

the National Center may enter into contracts with health professions education organizations, health professions organizations, or professional medical societies.

“(C) STATE AND REGIONAL CENTERS FOR HEALTH WORKFORCE ANALYSIS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants to, or enter into contracts with, eligible entities for purposes of—

“(A) collecting, analyzing, and reporting to the National Center data regarding programs under this title and data related to health workforce issues;

“(B) conducting, broadly disseminating, and making publicly available through the Internet research and reports on State, regional, and national health workforce issues, including research on the supply, demand, and distribution of health professionals;

“(C) evaluating the effectiveness of programs under this title and other policies related to health workforce issues; and

“(D) providing technical assistance to local and regional entities on the collection, analysis, and reporting of data related to health workforce issues.

“(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible for a grant or contract under this subsection, an entity shall—

“(A) be a State, a State workforce commission, a public health or health professions school, an academic health center, or an appropriate public or private nonprofit entity or a partnership of such entities; and

“(B) submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

“(d) INCREASE IN GRANTS FOR LONGITUDINAL TRACKING SYSTEMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall increase the amount of a grant or contract awarded to an eligible entity under this title for the establishment and maintenance of a longitudinal tracking system.”

“(2) DEFINITION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘longitudinal tracking system’ means a system that tracks students, residents, fellows, interns, or faculty who have received education, training, or financial assistance from programs under this title over a period of not less than 5 years, as specified by the Secretary.

“(B) CAPABILITY.—A longitudinal tracking system shall be capable of—

“(i) tracking participation in the National Health Service Corps, practice in federally qualified health centers, practice in health professional shortage areas and medically underserved areas, and practice in primary care; and

“(ii) collecting and reporting data on performance measures developed under sections 748(d)(3), 756(d)(3), and 762(a)(3).

“(C) GUIDELINES.—A longitudinal tracking system shall comply with guidelines issued under sections 748(d)(4), 756(d)(4), and 762(a)(4).

“(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to obtain an increase under this section, an entity shall be a recipient of a grant or contract under this title and have not previously received an increase under this section.”; and

(3) in subsection (e), as so redesignated—
(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—

“(A) NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH WORKFORCE ANALYSIS.—To carry out subsection (b), there are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014, and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year.

“(B) STATE AND REGIONAL CENTERS.—To carry out subsection (c), there are authorized to be appropriated \$4,500,000 for each of fiscal

years 2010 through 2014, and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year.

“(C) GRANTS FOR LONGITUDINAL TRACKING SYSTEMS.—To carry out subsection (d), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

“(D) CARRYOVER FUNDS.—An entity that receives an award under this section may carry over funds from 1 fiscal year to another without obtaining approval from the Secretary. In no case may any funds be carried over pursuant to the preceding sentence for more than 3 years.”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “subsection (a)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”.

(b) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, all of the functions, authorities, and resources of the National Center for Health Workforce Analysis of the Health Resources and Services Administration, as in effect on the date before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be transferred to the National Center for Health Workforce Analysis established under section 761 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by subsection (a).

(c) PREFERENCE FOR USE OF LONGITUDINAL TRACKING SYSTEMS.—Section 791(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295j(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) utilizes a longitudinal tracking system (as defined in section 761(d)(2)) and reports data from such system to the national workforce database (as established under section 761(b)(3)(D)).”

(d) PERFORMANCE MEASURES; GUIDELINES FOR LONGITUDINAL TRACKING SYSTEMS.—

(1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IN PRIMARY CARE MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY.—Section 748(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 2931(d)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Health Professions and Primary Care Reinvestment Act, develop, publish, and implement performance measures, which shall be quantitative to the extent possible, for programs under this part;

“(4) develop and publish guidelines for longitudinal tracking systems (as defined in section 761(d)(2)) for programs under this part; and

“(5) recommend appropriation levels for programs under this part.”

(2) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY, COMMUNITY-BASED LINKAGES.—Section 756(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294f(d)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Health Professions and Primary Care Reinvestment Act, develop, publish, and implement performance measures, which shall be quantitative to the extent possible, for programs under this part;

“(4) develop and publish guidelines for longitudinal tracking systems (as defined in section 761(d)(2)) for programs under this part; and

“(5) recommend appropriation levels for programs under this part.”

(3) ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.—Section 762(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the Health Professions and Primary Care Reinvestment Act, develop, publish, and implement performance measures, which shall be quantitative to the extent possible, for programs under this title, except for programs under part C or D;

“(4) develop and publish guidelines for longitudinal tracking systems (as defined in section 761(d)(2)) for programs under this title, except for programs under part C or D; and

“(5) recommend appropriation levels for programs under this title, except for programs under part C or D.”

