

health plans to allow women to see their ob-gyn providers without first having to obtain a referral. A 1998 survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University found that 82 percent of Americans support passage of a direct access law.

(4) While 39 States have acted to promote residents' access to ob-gyn providers, patients in other State- or in Federally-governed health plans are not protected from access restrictions or limitations.

(5) In May of 1999 the Commonwealth Fund issued a survey on women's health, determining that 1 of 4 women (23 percent) need to first receive permission from their primary care physician before they can go and see their ob-gyn provider for covered obstetric or gynecologic care.

(6) Sixty percent of all office visits to ob-gyn providers are for preventive care.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should enact legislation that requires health plans to provide women with direct access to a participating health provider who specializes in obstetrics and gynecological services, and that such direct access should be provided for all obstetric and gynecologic care covered by their health plans, without first having to obtain a referral from a primary care provider or the health plan.

#### REED AMENDMENT NO. 2284

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. REED) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . The applicable time limitations with respect to the giving of notice of injury and the filing of a claim for compensation for disability or death by an individual under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, as amended, for injuries sustained as a result of the person's exposure to a nitrogen or sulfur mustard agent in the performance of official duties as an employee at the Department of the Army's Edgewood Arsenal before March 20, 1944, shall not begin to run until the date of enactment of this Act.

#### STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 2285

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. STEVENS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in Title V—GENERAL PROVISIONS of the bill insert the following new section—

SEC. 5 . Section 169(d)(2)(B) of P.L. 105-220, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, is amended by striking "or Alaska Native villages or Native groups (as such terms are defined in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602)).", and inserting in lieu thereof, "or Alaska Natives."

#### DURBIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2286

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. SPECTER)) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

#### CHILDHOOD ASTHMA

SEC. . In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated under this title for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 8.7 in ad-

dition to the \$\*\*\* already provided for asthma prevention programs which shall become available on October 1, 2000 and shall remain available through September 30, 2001, and be utilized to provide grants to local communities for screening, treatment and education relating to childhood asthma.

#### INOUE AMENDMENTS NOS. 2287— 2288

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. INOUE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2287

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. (a) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Thomas R. Harkin Centers for Disease Control and Prevention".

(b) Effective upon the date of enactment of this Act, any reference in a law, document, record, or other paper of the United States to the "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention" shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Thomas R. Harkin Centers for Disease Control and Prevention".

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the Director of the Thomas R. Harkin Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from utilizing for official purposes the term "CDC" as an acronym for such Centers.

Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. INOUE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2288

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SEC. . DESIGNATION OF ARLEN SPECTER DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Library of Medicine building (building 38) at 8600 Rockville Pike, in Bethesda, Maryland, shall be known and designated as the "Arlen Specter National Library of Medicine".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Arlen Specter National Library of Medicine.

#### HARKIN AMENDMENT NO. 2289

Mr. HARKIN proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

On page 39, line 8, strike "\$6,682,635,000" and insert "\$6,684,635,000".

On page 40, line 20, strike "\$928,055,000" and insert "\$942,355,000".

On page 41, line 14, reduce the figure by \$10,300,000.

On page 62, line 23, strike "\$378,184,000" and insert "\$372,184,000".

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce that a Full Committee hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will take place Thursday, October 14, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1683, a bill to make technical changes to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, and for other purposes; S. 1686, to provide for the conveyances of land interests to Chugach Alaska Corporation to fulfill the intent, purpose, and promise of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; S. 1702, a bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow shareholder common stock to be transferred to adopted Alaska Native Children and their descendants, and for other purposes; H.R. 2841, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2368, the Bikini Resettlement and Relocation Act of 1999. There will be testimony from the Administration, and other interested parties.

Those who wish to testify or to submit written testimony should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. Presentation of oral testimony is by Committee invitation only. For further information, please contact Jo Meuse or Brian Malnak at (202) 224-6730.

#### PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold a hearing entitled "Conquering Diabetes: Are We Taking Full Advantage of the Scientific Opportunities For Research?" This Subcommittee hearing will examine the devastating impact that diabetes and its resulting complications have had on Americans of all ages in both human and economic terms. Additionally, we will review the recent recommendations of the Congressionally-established Diabetes Research Working Group and will look at the current Federal commitment to diabetes research to determine if sufficient funding has been provided to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunities to ultimately conquer this disease and its complications.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, October 14, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Lee Blalack of the Subcommittee staff at 224-3721.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday,