission of the NIH.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee reported amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that