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 288—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 26, 2009, AS “NATIONAL MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY”

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 288

Whereas mesothelioma is a terminal cancer related to exposure to asbestos that affects the lining of the lungs, abdomen, heart, or testicles;

Whereas workers who are exposed to asbestos on a daily basis over a long period of time are most at risk, but even short-term exposures to asbestos can cause the disease;

Whereas exposure to asbestos for as little as 1 month can cause mesothelioma 20 to 50 years later;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of virtually all office buildings, public schools, and homes built before 1975, and more than 3,000 products sold in the United States contain asbestos;

Whereas there is no known safe level of exposure to asbestos;

Whereas millions of workers in the United States have been, and continue to be, exposed to dangerous levels of asbestos;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health reported to Congress in 2006 that mesothelioma is a difficult disease to detect, diagnose, and treat;

Whereas the National Cancer Institute recognizes a clear need for new treatments to improve the outlook for patients with mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases;

Whereas the need to develop treatments for mesothelioma was overlooked for decades;

Whereas even the best available treatments for mesothelioma typically have only a very limited effect, and a person diagnosed with mesothelioma is expected to survive between 8 and 14 months;

Whereas mesothelioma has claimed the lives of such heroes and public servants as Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, Jr., and Congressman Bruce F. Vento;

Whereas many mesothelioma victims were exposed to asbestos while serving in the Navy;

Whereas it is believed that many of the firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers who served at Ground Zero on September

11, 2001, may be at increased risk of contracting mesothelioma in the future; and

Whereas cities and localities throughout the United States will recognize September 26, 2009, as "Mesothelioma Awareness Day": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 26, 2009, as "National Mesothelioma Awareness Day"; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States, Federal departments and agencies, States, localities, organizations, and media to observe National Mesothelioma Awareness day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 289—ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO REFLECT ON AND REMEMBER THE INTEGRITY AND COURAGE OF THE 6,135 CHRISTIAN MEN AND WOMEN OF POLAND WHO ACTED TO SAVE THEIR JEWISH COUNTRYMEN AND COUNTRYWOMEN FROM EXTERMINATION BY NAZI GERMANY

Mr. SPECTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 289

Whereas the year 2009 marks the 70th anniversary of the start of World War II, a war that should be remembered for introducing the world to the repulsive and unprecedented barbarism and cruelty of Nazi Germany;

Whereas Poland was the first country attacked and enslaved by the government and armed forces of Nazi Germany as part of the methodical extermination of European Jewry by Nazi Germany;

Whereas 6,135 Christian men and women of Poland acted with great integrity and courage, risking their lives and the lives of their families, to save their Jewish countrymen and countrywomen from the barbarism and extermination of the Nazis;

Whereas the 6,135 Christian men and women of Poland who acted to save their Jewish countrymen and countrywomen did so in spite of the threat of their immediate execution and the execution of their families, a threat that people in no other country in Nazi-occupied Europe had to endure; and

Whereas the 6,135 Christian men and women of Poland who acted to save their Jewish countrymen and countrywomen represent approximately 27 percent of the "Righteous Among the Nations" honored by Yad Vashem in the Republic of Israel: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate encourages the people of the United States to reflect on and remember the integrity and courage of the 6,135 Christian men and women of Poland who acted to save their Jewish countrymen and countrywomen from extermination by Nazi Germany.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition today to submit a resolution encouraging the people of the U.S. to reflect on and remember the integrity and courage of the 6,135 Polish Christians who took action to save their Jewish countrymen and countrywomen from extermination by Nazi Germany. Earlier this year I co-sponsored S. Res. 9, a resolution commemorating 90 years of U.S.-Polish diplomatic relations, during which Poland has proven to us be an exceptionally strong partner to the U.S. in advancing

freedom around the world. Today I want to recognize a time in history when such a freedom was challenged in Poland and around the world by a despotic regime, and more importantly pay tribute to those few who fought this tyranny and helped save innocent lives.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the start of World War II, a war remembered for the cruelty of Nazi Germany, as well as for the forces that eventually overcame this cruelty. Following World War II, Yad Vashem and a Remembrance Authority was established to embark on a worldwide project to identify those individuals who helped Jews during the Holocaust. All rescuers of European Jews during World War II are honored today as the "Righteous Among the Nations" by Yad Vashem in the State of Israel. Poland's 6,135 "Righteous" rescuers constitute some 27 percent of the 22,765 "Righteous" throughout the world. Furthermore, while unknown in number, it is important to remember those Polish Christians who were caught and summarily executed along with their families while attempting to carry out such rescues. While their stories may never be told, it is important to mention their heroic efforts.

The 6,135 "Righteous" Polish Christians whose acts of courage and integrity have been documented by witnesses should be appropriately honored. These Polish Christians who were willing to risk their own lives and those of their families to save Polish Jews should not be forgotten. These 6,135 Polish Christians will always stand as universal exemplars and role models of human compassion who acted above and beyond the normal expectations of courage and integrity. Thus, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution which reflects on and remembers the Polish Righteous Among the Nations.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2556. Mr. REID (for Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. SNOWE)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

SA 2557. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2556. Mr. REID (for Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. SNOWE)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3614, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike sections 2 and 3.

SA 2557. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY" and available for Program Element #0708045A, up to \$1,000,000 may be available for Advanced Ultrasonic Inspection of Helicopter Rotor Blades and Other Composite Components.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, September 25, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Robert Berschinski, a fellow with the Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, and Rachel Meyer, staff assistant for the Defense Subcommittee, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of H.R. 3326.

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

The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jason Lindsey, a military fellow in my office, and Tom Osterhoudt, a detailee to the Appropriations Committee, be granted the privileges of the floor during consideration of H.R. 3326, the fiscal year 2010 Defense appropriations bill.

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

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of H.R. 3326, the 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, Senator MCCAIN's Navy fellow, Mark Holzrichter, be granted floor privileges of the Senate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Bill Curlin be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this session.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that LTC Joseph J. Martin, a U.S. Army Special Forces officer, who is currently serving as my military legislative fellow this year, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of H.R. 3326,