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Bill Number/Title: HJ RES 20 (Fiscal Year 2007 Continuing Resolution)

Sponsor: Introduced 1/29/07 by Representative David Obey (D-WI)

Overview: Under this joint resolution, NCI is funded at FY 2006 levels.

Status: Passed the House on 1/31/08. Passed the Senate 2/14/08. Signed by the President and became Public Law 110-5 on 2/15/07.

Bill Number/Title: HJ RES 52 (Fiscal Year 2008 Continuing Resolution)

Sponsor: Introduced 9/25/07 by Representative David Obey (D-WI)

Overview: Under this joint resolution, NCI is funded at FY 2007 levels through 11/16/07.

Status: Passed the House on 9/26/07. Passed the Senate on 9/27/07. Became Public Law 110-92 on 9/29/07.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3222 (Div. B – Second Continuing Resolution FY 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced 7/30/2007 by Rep. Murtha, John P. [PA]

Overview: Attached to the Defense appropriations bill. Under HR 3222, Div. B, NCI is funded at FY 2007 levels through 12/14/07.

Status: Passed the House on 8/5/07. Passed the Senate 10/3/07. Became Public Law 110-116 on 11/13/07.

Bill Number/Title: HJ RES 69 (Third Continuing Resolution FY 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced 12/12/07 by Rep. Obey, David [WI]

Overview: Under this joint resolution, NCI is funded at FY 2007 levels through 12/21/07.

Status: Passed the House and Senate on 12/13/07. Became Public Law 110-137 on 12/14/07.

Bill Number/Title: HJ RES 72 (Fourth Continuing Resolution FY 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced 12/18/07 by Rep. Obey, David [WI]

Overview: Under this joint resolution, NCI is funded at FY 2007 levels through 12/31/07.

Status: Passed the House and Senate on 12/19/07. Became Public Law 110-149 on 12/21/07.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3043/S 1710 (Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. David Obey (D-WI) on 6/13/07. Introduced in Senate by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) on 6/27/07.

Overview: The House bill provides \$29.4 billion for NIH and \$4,870,382,000 for NCI. The Senate bill provides \$29.6 billion for NIH and \$4,910,160,000 for NCI.

Status: The House bill passed the full House on 7/19/07- one vote short of a veto-proof majority. The Senate reported S 1710 favorably from the Appropriations Committee 6/27/07. Subsequently, FY 2008 Appropriations for Labor, HHS, and Education were included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act (HR 2764). This made the stand alone House and Senate bills (HR 3043 and S 1710) unnecessary.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2764 (Consolidated Appropriations Act FY 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced 6/18/07 by Rep. Lowey, Nita [NY]

Overview: HR 2764 became the vehicle for the 11 consolidated domestic spending bills after the Labor-HHS-Education bill was vetoed and the veto override was unsuccessful. This omnibus bill includes \$4.8 billion for the NCI, an increase of \$12.5 million above FY07 and an increase of \$23 million above the FY08 President's Budget.

Status: Original bill (House Report 110-197) Passed the House on 6/22/07 and the Senate on 9/6/07. Resolving differences, the omnibus amendment passed the House and Senate on 12/18/07. Became Public Law 110-161 on 12/26/07.

Bill Number/Title: S 3272 (NIH Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) on 7/16/08, and has 6 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would make emergency supplemental appropriations for the National Institutes of Health for the fiscal year ending 9/30/08. The National Cancer Institute would receive \$1.2 billion.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations on 7/16/08. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2642, PL 110-252 (Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008 'War Supplemental')

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Chet Edwards (D-TX) on 6/11/07.

Overview: This bill appropriates \$186.5 billion in supplemental fiscal year 2008 and 2009 funds to cover costs relating to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, foreign aid and various domestic spending programs including NIH. The NIH received an additional amount of \$150 million, of which NCI received \$25 million.

Status: Original bill passed the House on 6/15/07. Passed the Senate with an amendment on 9/6/07. On 5/15/08 the House concurred with Senate amendments. Resolving differences, the bill passed the House on 6/19/08 and the Senate on 6/22/08.

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Bill Number/Title: S CON RES 70 (Fiscal 2009 Senate Budget Resolution)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND) on March 7, 2008, and has no cosponsors.

