

Legislative Scorecard

109th Congress

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National Cancer Institute

Appropriations FY 2007

Bill Number/Title: H J RES 100

Sponsor: Representative Jerry Lewis (R-CA)

Overview: The second Continuing Resolution (CR) making further continuing appropriations for FY 2007 through December 8, 2006. Funding rate for NIH would have remained at current FY 2006 level.

Status: Resolution passed House and Senate on November 15, and was signed into law (P.L. 109-369) by the President on November 17.

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 376/S CON RES 83

Sponsor: Representative Jim Nussle (R-IA) introduced HCR 376. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) introduced SCR 83.

Overview: Sets forth the congressional budget for the federal government for FY 2007, including appropriate budgetary levels for FY 2006 and FY 2008 – FY 2011. SCR 83 includes language about NIH that assumes an “increase of \$1b over President’s request for a total budget of \$29.6b, allowing NIH to keep pace with biomedical inflation.”

Status: SCR passed the Senate on March 16, 2006. HCR passed the House on May 18, 2006.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5631 (FY 2007 Department of Defense Appropriations)

Sponsor: Representative C.W. Bill Young (R-FL)

Overview: Conference report for the FY 2007 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, including the first stop gap funding resolution for FY 2007.

Status: Passed the House on September 26, 2006 and the Senate on September 29, 2006. The President signed the bill on September 29, 2006.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5647/S 3708(FY 2007 Labor Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations)

Sponsor: Representative Ralph Regula (R-OH) introduced HR 5647. Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) introduced S 3708.

Overview: NCI would receive \$4,753,609,000 under the House bill and \$4,799,063,000 under the Senate version.

Status: In the House, the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations on _____ and in the Senate on _____. In the House it was referred to the Committee on Veteran’s Affairs and the Judiciary. In the Senate it was referred to the Committee on _____

Appropriations. Approved through appropriations provided through the continuing resolution.

Appropriations FY 2006

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 95/S CON RES 18 (FY 2006 Congressional Budget Resolution)

Sponsor: Representative John Nussle (R-IA) introduced H CON RES 95. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) introduced S CON RES 18.

Overview: For the House, a CR that allowed members to develop procedural tools to enforce the budget. In the Senate, markup on the spending blueprint that called for \$843b in discretionary spending occurred. Conference agreement called for House and Senate authorizing committees to make \$34.7b in mandatory spending cuts over fiscal years 2006-2010.

Status: On April 28, the 2006b budget resolution was adopted by Congress – cutting entitlement programs for the first time since 1997 and expediting \$70b in tax cuts.

Bill Number/Title: H J RES 68 – PL 109-77 (FY 2006 Appropriations)

Sponsor: Representative Jerry Lewis (R-CA)

Overview: Makes continuing appropriations for FY 2006.

Status: Introduced September 27, 2005 and signed into law on September 30, 2005.

Bill Number/Title: H J RES 72 – PL 109-105

Sponsor: Representative Jerry Lewis (R-CA)

Overview: Further continuing appropriations for FY 2006 and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced November 17, 2005 and signed into law on September 30, 2005.

Bill Number/Title: H R 3010 – PL 109-149

Sponsor: Representative Ralph Regula (R-OH)

Overview: Makes appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2006. NCI level provided by the House Committee on Appropriations is \$4,841,774,000; \$16,515,000 above fiscal year 2005 level, and the same as the President's budget increase. House passed Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education bill on June 24, 2005. In the Senate, the Appropriations Committee provided \$4,960,828,000 for NCI. Senate's version passed on Nov. 3, 2005. Conference Report (109-300) designated \$4,841,774,000 for NCI but was rejected by the House. The House adopted conference report 109-337 adding funding for rural health.

Status: On Dec. 21, 2005, Conference Report 109-337 passes the Senate with unanimous consent. The bill was presented to the President on Dec. 28, 2005, and signed on Dec. 30, 2005.

Authorizations

Bill Number/Title: HR 312/S 37 – PL 109-100 (2 Year Extension of Postage Stamp for Breast Cancer Research)

Sponsor: Representative Joe Baca (D-CA) introduced HR 312. Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) introduced S 37.

Overview: Reauthorize stamp until the end of 2007. Stamp costs \$.45 and is deemed as a \$.37 stamp. The additional 8 percent is directed toward research programs at NIH (70 percent) and Department of Defense (30 percent).

Status: Passed the Senate on Sept. 27, 2005. Passed the House by unanimous consent on Oct. 27, 2005. Presented to and signed by President on Nov. 11, 2005.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2945 (Prostate Cancer Research and Prevention Act)

Sponsor: Representative Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)

Overview: Bill would renew NCI's prostate cancer research authorization of appropriations section for such sums as necessary through FY 2010.

Status: Bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on June 16, 2005. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5472/S 1687 (National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act)

Sponsor: HR 5472 was introduced by Representative Sue Myrick (R-NC). S 1687 was introduced by Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD).

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive, for two-year periods, requirements of awarding breast and cervical cancer grants to states if certain conditions are met, including that granting such a waiver will not reduce the number of women in the state receiving examinations and screenings for breast or cervical cancer or the quality of such services.

Status: HR 5472 was reported out of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and H.Rept. 109-705 was filed. S. 1687 was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H R 6164 – PL 109-482 (The National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006)

Sponsor: Representative Joe Barton (R-TX)

Overview: Introduced on Sept. 25, 2006 and passed the next day (414-2). Bill revises Title IV of the PHS Act and creates the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives, to be supported by the Common Fund. The bill authorizes NIH \$29,747,874,000 for FY 2007; \$31,235,628,000 for FY 2008; and \$32,797,032,000 for FY 2009. The bill calls for the establishment of a Scientific Management Review Board to review the structure of NIH every seven years. It also authorizes the NIH Director to award grants for demonstration projects for research bridging the biological sciences with the physical, chemical, mathematical, and computational sciences; and authorizes the establishment of demonstration programs that award grants, contracts, or engage in other transactions for high-impact, cutting-edge research demonstration programs.

