

therapy services under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

**SEC. 3. PRESERVATION OF REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR OUTPATIENT CANCER THERAPY SERVICES.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration may not implement any reduction to the rates of reimbursement for outpatient cancer therapy services under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.), unless such reductions—

(1) are developed in consultation with the Comptroller General of the United States, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission established under section 1805 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b-6) (in this Act referred to as "MedPAC"), and representatives of the cancer care community, including patients, survivors, nurses, physicians, and researchers;

(2) provide for appropriate payment rates for outpatient cancer therapy services, based upon the determinations made by the Comptroller General of the United States in the nationwide analysis required under section 4 of this Act; and

(3) are authorized by an Act of Congress.

**SEC. 4. FORMAL NATIONWIDE ANALYSIS OF CLINICAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SAFE OUTPATIENT CANCER THERAPY SERVICES.**

(a) ANALYSIS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a nationwide analysis to determine the physician and non-physician clinical resources necessary to provide safe outpatient cancer therapy services and the appropriate payment rates for such services under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

(2) ISSUES ANALYZED.—In conducting the analysis under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General of the United States shall determine—

(A) the adequacy of practice expense relative value units associated with the utilization of those clinical resources;

(B) the adequacy of work units in the practice expense formula; and

(C) the necessity for an additional reimbursement methodology for outpatient cancer therapy services that falls outside the practice expense formula.

(3) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the analysis under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General of the United States shall consult with Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, MedPAC, and representatives of the cancer care community, including patients, survivors, nurses, physicians, and researchers.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to Congress on the analysis conducted under subsection (a) together with recommendations for such legislative and administrative action as the Comptroller General of the United States determines appropriate.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 3004. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for the conversion of cooperative housing corporations into condominiums; to the Committee on Finance.

**TO PROVIDE TAX RELIEF FOR THE CONVERSION OF COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS INTO CONDOMINIUMS**

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce legislation that would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Cooperative Housing Corporations (Co-ops) to convert to condominium forms of ownership without any immediate tax consequences.

Under current law, a conversion from cooperative shareholding to condominium ownership is taxable at a corporate level as well as an individual level. The conversion is treated as a corporate liquidation, and therefore taxed accordingly. In addition, a capital gains tax is levied on any increase between the owner's basis in the co-op share pre-conversion and the market value of the condominium interest post-conversion. This double taxation dissuades condominium conversion because the owner is being taxed on a transaction that is nothing more than a change in the form of ownership. While the Internal Revenue Service concedes that there are no discernible advantages to society from the cooperative form of ownership, it does not view Federal tax statutes as having the flexibility to allow co-ops to re-organize freely as condominiums.

In cooperative housing, real property ownership is vested in a corporation, with shares of stock for each apartment unit, that are sold to buyers. The corporation then issues a proprietary lease entitling the owner of the stock to the use of the unit in perpetuity. Because the investment is in the form of a share of stock, investors sometimes lose their entire investment as a result of debt incurred by the corporation in construction and development. In addition, due to the structure of a cooperative housing corporation, a prospective purchaser of shares in the corporation from an existing tenant-stockholder has difficulty obtaining mortgage financing for the purchase. Furthermore, tenant-stockholders of cooperative housing also encounter difficulties in securing bank loans for the full value of their investment.

As a result, owners of cooperative housing are increasingly looking toward conversion to condominium ownership regimes. Condominium ownership permits each owner of a unit to directly own the unit itself, eliminating the cooperative housing dilemmas of corporate debt that supersedes the investment of cooperative housing share owners, and other financial concerns.

The legislation I introduce today will remove the penalty of double taxation from the cooperative housing to condominium ownership, and will greatly benefit co-op owners across the Nation. I urge my colleagues' consideration and support for this measure.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of this bill be printed in the RECORD

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

S. 3004

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. NONRECOGNITION OF GAIN OR LOSS ON DISTRIBUTIONS BY COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 216(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to distributions by cooperative housing corporations) is amended to read as follows:

“(e) DISTRIBUTIONS BY COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in regulations—

“(A) no gain or loss shall be recognized to a cooperative housing corporation on the distribution by such corporation of a dwelling unit to a stockholder in such corporation if such distribution is in exchange for the stockholder's stock in such corporation, and

“(B) no gain or loss shall be recognized to a stockholder of such corporation on the transfer of such stockholder's stock in an exchange described in subparagraph (A).