Overview: The conferees agreed that it would provide the House and Senate Appropriations committees with \$1 trillion discretionary budget authority (appropriations) for fiscal 2009, \$20.1 billion, or 2 percent, more than the president's proposed budget.

Status: The budget resolution conference agreement was reported on 5/20/08. Conference report 110-659 was passed by both the Senate 6/4/08 and the House on 6/5/08.

Bill Number/Title: S 3230 (Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) on 7/8/08

Overview: Provides \$30.255 billion for NIH; and \$4.959 billion for NCI.

Status: The Labor HHS, Education Subcommittee approved the bill on 6/24 and held a hearing on 7/16/08. The Appropriations Committee reported the bill on 7/8/08 (S Rpt 110-410). However, the bill was not voted on by the full Senate. Appropriations (at FY 08 levels) for these agencies are provided as a result of the enactment of HR 2638 through 3/6/09. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this particular bill died. Some or all of the provisions included in this bill could be included in a new appropriation bill in the 111th Congress.

Bill Number/Title: Draft Bill HGW 207 (Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2009)

Sponsor: The bill was sponsored by Rep. David Obey (D-WI), but was never introduced

Overview: Provides \$30.38 billion for NIH; and \$4.975 billion for NCI.

Status: The draft bill was never introduced in the House. The Labor, HHS, Education Subcommittee held a hearing on 3/5/08, and approved the bill on 6/24. The full Appropriations Committee did not complete their markup of the bill, and the full House did not vote on the bill.

Bill Number/Title: S 3260 (Fiscal Year 2009 Financial Services Appropriations)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) on 7/14/08 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: Provisions of interest include: a 3.9 percent cost of living increase for Federal employees, and a new provision that would place a year-long moratorium on the announcement of A-76 studies or competitions.

Status: On 7/14/08, the Senate Appropriations Chairman (Sen. Robert Byrd [D-WV]) reported (S. Rept. 110-417) the FY 2009 appropriations bill for financial services and general government. Appropriations (at FY 08 levels) for these agencies are provided as a result of the enactment of HR 2638 through 3/6/09. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this particular bill died. Some or all of the provisions included in this bill could be included in a new appropriations bill in the 111th Congress.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2638, PL 110-329 (Fiscal 2009 Continuing Resolution)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. David Price (D-NC) on 6/8/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: This spending bill keeps most agencies funded at FY 2008 levels through 03/06/09. This bill contains full-year fiscal 2009 funding for military construction and the departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security. Under this resolution, NIH receives \$29.012 billion and NCI receives \$4.805 billion.

Status: The bill passed the House on 9/24/08 (370-58) and passed the Senate on 9/27/08 (78-12). The President signed the measure on 9/30/08. (P.L. 110 – 329).

Bill Number/Title: HR 6791 (National Cancer Fund Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Brian Higgins (D-NY) and Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) on 8/01/08 and has 11 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would establish a National Cancer Fund in the U.S. Treasury. It would be funded through an increase in excise taxes on tobacco products. The bill would also make several changes to the President's Cancer Panel.

Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce on 8/1/08. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Federal Health Care Policy

Bill Number/Title: HR 2676/S 2999 (Access to Cancer Clinical Trials Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 2676 introduced by Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-OH) on 6/12/07 and has 38 cosponsors. S 2999 introduced 5/8/08 by Sen. Brown, Sherrod (D-OH) and has 3 cosponsors.

Overview: Prohibits a group health plan from denying an eligible participant or beneficiary participation in clinical trials related to the treatment of cancer that are federally funded or conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the FDA.

Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committees on Education and Labor, and the Ways and Means Committee on 6/12/07. Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions on 5/8/08. No further action was taken on either of these bills; When the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3434 (Americans Saving Through Health Research Bonds Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Steve Pearce (R-NM) on 8/3/07 and has 21 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would allow the Secretary of HHS to provide for the issuance of bonds for the benefit of the NIH.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means 8/3/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5711 (Assure Access to Mammography Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY) on 4/3/08 and has 1 cosponsor (Peter King, D-NY).

Overview: Amends part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to establish a floor for payment of screening and diagnostic mammography under Medicare Program.

Status: Referred to the House Energy and Commerce and House Ways and Means Subcommittees on Health. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 758/S 459 (Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2007)

Sponsor: H.R. 758 was introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) on 1/31/07 and S. 459 was introduced by Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME) on 1/31/07.