Status: Received in Senate and referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Passed the Senate on Dec. 8, 2006, with unanimous consent. Presented to the President on Jan. 3, 2007. Signed by President and became Public Law 109-482 on Jan. 15, 2007.

Access to Care

Bill Number/Title: HR 56 (Health Empowerment Zone Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Donna M. Christensen (D-VI)

Overview: Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish health empowerment zone programs in communities that disproportionately experience disparities in health status and health care.

Status: Introduced on Jan. 4, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, then referred to the Subcommittee on Health on Feb. 4, 2005. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1426 (Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence Act)

Sponsor: Representative Charles W. Pickering (R-MS)

Overview: Introduced on March 17, 2005, this bill would amend the title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide public access to quality medical imaging procedures and radiation therapy procedures.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 17, 2005, and subsequently referred to the Subcommittee on Health. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1812/S 898 – PL 109-18 (Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 1812 was introduced by Representative Robert Menendez (D-NJ). S 898 was introduced by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX).

Overview: Introduced on April 25, 2005, this bill amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes. Authorize \$25 million over five years for grants to help patients navigate the health system. Authorization includes \$2 million for FY 2006; \$5 million for FY 2007; \$8 million for FY 2008; \$6.5 million for FY 2009; and \$3.5 million for FY 2010. Grants would support programs that help patients understand insurance policies, treatment options and the overall health care system, alert patients to government aid for which they might qualify, help them apply for financial assistance, and make patients aware of clinical trials for which they may be eligible. Grants are prohibited from covering fees resulting from legal disputes.

Status: Passed the House with a 2/3 majority on June 13, 2005. In the Senate, the bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions upon introduction. The Committee Report (S. Report 109-73) was filed on May 25, 2005. HR 1812 passed Senate on June 22, 2005, and sent to the President on June 4, 2005. Signed by President and became PL 109-18 on June 30, 2005.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3561/S 1580 (Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act)

Sponsor: HR 3561 was introduced by Representative Mike Honda (D-CA). S 1580 was introduced by Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI).

Overview: Improve the health of minority individuals.

Status: Introduced in the Senate on July 29, 2005, and referred to Senate Finance Committee. Introduced in the House on July 28, 2005, and referred to the House

Committee on Ways and Means, the House Committee on Resources, and the House Committee on the Judiciary. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4098/S 2340 (Community Cancer Care and Preservation Act of 2006)

Sponsor: HR 4098 was introduced by Representative Jim Ramstad (R-MN). S 2340 was introduced by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA).

Overview: Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to subject to quarterly reconciliation any payments to physicians for drugs or biologicals made according to average sales price payment methodology in order to assure that they do not exceed or fall short of the actual average sales price during any preceding period. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to review all such payments in the preceding quarter and compare them to the verified average sales price reported by the manufacturer for such quarter. Removes prompt pay discounts from the calculation of the manufacturer's average sales price. Requires the Secretary to make an additional 2% drug administration services payment to physicians for overhead and related costs. Directs the Secretary to develop indicators for the evaluation of the quality of oncology services provided in the physician office setting. Requires the Director of the National Cancer Institute to develop a strategic plan to increase the number cancer patients who enroll in clinical trials.

Status: Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and subsequently to the Subcommittee on Health. Also referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4927/S 2375/S 2393 (Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2006)

Sponsor: HR 4927 was introduced by Representative Deborah Pryce (R-OH). S 2375 and S 2393 were introduced by Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN).

Overview: Introduced on March 9, 2006, S. 2375 and S. 2393 are the same bill. The bill amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Director of the NIH, acting through NCI, to establish programs of research excellence in the area of pediatric cancers. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a grant mechanism for the establishment of Research Fellowships in Pediatric Cancer; award a grant for the operation of a population-based national childhood cancer database; and requires the Secretary to award grants to recognized childhood cancer professionals and advocacy organizations.

Status: On March 9, 2006, in the Senate, the bill was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. In the House it was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and then referred to the Subcommittee on Health. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Environmental Exposure

Bill Number/Title: HR 428/S 585 (Rocky Flats Special Exposure Cohort Act)

Sponsor: HR 428 was introduced by Representative Mark Udall (D-CO). S 585 was introduced by Senator Ken Salazar (D-CO).

Overview: Introduced in the House on Jan. 26, 2005, and in the Senate on March 9, 2005. It would provide better compensation for certain persons injured in the course of employment at the Rocky Flats Site in Colorado.

Status: In the House, the bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Education and the Workforce. In the Senate the bill was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 987 (Annie Fox Act)

Sponsor: Representative Lynn Woolsey (D-CA)

Overview: Would provide funding for programs at the National Institute of Environmental Health Services regarding breast cancer in younger women.

Status: Introduced on Feb. 17, 2005, and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1194 (Safety for Americans from Nuclear Weapons Testing Act)

Sponsor: Representative Jim Matheson (D-UT)

Overview: Protect the public health and safety, should testing of nuclear weapons by the United States be resumed.

Status: Introduced on March 9, 2005, and referred to the House Committees on Resources, Energy, and Commerce, and Armed Services. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1360/S 3274 (Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2006 or the FAIR Act of 2006)

Sponsor: HR 1360 was introduced by Representative Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL). S 3274 was introduced by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA).

Overview: Establishes the Office of Asbestos Disease Compensation to be headed by an administrator who is responsible for processing claims for asbestos-related illnesses and paying compensation to eligible claimants.

Status: HR 1360 was introduced in the House on March 17, 2005, and referred to the House Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Enterprise on May 19, 2005. S. 3274 was introduced in the Senate on May 26, 2006, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary where hearings were held on June 7, 2006. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2231/S 757 (Breast Cancer and Environment Research Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 2231 was introduced by Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY). S 757 was introduced by Senator Lincoln Chafee (R-RI).

Overview: Amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

Status: H.R. 2231 was introduced on May 10, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. It was referred to the Subcommittee on Health, May 23, 2005.

S. 757 was introduced on April 11, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee on July 24, 2006, and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar. Introductory remarks made Sept. 29, 2006. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2910 (Including Guam in Affected Areas for Testing)

Sponsor: Representative Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU)

Overview: Amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to include the Territory of Guam in the list of affected areas with respect to which claims relating to atmospheric nuclear testing should be allowed.

