Although women’s health is not being discussed, increasing awareness of health problems facing women has increased in the past century, Blumenthal said.

For many years, serious health problems such as heart disease and lung cancer were thought only to occur in men. But through increasing research in women’s health issues, Blumenthal said, concerns such as these are being discussed.

Also, it’s important to include women and minorities in all research projects relating to health issues as well as men. Blumenthal said. Programs that don’t include women will lose their federal funding.

Marianne Dingess attended the conference Thursday and said the experience was valuable. She said she was impressed with the quality of the speakers and the topics they were scheduled to discuss.

"It appeared we were going to see a full gamut of issues and their political relevance," she said. "A lot of us are involved in women’s issues and I was a lot about this, but we all got new information..."

The conference was sponsored by UNC and U.S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo. Campbell said he pitched the idea to the UNC after receiving many calls from women about health issues.

"It came from the community activists who wanted me to do it," he said.

The issues addressed at the conference need to be at the forefront of public debate, Campbell said.

He said he will take the information back to Washington, D.C., and enter it into the Congressional Record. He also wants to start a series of forums like the one Thursday to further address the issues.

"We just touched the surface of women’s health," he said. "The time to endure is passed. It’s time to fight back.

HEALTHY LIVING

Susan Blumenthal, assistant U.S. surgeon general, gave these tips for healthy living.

Find a doctor who respects you.

Know your family health history; many diseases are genetic.

If you smoke, stop. If you don’t, never do. It’s the No. 1 preventable cause of health problems among women.

Exercise or do some other sort of physical activity at least 30 minutes every day. This could be as simple as riding a bike or walking up stairs rather than using the elevator.

Eat smart.

Get annual physical exams, and make sure to include routine women’s health tests such as pap smears.

Know your health care plan and make sure to read the fine print.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, information we received at the forum will be helpful in my work on the Appropriations Committee as we consider funding priorities in the women’s health area.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1915. An act to provide grants to the United States to improve the reporting of unidentified and missing persons.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1259. An act to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

H.R. 1195. An act to provide grants to the States to improve the reporting of unidentified and missing persons.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 334(b)(1) of Public Law 105-220 and the order of the House of Thursday, May 27, 1999, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Twenty-First Century Workforce Commission: Mr. David L. Stewart of St. Louis, Missouri.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. HUGH- TON of New York, Chairman, appointed on February 11, 1999: Mr. GILMAN of New York, Vice Chairman, Mr. OBERSTAR of Minnesota, Mr. SHAW of Florida, Mr. LIPINSKI of Illinois, Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Mr. UPTON of Michigan, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. DANNER of Missouri, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

MEASURE REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1915. An act to provide grants to the States to improve the reporting of unidentified and missing persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated: