

need to make sure all the women in our lives don't overlook this crucial preventive service.

How should we use "National Mammography Day" to achieve our goal of fighting breast cancer through early diagnosis? This year, National Mammography Day falls on Friday, October 15, right in the middle of National Breast Cancer Awareness month. On that day, let's make sure that each woman we know picks a specific date on which to get a mammogram each year. I well understand how easy it is to forget do something that comes around only once per year, but for each of us there are certainly some dates that we don't forget: a child's birthday, an anniversary, perhaps even the day our taxes are due. On National Mammography Day, let's ask our loved ones: pick one of these dates, fix it in your mind along with a picture of your child, your wedding, or another symbol of that date, and promise yourself to get a mammogram on that date every year. Do it for yourself and for the others that love you and want you to be part of their lives for as long as possible.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me in the ongoing fight against breast cancer by cosponsoring this resolution to designate October 15, 1999, as National Mammography Day.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

LOTT AMENDMENT NO. 1621

Mr. BOND (for Mr. LOTT) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2466) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 62, line 10, add the following before the period "*Provided*, That within the funds available, \$250,000 shall be used to assess the potential hydrologic and biological impact of lead and zinc mining in the Mark Twain National Forest of Southern Missouri: *Provided further*, That none of the funds in this Act may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to issue a prospecting permit for hardrock mineral exploration on Mark Twain National Forest land in the Current River/Jack's Fork River—Eleven Point Watershed (not including Mark Twain National Forest land in Townships 31N and 32N, Range 2 and Range 3 West, on which mining activities are taking place as of the date of enactment of this Act); *Provided further*, That none of the funds in this Act may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to segregate or withdraw land in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri under section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1714)"

VETERANS COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1999

ROCKEFELLER (AND SPECTER) AMENDMENT NO. 1622

Mr. BROWNBAC (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. SPECTER)) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1076) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing health care, education, and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects, to reform eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 66, strike lines 9 through 19 and insert the following:

SEC. 101. CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR VETERANS.

(a) INCLUSION OF NONINSTITUTIONAL EXTENDED CARE SERVICES IN DEFINITION OF MEDICAL SERVICES.—Section 1701 is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6)(A)(i), by inserting "noninstitutional extended care services," after "preventive health services,"; and
(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

"(10) The term 'noninstitutional extended care services' includes—

- "(A) home-based primary care;
- "(B) adult day health care;
- "(C) respite care;
- "(D) palliative and end-of-life care; and
- "(E) home health aide visits.

"(11) The term 'respite care' means hospital care, nursing home care, or residence-based care which—

- "(A) is of limited duration;
- "(B) is furnished in a Department facility or in the residence of an individual on an intermittent basis to an individual who is suffering from a chronic illness and who resides primarily at that residence; and
- "(C) is furnished for the purpose of helping the individual to continue residing primarily at that residence."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 38.—(1)(A) Section 1720 is amended by striking subsection (f).

(B) The section heading of such section is amended by striking " ; **adult day health care** ".

(2) Section 1720B is repealed.

(3) Chapter 17 is further amended by redesignating sections 1720C, 1720D, and 1720E as sections 1720B, 1720C, and 1720D, respectively.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sections for chapter 17 is amended—

(1) in the item relating to section 1720, by striking " ; adult day health care " ; and

(2) by striking the items relating to sections 1720B, 1720C, 1720D, and 1720E and inserting the following:

"1720B. Noninstitutional alternatives to nursing home care.

"1720C. Counseling and treatment for sexual trauma.

"1720D. Nasopharyngeal radium irradiation."

(d) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 101(g)(2) of the Veterans Health Programs Extension Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-452; 108 Stat. 4785; 38 U.S.C. 1720D note) is amended by striking "section 1720D" both places it appears and inserting "section 1720C".

SEC. 102. PILOT PROGRAMS RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE OF VETERANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out three pilot programs for the purpose of determining the feasibility and practicability of a variety of methods of meeting the long-term care needs of eligible veterans. The pilot programs shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) LOCATIONS OF PILOT PROGRAMS.—(1) Each pilot program under this section shall be carried out in two designated health care regions of the Department of Veterans Affairs selected by the Secretary for purposes of this section.

(2) In selecting designated health care regions of the Department for purposes of a particular pilot program, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, select designated health care regions containing a medical center or medical centers whose current circumstances and activities most closely mirror the circumstances and activities proposed to be achieved under such pilot program.

(3) The Secretary may not carry out more than one pilot program in any given designated health care region of the Department.

(c) SCOPE OF SERVICES UNDER PILOT PROGRAMS.—(1) The services provided under the pilot programs under this section shall include a comprehensive array of health care services and other services that meet the long-term care needs of veterans, including—

(A) inpatient long-term care in intermediate care beds, in nursing homes, and in domiciliary care facilities; and

(B) non-institutional long-term care, including hospital-based primary care, adult day health care, respite care, and other community-based interventions and care.

(2) As part of the provision of services under the pilot programs, the Secretary shall also provide appropriate case management services.

(3) In providing services under the pilot programs, the Secretary shall emphasize the provision of preventive care services, including screening and education.

(4) The Secretary may provide health care services or other services under the pilot programs only if the Secretary is otherwise authorized to provide such services by law.

(d) DIRECT PROVISION OF SERVICES.—Under one of the pilot programs under this section, the Secretary shall provide long-term care services to eligible veterans directly through facilities and personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(e) PROVISION OF SERVICES THROUGH COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.—(1) Under one of the pilot programs under this section, the Secretary shall provide long-term care services to eligible veterans through a combination (as determined by the Secretary) of—

(A) services provided under cooperative arrangements with appropriate public and private non-Governmental entities, including community service organizations; and

(B) services provided through facilities and personnel of the Department.

(2) The consideration provided by the Secretary for services provided by entities under cooperative arrangements under paragraph (1)(A) shall be limited to the provision by the Secretary of appropriate in-kind services to such entities.

(f) PROVISION OF SERVICES BY NON-DEPARTMENT ENTITIES.—(1) Under one of the pilot programs under this section, the Secretary shall provide long-term care services to eligible veterans through arrangements with appropriate non-Department entities under