“(2) BASIS.—The basis of a dwelling unit acquired in a distribution to which paragraph (1) applies shall be the same as the basis of the stock in the cooperative housing corporation for which it is exchanged, decreased in the amount of any money received by the taxpayer in such exchange.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to distributions after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS**

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to remove the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful.

S. 482

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the tax on the social security benefits.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve the quality of beaches and coastal recreation water, and for other purposes.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to eliminate the time limitation on benefits for immunosuppressive drugs under the medicare

program, to provide continued entitlement for such drugs for certain individuals after medicare benefits end, and to extend certain medicare secondary payer requirements.

S. 922

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 922, a bill to prohibit the use of the "Made in the USA" label on products of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and to deny such products duty-free and quota-free treatment.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. ROBB, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1109

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1109, a bill to conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes.

S. 1196

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1196, a bill to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a new prospective payment system for Federally-qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

S. 1419

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1419, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate May as "National Military Appreciation Month."

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MILKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1536, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to

modernize programs and services for older individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1760

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1760, a bill to provide reliable officers, technology, education, community prosecutors, and training in our neighborhoods.

S. 1783

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1783, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a prospective payment system for inpatient longstay hospital services under the medicare program.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1941

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1941, a bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards.

S. 2003

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2003, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 2133

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2133, a bill to temporarily suspend the duty on Solvent Blue 124.

S. 2134

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2134, a bill to temporarily suspend the duty on Solvent Blue 104.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2135, a bill to temporarily suspend the duty on Pigment Red 176.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to temporarily suspend the duty on benzenesulfonamide,4-amino-2,5-dimethoxy-N-phenyl.

S. 2264

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 2264, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Veterans Health Administration the position of Advisor on Physician Assistants, and for other purposes.

S. 2265

At the request of Mr. ROBB, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2265, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve marginal domestic oil and natural gas well production, and for other purposes.

S. 2274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) were added as cosponsors of S. 2274, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families and disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children.

S. 2330

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services.

S. 2386

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2386, a bill to extend the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act.

S. 2390

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2390, a bill to establish a grant program that provides incentives for States to enact mandatory minimum sentences for certain firearms offenses, and for other purposes.

S. 2394

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2394, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize indirect graduate medical education payments.

S. 2423

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 2423, a bill to provide Federal Perkins Loan cancellation for public defenders.

S. 2424

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2424, a bill to provide that amounts allotted to a State under section 2401 of the Social Security Act for each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999 shall remain available through fiscal year 2002.

S. 2435

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas

(Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2435, a bill to amend part B of title IV of the social Security Act to create a grant program to promote joint activities among Federal, State, and local public child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies.

S. 2448

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2448, a bill to enhance the protections of the Internet and the critical infrastructure of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2528

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2528, a bill to provide funds for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators and the training of individuals in advanced cardiac life support.

S. 2537

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2537, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the time for use by members of the Selected Reserve of entitlement to certain educational assistance.

S. 2584

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2584, a bill to provide for the allocation of interest accruing to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 2589

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2589, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require periodic cost of living adjustments to the maximum amount of deposit insurance available under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2601

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2601, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the gross income of an employee any employer provided home computer and Internet access.

S. 2609

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2609, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects, and to increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by elimi-

nating chances for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and implementation of those Acts, and for other purposes.

S. 2639

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 2639, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide programs for the treatment of mental illness.

S. 2675

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2675, a bill to establish an Office on Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 2698

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2698, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to ensure that all Americans gain timely and equitable access to the Internet over current and future generations of broadband capability.

S. 2707

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2707, a bill to help ensure general aviation aircraft access to Federal land and the airspace over that land.

S. 2718

At the request of Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2718, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to introduce new technologies to reduce energy consumption in buildings.

S. 2800

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2800, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an integrated environmental reporting system.

S. 2836

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2836, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide medicare beneficiaries with access to affordable outpatient prescription drugs.

S. 2841

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2841, a bill to ensure that the business of the Federal Government is con-

ducted in the public interest and in a manner that provides for public accountability, efficient delivery of services, reasonable cost savings, and prevention of unwarranted Government expenses, and for other purposes.

