SEC. 4. CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR NA TIONAL PRIMATE RESEARCH CEN TERS.

Section 481B(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 276a-3(a)) is amended by striking "fiscal year 2000, $5,000,000" and inserting "fiscal year 2002, $5,000,000".  

SEC. 5. SHARED INSTRUMENTATION GRANT PRO GRAM.

There is authorized to be appropriated $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year, to enable the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Center for Research Resources, to provide for the continued operation of the Shared Instrumentation Grant Program (initiated in fiscal year 1992 under the authority of section 417B of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b et seq.)).

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent fiscal year, to enable the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Center for Research Resources, to provide for the continued operation of the Shared Instrumentation Grant Program (initiated in fiscal year 1992 under the authority of section 417B of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b et seq.)).

(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTS.—In determining a grant to an applicant under the program described in subsection (a), the Director of the National Center for Research Resources shall consider—

(1) the extent to which an award for the specific instrument involved would meet the scientific needs and enhance the planned research endeavors of the major users by providing an instrument that is unavailable or to which availability is highly limited;

(2) with respect to the instrument involved, the availability and commitment of the applicant to use the instrument with the major user group or the applicant institution for use of the instrumentation;

(3) the adequacy of the organizational plan for the use of the instrument involved and the internal advisory committee for oversight of the applicant, including sharing arrangements if any;

(4) the applicant’s commitment for continued support of the utilization and maintenance of the instrument; and

(5) the extent to which the specified instrument will be shared and the benefit of the proposed instrument to the overall research community to be served.

(c) PREVIEW.—In awarding grants under the program described in subsection (a) Director of the National Center for Research Resources shall comply with the peer review requirements in section 417 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b).

AMENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1243, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1243) to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the prostate cancer preventive health program.

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

Ms. COLLINS. 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 that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the Record.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill (S. 1243) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1243

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Prostate Cancer Protection Act”.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT

(a) PREVENTIVE HEALTH MEASURES.—Section 417B(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b-5) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting—

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, may make grants through subparagraph (a) to States and departments to carry out programs that may include the following:

“(1) To identify factors that influence the attitudes or levels of awareness of men and health care practitioners regarding screening for prostate cancer.

“(2) To evaluate, in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research and the National Institutes of Health, the effectiveness of screening strategies for prostate cancer.

“(3) To identify, in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, issues related to the quality of life for men after prostate cancer screening and follow-up.

“(4) To develop and disseminate public information and education programs for prostate cancer, including appropriate messages about the risks and benefits of prostate cancer screening for the general public, health care providers, policy makers and other appropriate individuals.

“(5) To improve surveillance for prostate cancer.

“(6) To address the needs of underserved and minority populations regarding prostate cancer.

“(7) Upon a determination by the Secretary, who shall take into consideration recommendations by the United States Preventive Services Task Force and shall seek input, where appropriate, from professional societies and other private and public entities, that there is sufficient consensus on the effectiveness of prostate cancer screening—

“(A) to screen men for prostate cancer as a preventive health measure;

“(B) to provide appropriate referrals for the medical treatment of men who have been screened under subparagraph (A) and to ensure, to the extent practicable, the provision of appropriate followup services and support services such as case management;

“(C) to establish mechanisms through which State and local health departments can monitor the quality of screening procedures for prostate cancer, including the interpretation of such procedures; and

“(D) to improve, in consultation with the Health Resources and Services Administration, the education, training, and skills of health practitioners (including appropriate allied health professionals) in the detection and control of prostate cancer.

“(8) To evaluate activities conducted under paragraphs (1) through (7) through appropriate surveillance or program monitoring activities.”; and

(b) NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.—Section 417B(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b-5(c)) is amended by striking “1996” and inserting “2004”.

MAKING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 239, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 239) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3314.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 239) was agreed to.

AMENDING THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2886, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2886) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if such child is adopted after a sibling who is a child under such Act.

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

Ms. COLLINS. 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 that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill (H.R. 2886) was read the third time and passed.

AMENDING TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1887, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1887) to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty.

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