Overview: Amends the ERISA Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan or a health issuer offering group health insurance coverage that provides medical and surgical benefits to ensure that inpatient (and in the case of a lumpectomy, outpatient) coverage and radiation therapy are provided for breast cancer treatment.

Status: The House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Health held hearing on 5/21/07. The bill was reported out of committee (House Report 110-868) on 9/23/07. Passed the House on 9/25/07. The bill was received in the Senate 9/25/07, but was not scheduled for a vote. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1064/S 597 (Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act)

Sponsor: HR 1064, introduced by Rep. Joe Baca (D-CA) on 2/15/07 and has 218 cosponsors. S 597 introduced by Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) on 2/14/07 and has 62 cosponsors.

Overview: Extends through December 31, 2011, provisions requiring the U.S. Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp for first-class mail that costs not less than 15% more than the regular first-class stamp to contribute funding for breast cancer research. In addition, requires the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Defense (DOD) to annually report to Congress and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on the use of any such funding, including a description of any significant advances or accomplishments.

Status: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent on 11/14/07. Passed and agreed to in the House 12/11/07. The Senate version, S597, was signed by the President and became Public Law 110-150 on 12/21/07.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4684 (Cancer and Terminal Illness Patient Health Care Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) on 12/13/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: Amends 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.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. No further action occurred; when the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1553/S 911 (Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 1553 introduced by Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-OH) on 3/15/07 and has 183 cosponsors. S 911 introduced by Senators Jack Reed (D-RI) and Norm Coleman (R-MN) on 3/19/07 and has 45 cosponsors.

Overview: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

Status: Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee. House Subcommittee mark up session held 4/23/08. Full Committee mark up session held 5/7/08. Reported as amended in House Report 110-706 on 6/10/08. Passed the House as amended 6/12/08. Passed the Senate 7/16/08. H.R.1553 became Public Law 110-285 on 7/29/2008.

Bill Number/Title: HR 976/S 1893 (Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) on 2/9/07 and has 72 cosponsors. S 1893 was introduced by Sen. Baucus, Max (D-MT) on 7/26/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: As passed in the House 2/16/07, H.R. 976 was the Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007. In the Senate, the text for S. 1893, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 was substituted into H.R. 976. As sent to the President, H.R. 976 is the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007.

Status: Passed by the House on 2/16/07. Passed by the Senate on 8/2/07. Resolving differences, the House and Senate agreed to amendments 9/27/07. Vetoed by President on 10/3/07. House

failed to override the veto with the required 2/3 vote on 10/18/07. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 6766/S 3329 (Compensation and Respect for Energy Workers Act of 2008 ‘The CARE Act’)

Sponsor: HR 6766 introduced by Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO) on 7/31/08, and has 1 cosponsor. S 3329 introduced by Sen. Ken Salazar (D-CO) on 7/24/07 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: Expands the eligible cancer diagnoses for which individuals are eligible to receive compensation under the Energy Employees Compensation program Act of 2000 and the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, and the House Committee on Education and Labor 7/31/07. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 7/24/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HJ RES 54 (Congressional Disapproval of CMS Ruling – CAG-000383N)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) on 9/27/07.

Overview: This joint resolution expresses the congressional disapproval of the rule relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions submitted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Ways and Means 9/27/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1561/S 484 (Enhancing Drug Safety and Innovation Act of 2007)

Sponsor: S. 484 was introduced by Sen. Michael Enzi (R-WY) on 2/1/07 and has 1 cosponsor. H.R. 1561 was introduced by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) on 3/19/07 and has 12 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require an application for approval for a new drug or biological product to include a proposed risk evaluation and mitigation strategy which must include labeling for the drug for use by health care providers, among other things. Requires the Secretary of HHS to establish the Reagan-Udall Institute for Applied Biomedical Research as a nonprofit corporation to advance the Critical Path Initiative.

Status: Senate bill referred to Committee on Health Education Labor and Pensions and hearing held 3/14/07. House bill referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 3/19/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1108/S 625 (Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act)

Sponsor: HR 1108 introduced by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) on 2/15/07, and has 233 cosponsors. S 625 introduced 2/15/07 by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and has 59 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would give the FDA certain authority to regulate tobacco products. The agency’s authority to regulate would be financed by a 2.5 cents user fee charged to tobacco manufacturers for every pack of cigarettes. The White House issued its veto threat on 7/30/08, before the House voted.