S. 2858

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2858, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure adequate payment rates for ambulance services, to apply a prudent layperson standard to the determination of medical necessity for emergency ambulance services, and to recognize the additional costs of providing ambulance services in rural areas.

S. 2879

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2879, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish programs and activities to address diabetes in children and youth, and for other purposes.

S. 2891

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2891, a bill to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers.

S. 2903

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2903, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the child tax credit.

S. 2912

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2912, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to remove certain limitations on the eligibility of aliens residing in the United States to obtain lawful permanent residency status.

S. 2921

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2921, a bill to provide for management and leadership training, the provision of assistance and resources for policy analysis, and other appropriate activities in the training of Native American and Alaska Native professionals in health care and public policy.

S. 2936

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2936, a bill to provide incentives for new markets and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 2938

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS), and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2938, a bill to prohibit United States assistance to the Palestinian Authority if a Palestinian state is declared unilateral, and for other purposes.

S. 2939

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2939, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances.

S. 2997

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2997, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

S. CON. RES. 111

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 111, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding ensuring a competitive North American market for softwood lumber.

S. CON. RES. 130

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 130, concurrent resolution establishing a special task force to recommend an appropriate recognition for the slave laborers who worked on the construction of the United States Capitol.

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 130, supra.

S. RES. 294

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 294, a resolution designating the month of October 2000 as "Children's Internet Safety Month."

S. RES. 304

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), and

the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 304, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans' contributions to the country and the designation of the week that includes Veterans Day as "National Veterans Awareness Week" for the presentation of such educational programs.

S. RES. 345

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 345, a resolution designating October 17, 2000, as a "Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence."

AMENDMENT NO. 3388

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3388 proposed to S. 2549, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 347—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2000, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 2000, AS NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 347

Whereas 1 out of every 55 women will develop ovarian cancer at some point during her life;

Whereas over 70 percent of women with ovarian cancer will not be diagnosed until ovarian cancer has spread beyond the ovary;

Whereas prompt diagnosis of ovarian cancer is crucial to effective treatment, with the chances of curing the disease before it has spread beyond the ovaries ranging from 85 to 90 percent, as compared to between 20 and 25 percent after the cancer has spread;

Whereas several easily identifiable factors, particularly a family history of ovarian cancer, can help determine how susceptible a woman is to developing the disease;

Whereas effective early testing is available to women who have a high risk of developing ovarian cancer;

Whereas heightened public awareness can make treatment of ovarian cancer more effective for women who are at-risk; and

Whereas the Senate, as an institution, and members of Congress, as individuals, are in unique positions to help raise awareness about the need for early diagnosis and treatment for ovarian cancer: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 17, 2000, through September 23, 2000, as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week with appropriate recognition and activities.

• Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on an issue that should concern us all: that of ovarian cancer. Specifically, I rise to introduce a resolution, along with my colleagues Senators LINCOLN, MIKULSKI, FEINSTEIN, MURRAY, SNOWE, HUTCHISON, COLLINS, and BOXER, designating September 17th through September 23d as National Ovarian Cancer Week.

Mr. President, of the more than 25,000 women who were diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1999, about 14,500, a little over half, will die of this disease. Think about that for a moment. More than half of our grandmothers, our mothers, our sisters and daughters are dying of a disease that, if caught earlier, could have been treated. Mr. President, I wish this were the only condition in which this was the case, but it is not. Like with many other diseases, we need to turn our focus to prevention and early detection. Doing so not only means saving lives, but millions of tax dollars in the long run.

In over 70 percent of the women with this disease, it will not be discovered until after it has spread beyond the ovaries. This is of critical importance, since the recovery rate for these women for whom the disease has spread is less than 25 percent. This is compared to an 85 to 90 percent recovery rate for those in whom the disease is caught early. Ovarian cancer is difficult to detect, as the symptoms are often vague and mimic other medical problems.

Still, there are ways that we can reduce the risk of this disease, and significantly reduce the mortality rate. For women with a family history of ovarian cancer, as well as other women with high-risk factors for the disease, regular screenings are available. Although these screenings are not for everyone, individuals with a high-risk factor, particularly those with one or more family members who have had ovarian cancer, should look into these tests.

Mr. President, this is why it is so important that we raise awareness about ovarian cancer, and this is what this resolution tries to do. By establishing this special week, we can bring the knowledge of this disease to thousands of high-risk women, and give people a better chance of beating this dreadful disease.●