Status: Introduced on June 15, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3209 (For Those Exposed to Agent Orange)

Sponsor: Representative Joe Bradley (R-NH)

Overview: Amend title 38, United States Code, to add nasopharyngeal cancer to the statutorily prescribed presumptive diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange during military service in Vietnam.

Status: Introduced on July 12, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Veteran's Affairs on July 12, 2005, and to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, July 20, 2005. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3481 (Occupational Illness for Energy Employees)

Sponsor: Representative Thomas Reynolds (R-NY)

Overview: Amends the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to include certain former nuclear weapons program workers in the Special Exposure Cohort under the energy employees occupational illness compensation program.

Status: Introduced on July 27, 2005, and referred to House committees on the Judiciary, and Education and the Workforce. On Oct. 12, 2005, referred to Subcommittee on Workforce Protection. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5021/S 2439 (Nevada Test Site Veterans' Compensation Act of 2006)

Sponsor: HR 5021 was introduced by Representative Shelley Berkley (D-NV). S 2439 was introduced by Senator Harry Reid (D-NV).

Overview: Amends the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to set forth criteria for the inclusion of certain nuclear weapons program workers in the special exposure cohort under the energy employees' occupational illness compensation program.

Status: In the House, the bill was introduced March 28, 2006 and referred to House Committee on the Judiciary. In the Senate, the bill was introduced March 16, 2006, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 703 (Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster)

Sponsor: Representative Elton Gallegly (R-CA)

Overview: Recognizes the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster; calls upon national and international health organizations to focus research on the public health consequences of the Chernobyl disaster; and supports U.S. continued assistance to the Chernobyl Shelter Fund, the Shelter Implementation Plan, construction of a facility to store spent nuclear fuel, and other efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Status: Introduced on March 1, 2006, and passed the House by 2/3 majority on April 4, 2006. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 852 (Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)

Overview: Establishes a trust fund to compensate victims of asbestos exposure. Includes a provision requiring NIH to enter into a contract with the IOM to conduct a study on the causal link between asbestos exposure and other cancers.

Status: Introduced on April 19, 2005. Referred to Senate Committee on the Judiciary and reported without written report on June 16, 2005. On June 30, 2005, the bill was reported from the full Senate Committee on the Judiciary (S. Rept. 109-97). During a floor debate in the Senate, a motion to waive a point of order brought against the bill fails and the bill is re-referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 14, 2006. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 977 (Montana Cemetery Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT)

Overview: This bill would include claims for injuries and death due to exposure during certain time periods from fallout emitted during the Government's above-ground nuclear tests in Nevada that exposed individuals who lived in the downwind affected area in Montana.

Status: Introduced on May 9, 2005, and referred to Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 998 (A bill to include the State of Idaho as an affected area under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210))

Sponsor: Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID)

Overview: Would include the State of Idaho as an affected area under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210).

Status: Introduced on May 11, 2005, and referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 11, 2005. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1199 (Prompt Disability Payment to Mesothelioma Victims Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT)

Overview: Amends title II of the Social Security Act to shorten the waiting period for social security disability benefits for individuals with mesothelioma.

Status: Introduced on June 8, 2005, and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1221 (Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Mark Dayton (R-MN)

Overview: Would amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

Status: Introduced on June 9, 2005, and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1506 (Amendment of the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program of 2000)

Sponsor: Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY)

Overview: Amends the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to include certain former nuclear weapons program workers in the Special Exposure Cohort under the energy employees occupational illness compensation program.

Status: Introduced on July 27, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 402 (National Asbestos Awareness Day)

Sponsor: Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)

Overview: Designates April 1, 2006, as "National Asbestos Awareness Day."

Status: Introduced and passed by unanimous consent on March 16, 2006.

Federal Government

Bill Number/Title: HR 6 – PL 109-58 (Energy Policy Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Joe Barton (R-TX)

Overview: The conference report on the bill (109-190) authorizes funding increases for the Department of Energy's Office of Science totaling approximately \$14 billion over three years. The head of the Office of Science is designated as an Under Secretary within the department and is a presidential appointment to be confirmed by the Senate. The report directs the DoE secretary to invest in nuclear sciences research and related fields including health physics, nuclear engineering, and radiochemistry. The Secretary is also directed to conduct a study of direct and significant health impacts to persons resulting from living in proximity to petrochemical and oil refinery facilities.

Status: Became P.L. 109-58 on Aug. 8, 2005.

Bill Number/Title: HR 839 (Restoring Scientific Integrity to Federal Research and Policymaking Act)

Sponsor: Representative Henry A. Waxman (D-CA)

Overview: Protects scientific integrity in Federal Research and Policymaking.

Status: Introduced on February 16, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Science and the House Committee on Government Reform and House Committee on Science. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 867/S 394 (Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National Government Act of 2005 or the OPEN Government Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 867 was introduced by Representative Lamar Smith (R-TX). S 394 was introduced by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX).

Overview: Promotes accessibility, accountability, and openness in government by strengthening section 55s of Title 5, United States Code, commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act.

Status: In the House, the bill was introduced Feb. 16, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. The Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held its markup of H.R. 867 on Sept. 27, 2006, and sent the amended bill to the full Committee. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on Feb. 16, 2005, and referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security which held a hearing on March 15, 2005. The Judiciary committee held its markup on Sept. 21, 2006, and reported the bill to the full Senate that same day. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1283/S 1018 (Federal Transit Benefit Act)

Sponsor: HR 1283 was introduced by Representative James Moran (R-VA). S 1018 was introduced by Senator Paul Sarbanes (D-MD).

Overview: Would provide transit pass transportation fringe benefits to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capitol Region.

Status: In the House, the bill was introduced on March 14, 2005, and referred to House Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization. On June 16, 2005, the full Committee on Government Reform reported the bill to the House with an amendment that would exclude the U.S. Postal Service from the requirement to provide tax-free transportation benefits to its employees. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on May 12, 2005, and referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3078 (Cancer and Terminal Illness Patient Health Care Act)

Sponsor: Representative Ron Paul (R-TX)

Overview: Would amend the Internal Revenue Code to waive the employee portion of the Social Security tax for any period in which a taxpayer has been certified by a physician as having cancer or a terminal illness or is the primary caregiver for a spouse, parent, or child with cancer or a terminal disease.

