

“(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.