Status: The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on 10/3/07. Reported as amended (House Report 110-762) by the House Committee on 7/17/08. Passed the House (326-102) on 7/30/08. White House issued veto threat 7/20/08. The bill was

referred to the Senate on 8/1/08, but was not voted on. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5687 (Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. William Clay (D-MO) on 4/30/08, and is cosponsored by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA)

Overview: The bill would require that all appointments to advisory committees be made without regard to political affiliation or political activity.

Status: The bill was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government, which reported the bill out of Committee on 5/15/08 (House Report 110-650). Passed the House on 6/24/08 and referred to the Senate. The Senate did not vote on the bill, When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 3341 (Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. George Voinovich (R-OH) 7/26/08.

Overview: This bill would reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (PL 106-107), which required consolidated grants management systems across the government (grants.gov). The program is due to expire, and this bill would codify the law permanently.

Status: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affaris; reports by the Committee on 7/30/08, and passed by the full Senate on 9/22/08. On 9/23/08 the bill was received in the House and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 484 (Enhancing Drug Safety and Innovation Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Michael Enzi (R-WY) on 2/1/07 has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: Similar to S 467 (see entry below), this bill would create two clinical trials databases: A clinical trial registry database with both publicly and privately funded studies listed and a clinical trial results database.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died. However, both the clinical trial registry and the clinical trials results database were included in a later bill which became law (see entries below).

Bill Number/Title: S 467 (Fair Access to Clinical Trials Act – FACT Act)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-CT) on 1/31/07 has 7 cosponsors.

Overview: This Act would create a publicly accessible national data bank of clinical trial information comprised of a clinical trial registry and a clinical trial results database; among other things.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died. However, both the clinical trial registry and the clinical trials results database were included in a later bill which became law (see entry below).

Bill Number/Title: HR 3580/S 1082 (Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 3580 introduced by Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) on 9/19/07. S 1082 introduced by Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. (D-MA) on 4/10/07.

Overview: Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize the collection of prescription drug user fees for FY2008-FY2012. Requires NIH to expand the clinical trial registry (clinicaltrials.gov) and creates a clinical trial results database. HR 2900 was introduced by Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) on 6/28/07.

Status: Without passage of this bill, the FDA would not have authority to collect drug user fees. Rep. Dingell moved to suspend the rules, and following a 40 minute debate on the bill, it passed on 9/19/07. Passed the Senate without amendment 9/20/07. HR 3580 became Public Law 110-85 on 9/27/07.

Bill Number/Title: HR 493/S 358 (Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 493 introduced by Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) 1/16/07 and has 224 cosponsors. S. 358 introduced by Sen. Snowe (R-ME) 1/22/07 and has 45 cosponsors.

Overview: Forbids insurers and employers from requiring people to submit to genetic testing and from using genetic information to deny people insurance coverage, raise insurance premiums, or hire and fire workers. On 3/5/08 the text of this bill, as passed by the House, was included in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (HR 1424).

Status: House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee hearing held 3/8/07. A Statement of Administrative Policy was released on 4/25/07, in favor of House passage of this legislation. Passed the House 4/25/07. Passed the Senate 4/24/08. On 3/5/08 the text of HR 493 was engrossed into HR 1424 and became Public Law 110-233 on 5/21/08.

Bill Number/Title: HR 6498/S 976 (Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act of 2008)

Sponsor: HR 6498 introduced by Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) on 7/15/08 and has no cosponsors. S 976 introduced by Sen. Barack Obama on 3/23/07 and has 2 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would require the HHS to establish a Genomics and Personalized Medicine Interagency Working Group responsible for facilitating collaboration, coordination, and integration of the activities of DHHS and other Federal agencies.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the House Committee on Ways and Means 7/15/08. Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 3/23/07. Neither bill was acted upon. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5585 (Improving Cancer Treatment Education and Cancer Symptom Management Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) on 3/11/08 and has 21 cosponsors.

Overview: Provides treatment and education services to Medicare recipients who have cancer. It would also require the Director of NIH to establish a nurse intervention research grant program to study cancer symptom management care and services.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the House Committee on Ways and Means on 3/11/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 6331 (Improvements for Patients and Providers Act)

Sponsor: Introduced on 6/20/08 by Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY).