Status: Introduced on June 27, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3276 (Government Reorganization and Improvement Performance Act)

Sponsor: Representative Jon Porter (R-NV)

Overview: Authorizes the President to: (1) propose establishment in the executive branch of one or more Results Commissions to improve the overall effectiveness, efficiency, or accountability of executive branch operations through reorganization; and (2) transmit such proposal to Congress for expedited consideration.

Status: Introduced on July 14, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Government Reform and the House Rules Committee. On Sept. 27, 2005, was referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3277 (Federal Agency Performance Review and Sunset Act)

Sponsor: Representative Kevin Brady (R-TX)

Overview: Authorizes the President to submit to Congress a schedule for reviewing the performance of, and need for, executive branch agencies and programs at least once every 10 years.

Status: Introduced on July 14, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Government Reform where hearings were held on Sept. 27, 2005. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5060 (Amendment to the Federal Financial Assistance Management Act of 1999)

Sponsor: Representatives Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Tom Davis (R-VA)

Overview: Instructs the Director of OMB to work with the Administrator of General Services and other agencies to make available data regarding federal financial assistance in accordance with the Federal Financial Assistance and Management Act of 1999 and the E-Government Act of 2002.

Status: Introduced on March 30, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. Passed the House on June 21, 2006, by a 2/3 majority vote and was received in the Senate where it was referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 589 (Faster FOIA Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)

Overview: Would establish an advisory commission, made up of government and non-governmental representatives to study ways to help reduce delays in processing FOIA requests.

Status: Introduced on March 10, 2005, and reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 17, 2005. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2590 (Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act)

Sponsor: Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK)

Overview: Would require OMB to create a publicly-available website that includes information on all Federal grants and contracts over \$25,000 awarded to public and private organizations.

Status: Introduced on April 6, 2006. A legislative report (S. Rept 109-329) was issued by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Sept. 8, 2006,

after the Senate passed by the bill by unanimous consent on Sept. 7, 2006. The House passed the measure by voice vote on Sept. 14, 2006. It became P.L. 109-282 on Sept. 26, 2006, upon the President's signature.

Bill Number/Title: S 2695 (Public Access to Federally Funded Research Results)

Sponsor: Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)

Overview: Would require every Federal agency with an annual extramural research budget of \$100 million or more to implement a public access policy that is consistent with and advances the purpose of the Federal agency.

Status: Introduced on May 2, 2006, and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2718 (Website for American Taxpayers to Check and Help Deter Out-of-Control Government Spending Act or "Watchdogs Act")

Sponsor: Senator John Ensign (R-NV)

Overview: Would require full disclosure by entities receiving Federal funds that account for greater than ten percent of their budget.

Status: Introduced on May 4, 2006, and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Health/Patient Information

Bill Number/Title: HR 747 (National Health Information Incentive Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Charlie Gonzalez (D-TX)

Overview: Would amend the title XI of the Social Security Act to achieve a national health information infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a refundable credit for expenditures of health care providers implementing such infrastructure.

Status: Introduced on Feb. 10, 2005 and referred to the House Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 944/S 258 (Training and Research in Urology Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 944 was introduced by Representative James Leach (R-IA). S 258 was introduced by Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH).

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to enhance research, training, and health information dissemination with respect to urologic diseases.

Status: House bill referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Senate bill referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1227/S 306 (Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 1227 was introduced by Representative Judy Biggert (R-IL). S 306 was introduced by Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME).

Overview: Prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

Status: In the House, the bill was introduced on March 10, 2005, and referred to the House Committees on Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce; and Education and the Workforce. The Energy and Commerce Committee reported favorably on July 27, 2005. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on Feb. 7, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. The bill passed the Senate on February 17, 2005, and was sent to House. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3205 (Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act)

Sponsor: Representative Michael Bilirakis (R-FL)

Overview: Legislation that encourages health care providers to report medical errors by ensuring the data could not be used against them in liability cases.

Status: Introduced on July 12, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce that reported the bill on July 27, 2005. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3607 (Computerized Medical Records)

Sponsor: Representative John Sweeney (R-NY)

Overview: Would improve the quality of health care through the implementation of computerized provider order entry systems in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities that will result in a reduction in the rate of medication errors and in redundancies and will create more efficiency.

Status: Introduced on July 18, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4157 (Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Nancy Johnson (R-CT)

Overview: Establishes within the Department of Health and Human Services an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

Status: Introduced on Oct. 27, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The House passed the bill on July 27, 2006, and sent to the Senate. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4726 (Wired for Health Care Quality Act)

Sponsor: Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA)

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology to develop a nationwide interoperable health information technology infrastructure.

Status: Introduced on Feb. 8, 2006, and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Commerce where it was referred to the Subcommittee on Health on Feb. 19, 2006. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5559 (Independent Health Record Bank of 2006)

Sponsor: Representative Paul Ryan (R-WI)

Overview: This bill would improve the exchange of health information by encouraging the creation, use, and maintenance of lifetime electronic health records in independent health record banks.

Status: Introduced on June 8, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 4 (Health America Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Bill Frist (R-TN)

Overview: A bill to reduce healthcare costs, expand access to affordable healthcare coverage, and improve healthcare and strengthen the healthcare safety net.

Status: Introduced on July 27, 2005, and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 347 (Advance Directives Improvement and Education Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL)

Overview: Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, to provide for Medicare coverage of end-of-life planning consultations. Amends the Public Health Service Act to provide for grant programs to increase awareness of advance directive planning issues.

Status: Introduced on Feb. 10, 2005, and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 470 (Fair Access to Clinical Trials Act of 2005 (FACT ACT))

Sponsor: Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT)

Overview: Create a publicly available national databank of clinical trial information, including a registry and results database.

Status: Introduced on Feb. 18, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 544 – PL 109-41 (The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator James Jeffords (I-VT)

Overview: Establishes procedures for voluntary confidential reporting of medical errors to independent patient safety organizations, which would submit the information to a national database for recommendations on reducing medical errors. Requires studies be conducted by the HHS Secretary and GAO.

Status: Introduced March 9, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. It was signed by the President on July 29, 2005, and became P.L. 109-41.

Bill Number/Title: S 1223 (Information Technology for Health Care Quality Act)

Sponsor: Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT)

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care delivery through improvements in health care information technology.

Status: Introduced on June 9, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1227 (Health Information Technology Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

Overview: Would improve quality in health care by establishing a 5-year, \$4 billion competitive grant program for hospitals, physicians, skilled nursing facilities, community health centers and community mental health centers to offset investments in new technologies and information services.

Status: Introduced on June 13, 2005, and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1262 (Health Technology to Enhance Quality Act of 2005 or the Health TEQ Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Bill Frist (R-TN)

Overview: Would codify the Office of National Coordinator for Information Technology; set up a collaborative process for identifying and adopting content, communication, and security standards for interoperability; establish mandatory standards across federal government programs and voluntary private sector.

Status: Introduced on June 16, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1355 (Better Healthcare through Information Technology Act)

Sponsor: Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY)

Overview: Enhances the adoption of health information technology and improve the quality and reduce the costs of healthcare in the United States.

Status: Introduced on June 30, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. This bill was incorporated into S. 1418 on July 20, 2005. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1418 (Wired for Health Care Quality Act)

Sponsor: Senator Michael Enzi (R-WY)

Overview: This bill aims to increase the use of technology for health information while assuring patient privacy.

Status: Introduced on July 18, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. Passed the Senate unanimously on July 27, 2005. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 3454 (Independent Health Record Bank of 2006)

Sponsor: Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS)

Overview: Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the exchange of healthcare information through the use of technology, to encourage the creation, use and maintenance of lifetime electronic health records that may contain health plan and debit card functionality in independent health record banks, to use such records to build a nationwide health information technology infrastructure, and to promote participation in health information exchange by consumers through tax incentives.

Status: Introduced on June 6, 2006, and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 506 (National Health I.T. Week)

Sponsor: Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

Overview: A resolution to recognize June 5 June 8 as “National Health I.T. Week.”

Status: Introduced and passed by the full Senate on June 8, 2006. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Hospitals and Medical Facilities

Bill Number/Title: HR 2065/S 36 (United States Military Cancer Institute Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 2065 was introduced by Representative Bill Young (R-FL). S 36 was introduced by Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI).

Overview: Would formally establish the United States Military Cancer Institute and require the institute to promote the health of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents by enhancing cancer research and treatment.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on May 3, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on Jan. 24, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2124 (Clinical Research Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative David Weldon (R-FL)

Overview: Would amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for clinical research support grants, clinical research infrastructure grants, and a demonstration program on partnerships in clinical research.

Status: Introduced on May 5, 2005. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2308 (Clinical Research Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Mike Doyle (D-PA)

Overview: Identical to HR 2124, except for the sponsor.

Status: Introduced on May 11, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1543 (Clinical Research Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA)

Overview: Requires the Director of NIH to award clinical investigator advancement grants to eligible academic health centers meeting certain criteria.

Status: Introduced on July 18, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Insurance Coverage for Cancer Treatment

Bill Number/Title: HR 437 (Women’s Health Coverage and Cancer Rights Conforming Amendments of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Sue Kelly (R-NY)

Overview: Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by inserting language that would require group health plans, that provide medical and surgical benefits with respect to a mastectomy, to provide coverage for breast reconstruction and physical complications of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

Status: Introduced on Feb. 1, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1849/S 910 (Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 1849 was introduced by Representative Sue Kelly. S 910 was introduced by Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME).

Overview: Requires that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on April 26, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce, House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and House Committee on Ways and Means. In the Senate, the bill was introduced also on April 26, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2761 (Screening Mammography Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Robert Andrews (D-NJ)

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for annual screening mammography for any class of covered individuals if the coverage or plans include coverage for diagnostic mammography for such class and to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of annual screening mammography under the Medicaid Program.

Status: Introduced on June 7, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2812 (Cancer Screening Coverage Act)

Sponsor: Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)

Overview: Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage of screening for breast, prostate, and colorectal cancer.

Status: Introduced on June 8, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Government Reform, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5465 (Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act)

Sponsor: Representative Lois Capps (D-CA)

Overview: Provides for the establishment of a new Medicare service which would develop a treatment plan at the beginning of cancer therapy and a cancer care summary and follow-up care plan for cancer survivors. Additionally, this bill encourages a strong investment in palliative care research at NIH and would authorize a program of grants to establish model programs that would integrate palliative care, symptom management, and active treatment.

Status: Introduced on May 24, 2006, and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5615 (Dean Gallo Cancer Patient Compassion Act of 2006)

Sponsor: Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

Overview: Would amend the Social Security Act to waive the 12 month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled with distant stage cancer.

Status: Introduced on June 14, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

National Institutes of Health

Bill Number/Title: HR 370 (Biomedical Research Assistance Voluntary Option Act)

Sponsor: Representative Michael Bilirakis (R-FL)

Overview: Would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate that part or all of any income tax refund be paid over for use in biomedical research conducted through the National Institutes of Health.

Status: Introduced on Jan. 26, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, and House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5545

Sponsor: Representative Gene Green (D-TX)

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to require that applications for a National Institutes of Health (NIH) loan, grant, contract, or cooperative agreement for any project include reasonable assurance that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the performance of construction or modernization on the project will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar work in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor.

Status: Introduced on June 7, 2006, and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Committee on Education and Workforce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 302 (Foundation for National Institutes of Health Improvement Act)

Sponsor: Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA)

Overview: Authorize funding of at least \$500,000 from the National Institutes of Health for administrative and operating expenses of the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health.

Status: Introduced on Feb. 7, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. Senate passed the bill by unanimous consent on July 27, 2005, and the House received the bill the next day. It was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Promotion and Awareness

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 174 (Fertility Preservation Options for Cancer Patients)

Sponsor: Representative Sue Myrick (R-NC)

Overview: Calls for NIH to encourage research that will strengthen fertility preservation technologies for cancer patients, continue to consider ways to improve access to fertility preservation options for cancer patients, and to endeavor to raise awareness about the fertility side effects and fertility preservation options for cancer patients.