Overview: Extends expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to

maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes. This bill prevents a 10.6 percent cut in payments to physicians treating Medicare patients, freezes current payment rates for 18 months and provides a 1.1% percent increase in 2009.

Status: Passed the House 6/24/08. Passed the Senate 7/9/08. Vetoed by the President 7/15/08. The House and Senate voted to overturn the veto on 7/15/08. Became Public Law 110-275 on 7/15/08.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1311/S 758/S 3213 (Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act)

Sponsor: HR 1311 introduced by Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-NV) on 3/5/07 and has 2 cosponsors. S.758 introduced by Sen. John Ensign (R-NV) on 3/5/07 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: Directs the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to convey to the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, all interest of the United States in and to the Alta-Hualapai Site for use by the City for the development of a nonprofit cancer treatment facility; among other things.

Status: HR 1311 passed the House on 3/4/08. Referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on 3/5/08. Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests hearing held on 4/15/08. **HR 1311 was incorporated into S 3213**, The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2008 along with many other bills that had been reported by the Committee in an effort to act on a series of bills which were not able to pass the Senate individually. Although the Committee approved many of the bills en bloc, including HR 1311, the full Senate did not vote on S 3213. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5468/S 2629 (Nino's Act)

Sponsor: HR 5468 introduced by Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA) on 2/14/08 and has 5 cosponsors. S 2629 introduced by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) on 2/13/08 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: The legislation would require Medicaid to pay for the cost of treatments children received as participants in clinical trials conducted or funded by NIH once the trial ends, if they have insufficient or no health insurance coverage.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 2/13/08. Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 2/14/08. There was no further action on either bill; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1153 (Parental Rights to Decide Protection Act)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) on 2/16/07 and has 70 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would prohibit the use of Federal funds or other Federal assistance for mandatory human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programs.

Status: Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health 2/27/07. There was no further action; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1236 (Permanent Authority to Issue Breast Cancer Stamp)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. William L. Clay (D-MO) on 2/28/07

Overview: This bill would make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research.

Status: The House Committee on Energy and Commerce reported the bill favorably to the full House on 10/16/07. Rep. Clay moved to suspend the rules to pass the bill and following a 40

minute debate, the House passed the bill on 10/30/07. The Senate received the bill on 11/1/07 but did not act on it. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died. However, S 597 was enacted (PL 110-15), and although it does not make the authority to issue breast cancer stamps permanent, it does extend the authority through 2011.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5605/S 2029 (Physicians Payments Sunshine Act of 2008)

Sponsor: HR 5605 introduced by Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) on 3/13/08 and has 13 cosponsors. S.2029 introduced by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) 9/16/07 and has 6 cosponsors.

Overview: Requires quarterly transparency reports to the Secretary of HHS of payments to physicians or their employers, or to a covered organization in which a physician has a significant professional membership interest, by manufacturers of covered drugs, devices, or medical supplies under Medicare, Medicaid, or State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Status: Referred to the House Energy and Commerce and House *Ways and Means Committees* 3/19/08. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 9/6/07. There was no further action; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3379 (Radiation Exposure and Compensation Act Amendment)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam) on 8/3/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Radiation Exposure and Compensation Act (RECA) to include the Territory of Guam in the list of areas affected by atmospheric nuclear testing. Requires the NCI, in collaboration with the CDC, to evaluate whether an individual submitting an application is eligible for compensation under this Act on a case-by-case basis.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law 9/10/07. There was no further action; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 305 (Resolution to Express the Sense of the Senate Regarding the Medicare National Coverage Determination on the Treatment of Anemia in Cancer Patients)

Sponsor: Introduced in the Senate by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) on 8/3/07 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: Expresses the sense of the Senate that CMS should begin an immediate reconsideration of the final National Coverage Determination on the Use of Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents in Cancer and Related Neoplastic Conditions (CAG-000383N) and for other purposes.