Status: Introduced on June 8, 2005, and referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 210 (2015 Goal)

Sponsor: Representative Clay Shaw (R-FL)

Overview: Supports the goal of eliminating suffering and death due to cancer by the year 2015.

Status: Introduced on July 18, 2005. Considered in the House under a suspension of the rules and passed by a 2/3 majority on September 19, 2006.

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 368 (Alex's Lemonade Stand Days)

Sponsor: Representative Jim Gerlach (R-PA)

Overview: Honors the goals and ideals of Lemonade Stand Days (designated as the second weekend in June by the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, which was established in the memory of Alexandra Scott, a pediatric cancer patient).

Status: Passed the House by a 2/3 majority vote on June 12, 2006, and was received in the Senate where it was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 473 (Supporting the goals and ideals of Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA)

Overview: Supports the goals and ideals of Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: Introduced on September 14, 2006. Considered in the House under Suspension of the Rules on September 28, 2006, and passed by 2/3 majority.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1245/S 1172 (Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2005 or Johanna's Law)

Sponsor: HR 1245 was introduced by Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA). S 1172 was introduced by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA).

Overview: Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national campaign to increase the awareness and knowledge of women with respect to gynecologic cancers.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on March 10, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The bill passed the House on November 14, 2006. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on June 6, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 169/S RES 167 (Importance of Sun Safety)

Sponsor: H RES 169 was introduced by Representative Michael Bilirakis (R-FL). S RES 167 was introduced by Senator John McCain (R-AZ).

Overview: Resolution recognizing the importance of sun safety.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on March 17, 2005, and passed on June 7, 2005. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on June 9, 2005, and passed the same day.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 250/S RES 117 (National Hepatitis B Awareness Week)

Sponsor: H RES 250 was introduced by Representative Tim Murphy (R-PA). S RES 117 was introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA).

Overview: Would designate the week of May 9, 2005, as “National Hepatitis B Awareness Week.”

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on April 28, 2005, and agreed to on May 5, 2005. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on April 20, 2005, and agreed to by unanimous consent on April 29, 2005.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 276 (Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Representative Todd Platts (R-PA)

Overview: Supports the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: Passed the House by a 2/3 majority on Oct. 6, 2005.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 323/S RES 182 (Childhood Cancer Awareness)

Sponsor: H RES 323 was introduced by Representative Deborah Pryce (R-OH). S RES 182 was introduced by Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN).

Overview: The bill contains declarations that limited resources for childhood cancer research can hinder the recruitment of investigators and physicians to pediatric oncology and that peer-reviewed clinical trials are the standard of care for pediatrics and have improved cancer survival rates. It calls for increased research, policies that encourage medical trainees and investigators to enter pediatric oncology, and policies that encourage participation in clinical trials.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on June 15, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. The bill Passed on June 22, 2006, by 2/3 majority vote. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on June 28, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 739/S RES 408 (Declare Lung Cancer a Public Health Priority)

Sponsor: H RES 739 was introduced by Representative Clay Shaw (R-FL). S RES 408 was introduced by Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE).

Overview: The bill calls for greater recognition of lung cancer as a major public health concern; urges the President to declare it a public health priority; calls for increased funding of lung cancer research; and creation of the Lung Cancer Scientific and Medical Advisory Committee and a National Lung Cancer Public Health Policy Board.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on March 28, 2006, and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on March 28, 2006, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. The bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent on May 2, 2006.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 745 (Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Representative Todd Platts (R-PA)

Overview: Supports the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: Introduced on March 29, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. Considered under Suspension of the Rules on Sept. 25, 2006, and passed by 2/3 majority.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 785 (Honoring Christopher and Dana Reeve)

Sponsor: Representative Jim Langevin (D-RI)

Overview: Honors the lives and achievements of Christopher and Dana Reeve.

Status: Introduced on April 27, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 628 (Health Promotion Program Funding)

Sponsor: Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN)

Overview: Provides for increased planning and funding for health promotion programs of DHHS.

Status: Introduced on March 15, 2006, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 218 (National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL)

Overview: Would designate Sept. 2005 and Sept. 2006 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.”

Status: Introduced on July 18, 2005, and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 560 (A Resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research)

Sponsor: Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN)

Overview: Calls for Congressional support for investments in cancer research, training for investigators, participation in clinical trials, and drug development.

Status: Introduced on Sept. 7, 2006. Considered in the House and passed by unanimous consent on Sept. 7, 2006.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 578 (A resolution recognizing the epidemic of prostate cancer in African American men)

Sponsor: Senator John Kerry (D-MA)

Overview: Recognizes that the occurrence of prostate cancer in African American men has reached epidemic proportions and urges federal agencies to address that health crisis by designating funds for education, awareness, outreach, and research specifically focused on how that disease affects African American men.

Status: Introduced on Sept. 21, 2006, and referred to Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 620 (A resolution designating November 2006 as National Lung Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)

Overview: Reaffirms the Senate commitment to (1) advance lung cancer research and early detection, and particularly the Lung Cancer Alliance of Georgia's goal of significantly increasing the 5-year survival rate of individuals diagnosed with lung cancer in the United States to 50 percent within 10 years and (2) work with all federal agencies involved in cancer research to develop a coordinated roadmap for accomplishing that goal.

Status: Introduced on November 16, 2006 and passed by unanimous consent.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 578 (A resolution recognizing S RES 620)

Sponsor: Senator John Kerry (D-MA)

Overview: Reaffirms the Senate's commitment to the education, research, advocacy, and treatment of lung cancer.

Status: Introduced on Nov. 16, 2006, and passed by unanimous consent.

Science/Research and Technology

Bill Number/Title: HR 2308/S 1543 (Clinical Research Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 2308 was introduced by Representative Dave Weldon (R-FL). S 1543 was introduced by Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA).

Overview: Requires the following: Director of the National Institutes of Health to award clinical investigator advancement grants to eligible academic health centers; award clinical research infrastructure grants to eligible health centers; and allows the Secretary of HHS to make up to five grants to eligible academic health centers to form partnerships with health care providers for carrying out clinical human subject research to demonstrate how academic research centers may collaborate with the practicing health care community.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on May 11, 2005, and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on July 28, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2943/S 1263 (Save Biotechnology Innovation Research Act of 2005 or SABIR Act)

Sponsor: HR 2943 was introduced by Representative Sam Graves (R-MO). S 1263 was introduced by Senator Chris Bond (R-MO).

Overview: Amends provisions of the Small Business Act relating to the Small Business Innovation Research Program by setting criteria for which businesses may be considered under the SBIR program.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on June 15, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Small Business, and the Committee on Science. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on June 15, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5008/S 1908 (Nanoscience to Commercialization Institutes Act of 2006)

Sponsor: HR 5008 was introduced by Representative Greg Walden (R-OR). S 1908 was introduced by Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR).

Overview: Authorizes the Under Secretary of Technology of the Department of Commerce to award grants to eligible entities to establish up to eight Nanoscience to Commercialization Institutes throughout the U.S.; and sets criteria for how an entity can be eligible for such an endeavor.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on March 16, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Science and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on October 21, 2005, and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 975 (Bioshield II Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT)

Overview: Provides incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop medical countermeasures to prevent, detect, identify, contain, and treat illnesses, including those associated with biological, chemical, nuclear, or radiological weapons attack or an infectious disease outbreak. Also creates an IC level Center that would oversee, enhance, and coordinate the NIH technology transfer program. Amends the National Cancer Act, and all other ICs authorities as well, to state the purpose of NCI is to support the development of healthcare technologies.

Status: The Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness held a hearing on July 21, 2005. NCI was not a participant. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1956 (Access, Compassion, Care, and Ethics for Seriously Ill Patients Act or ACCESS Act)

Sponsor: Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS)

Overview: Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to create a new three-tiered approval system for drugs, biological products, and other devices that is responsive to the needs of seriously ill patients.

Status: Introduced on Nov. 3, 2005 and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2104 (American Center for Cures Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish the American Centers for Cures to accelerate the development of public and private research efforts towards tools and therapies for human diseases with the goal of early disease detection, prevention, and cure.

Status: Introduced on Dec. 14, 2005 and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Screening and Prevention

Bill Number/Title: HR 1401 (Colorectal Cancer Mortality Prevention Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI)

Overview: Establishes a program of grants for the detection and control of colorectal cancer.

Status: Introduced on March 17, 2005 and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1632/S 1010 (Colon Cancer Screen for Life Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 1632 was introduced by Representative Phil English (R-PA). S 1010 was introduced by Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA).

Overview: Improves patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare program.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on April 14, 2005 and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on May 12, 2005, and referred to the Senate Finance Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2240 (Urban and Rural Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Bernard Sanders (I-VT)

Overview: Provides assistance for the development of indoor disease prevention and health promotion centers in urban and rural areas throughout the U.S.

Status: Introduced on May 10, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2945 (Prostate Cancer Research and Prevention Act)

Sponsor: Representative Frank A. LoBiondo (R-NJ)

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize appropriations for FY2006-FY 2010 for (1) the Secretary of HHS, acting through the Director of the CDC to make grants to states and local health departments to carry out preventive health

measures related to prostate cancer; and (2) the Director of NCI to expand, intensify, and coordinate prostate cancer research activities.

Status: Introduced on June 16, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3640 (Minority Health Care)

Sponsor: Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA)

Overview: Establishes a program to provide screenings and treatment for cancer to minority or underserved populations.

Status: Introduced on July 29, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5472/S 1687 (National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2006)

Sponsor: HR 5472 was introduced by Representative Sue Myrick (R-NC). S 1687 was introduced by Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD).

Overview: Allows the Secretary of HHS to waive requirements for awarding breast and cervical cancer grants to states if certain conditions are met, including that the Secretary finds that granting such a waiver will not reduce the number of women in the state receiving examinations and screening for breast and cervical cancers nor the quality of such services.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on May 24, 2006 and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, who ordered the bill to be reported to the full House on Sept. 27, 2006 (H.Rept. 109-705). In the Senate, the bill was introduced on September 12, 2005 and referred to the Senate HELP Committee, who has not acted on the bill. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5514 (Medicare Lung Cancer Screening Benefit Act of 2006)

Sponsor: Representative Clay Shaw (R-FL)

Overview: Amends the Social Security Act to provide coverage for lung cancer screening tests for certain high risk individuals under the Medicare Program.

Status: Introduced on May 25, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Ways and Means. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 6135 (Prostate Cancer Screening and Treatment)

Sponsor: Representative Jim Marshall (D-GA)

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act and title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a screening and treatment program for prostate cancer in the same manner as is provided for breast and cervical cancer.

Status: Introduced on Sept. 21, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 863 (Advanced Imaging for Prostate Cancer)

Sponsor: Representative Elijah Cummings (D-MD)

Overview: Expresses the sense of the House that there needs to be an increase in federal government commitment to supporting development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and treatment.

Status: Introduced on June 12, 2006, and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1074 (Healthy Lifestyles and Prevention (HeLP) America Act)

Sponsor: Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)

Overview: Reorients the Nation's health care system toward prevention, wellness, and self-care.

Status: Introduced on May 18, 2005 and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2915 (To Improve Colorectal Screening Benefits for TRICARE Beneficiaries)

Sponsor: Senator Joe Biden (D-DE)

Overview: Members and former members of the uniformed services who are 50 years of age or older are entitled to colorectal screening tests regardless of risk or previous diagnosis.

Status: Introduced on May 19, 2006, and referred to the Senate Committee on Armed Services. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 154 (National Mammography Day)

Sponsor: Senator Joe Biden (D-DE)

Overview: Designates October 21, 2005, as "National Mammography Day."

Status: Introduced on May 25, 2005, and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent on June 28, 2005.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 508

Sponsor: Senator Joe Biden (D-DE)

Overview: Designates October 21, 2006 as "National Mammography Day."

Status: Introduced on June 13, 2006, and referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. The bill passed the Senate on July 12, 2006.

Stem Cells/Cloning

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 166

Sponsor: Representative Jay Israel (D-NY)

Overview: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal Government should not infringe on State or private programs that fund embryonic stem cell research.

Status: Introduced on May 24, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 162 (Stem Cell Replenishment Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA)

Overview: Authorizes the use of federal funds for research on human embryonic stem cells irrespective of the date on which such stem cells were derived. The Director of NIH would be required to review the guidelines and notices published by NIH with respect to human embryonic stem cell research and revise these guidelines and notices to ensure the availability of not less than 60 stem cell lines that are scientifically fit for distribution for research purposes.

Status: Introduced on Jan. 4, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 596/S681 (Cord Blood Stem Cell Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 596 was introduced by Representative Christopher Smith (R-NJ). S 681 was introduced by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT).

Overview: Establishes a National Cord Blood Stem Cell Bank Network to prepare, store and distribute human umbilical cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and to support peer reviewed research using such cells.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on Feb. 2, 2005 and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on March 17, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 810/S471 (Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 810 was introduced by Representative Mike Castle (R-DE). S 471 was introduced by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA).

Overview: Provides for human embryonic stem cell research, including use federal funds to be used in research.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on Feb. 16, 2005 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The bill passed the House (238-194) on May 24, 2005. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on Feb. 18, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. The bill passed the Senate (63-37) on July 18, 2006. It was vetoed by President on July 19, 2006. House failed to get 2/3 majority required to override the veto.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1357/S 658 (Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2005)

Sponsor: HR 1357 was introduced by Representative Dave Weldon (R-FL). S 658 was introduced by Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS).

Overview: Prohibits human cloning.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on March 17, 2005 and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on March 17, 2005, and referred to Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1650 (Stem Cell Research Investment Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Nancy Johnson (R-CT)

Overview: Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax credits to holders of stem cell research bonds.

Status: The bill was introduced on April 14, 2005, and referred to House Committee on Ways and Means. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2520 – PL 109-129 (Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ)

Overview: Creates a federal program to collect and store umbilical cord blood stem cells. Reauthorizes and expands the current bone marrow registry program to both bone-marrow and cord-blood transplants.

Status: Introduced in House on May 23, 2005. House passed the bill by 3/4th majority on May 24, 2005. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) amended H.R. 2520 on Dec. 16, 2005, by striking all text and adding the text from S. 1317. Bill passed the Senate and House with amendment. The bill was presented to and signed by the President on Dec. 20, 2005.

Bill Number/Status: HR 2541 (Joe Testaverde Adult Stem Cell Research Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Peter King (R-NY)

Overview: Provides for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the activities of the NIH regarding qualifying adult stem cell research.

Status: Introduced on May 23, 2005, and referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2574 (Respect for Life Embryonic Stem Cell Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD)

Overview: Provides for a program at the NIH to conduct and support research on animals to develop techniques for the extraction of stem cells from embryos that do not harm the embryos.

Status: Introduced on May 24, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3144 (Pluripotent Stem Cell Research)

Sponsor: Representative Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD)

Overview: Provides for a program at the NIH to conduct and support research in the derivation and use of human pluripotent stem cells by means that do not harm human embryos, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on June 30, 2005, and referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3444 (Cures Can Be Found Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Ron Paul (R-TX)

Overview: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow tax credits for donations to stem cell research or storage facilities; of umbilical cord blood. Allows credits only for donations to facilities that do not engage in research on stem cells derived from human embryos.

Status: The bill was introduced on July 26, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5526/S 2754 (Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act)

Sponsor: HR 5526 was introduced by Representative Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD). S 2754 was introduced by Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA).

Overview: Requires NIH to fund peer-reviewed research to develop techniques for the isolation and production of pluripotent stem cells, without deriving such cells from human embryos.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on June 6, 2006, and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on May 5, 2006, and referred to Senate HELP Committee. The bill failed to pass the House (273-154) on July 18, 2006.

Bill Number/Title: S 1317 (Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Therapy and Research Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT)

Overview: Creates a national network for cord blood donations, coordinate that program with the national bone marrow donation program and establish a database to collect and maintain the treatment outcomes of patients receiving stem cell therapeutic products.

Status: The bill was introduced on June 27, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee where it was reported from on July 11, 2005. Text from S. 1317 was inserted into HR 2520 which became law (PL 109-129) on Dec. 20, 2005.

Bill Number/Title: S 1557 (Respect for Life Pluripotent Stem Cell Act of 2005)

Sponsor: Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK)

Overview: Provides for a program at NIH to conduct and support research in the derivation and use of human pluripotent stem cells by means that do not harm human embryos, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on July 29, 2005, and referred to Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Survivorship

Bill Number/Title: HR 5390 (Cancer Survivorship Research and Quality of Life Act of 2006)

Sponsor: Representative Roger F. Wicker (R-MS)

Overview: Provides for the expansion and coordination of activities of the NIH and the CDC with respect to research and programs on cancer survivorship.

Status: Introduced on May 16, 2006, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Tobacco

Bill Number/Title: HR 1376/S 666 (FDA Tobacco Regulation/Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act)

Sponsor: HR 1376 was introduced by Representative Thomas Davis (R-VA). S 666 was introduced by Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH).

Overview: Provides the FDA with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

Status: The bill was introduced in the House on March 17, 2005, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. In the Senate, the bill was introduced on March 17, 2005, and referred to the Senate HELP Committee. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2813 (Nonmailability of certain tobacco products)

Sponsor: Representative John McHugh (R-NY)

Overview: Makes cigarettes and other certain tobacco products nonmailable.

Status: The bill was introduced on June 8, 2005, and referred to House Committee on Government Reform. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3593 (Tobacco Vending Machines)

Sponsor: Representative Steven R. Rothman (D-NJ)

Overview: Prohibits the use of vending machines to sell tobacco products in all locations other than in locations in which the presence of minors is not permitted.

Status: The bill was introduced on July 18, 2005, and referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 3915 (Smoke Free Mothers and Babies Act of 2006)

Sponsor: Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)

Overview: Amends title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant women enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services.

Status: The bill was introduced on Sept. 20, 2006, and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. When the 109th Congress adjourned, this measure died.