Status: Passed by unanimous consent in the Senate on Sept. 4, 2007. No further action will occur, as this resolution is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3537 (Taxpayers' Cancer Research Funding Act of 2007)

Status: Introduced in the House by Rep. Peter King (R-NY) on 9/14/07 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow taxpayers to designate on their tax returns a \$5 contribution to the Breast and Prostate Cancer Research Fund (\$10 for joint returns). Establishes in the Treasury the Breast and Prostate Cancer Research Fund to award grants for breast or prostate cancer research.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Ways and Means 9/14/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 113 (Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Conforming Amendments of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Jo Ann Davis (R-VA) in the House on 1/1/07.

Overview: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to require group health plans to provide coverage for post-mastectomy reconstructive surgery.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means 1/1/07. No further action occurred and when the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died. A bill with similar provisions, HR 758, was passed by the House.

Health Equity and Health Information

Bill Number/Title: HR 979 (Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Improvement Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by the late Rep. Charlie Norwood (R-GA) on 2/12/07 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: The bill outlines basic standards for access to medical care, including requiring managed care organizations to allow patients access to clinical trials and pay for the associated costs of the trial.

Status: Referred to the House Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means Committees on 2/12/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1190/S 1750 (Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 1190 introduced by Rep. Artur Davis (D-AL) on 2/27/07 and has 89 cosponsors. S 1750 introduced by Sen. Arlen Specter 7/9/07 and has 7 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill provides Medicare reimbursement assistance for community oncologists and ensures Medicare beneficiaries’ access to community-based cancer treatment.

Status: House bill was referred jointly to the House Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce Committees 2/27/07. Senate bill referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 7/9/07. No further action occurred on either bill. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 628 (Critical Access to Health Information Technology Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Norm Coleman (R-MN) on 2/15/07 and has 2 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants for rural health information technology development activities.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on 2/15/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5901 (Eliminating Disparities in Breast Cancer Treatment Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL) on 4/24/08, and has 33 cosponsors.

Overview: Eliminates contributing factors to disparities in breast cancer treatment through the development of a uniform set of consensus-based breast cancer treatment performance measures for a 6-year quality reporting system and value-based purchasing system under the Medicare Program.

Status: Referred jointly to House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees on 4/24/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1309 (Freedom of Information Act Amendments of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-MO) on 3/5/07 and has 2 cosponsors.

Overview: Provisions of interest to NCI would shorten the time limits on which to act on requests, require agencies to establish a system to assign an individualized tracking number for each request for information, and establish a telephone line or Internet service regarding the status of a request, among other things.

Status: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government. (House Report 110-45) on 3/12/07. Passed the House on 3/14/07 and received in the Senate the next day. Although this bill was not enacted, a related bill, S 2488, became Public Law 110-175 on 12/31/07.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3014 (Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Hilda Solis (D-CA) on 7/12/07, and has 114 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill aims to improve the health of minority individuals. Requires the Secretary of HHS to establish the Robert T. Matsui Center for Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Health Care.

Status: Referred to the Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Education and Labor, Natural Resources, and Judiciary committees 7/12/07. The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health held a hearing 6/24/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1408 (Health Information Technology Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) on 5/16/07.

Overview: Directs the Secretary of HHS to establish a program to award grants to eligible health care entities to offset costs related to clinical health care informatics systems and services, including costs for computer software and hardware, among other things.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 5/16/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1980/HR 4082 (Long-term Care Quality and Modernization Act of 2007)

Sponsor: S 1980 introduced by Sen. Gordon Smith (R-OR) on 8/2/07 and has 5 cosponsors. HR 4082 introduced by Rep. Earl Pomeroy (R-ND) on 11/6/07 and has 3 cosponsors.

Overview: Sec. 103 of this bill would give Medicare the authority to exclude high cost and low probability drugs used in the treatment of cancer from the Medicare prospective payment system for skilled nursing facilities.

Status: Senate bill was referred to the Finance Committee on 8/2/07, and House bill was referred jointly to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means on 11/6/07. No further action occurred on either bill; When the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2488/HR 1326/S 849 (Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National Government Act of 2007 or the OPEN Government Act of 2007)

Sponsor: S 2488 introduced by Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. (D-VT) 12/14/07. H.R. 1326 introduced in by Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) on 3/5/07. S. 849 introduced by Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) on 3/13/07.

Overview: Amends the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to revise requirements for federal agency disclosures of information requested under that Act. The aim of this bill is to speed up the process for public access to government documents under the act PL 85-619, known as FOIA.

Status: S 849 was passed in the Senate 8/3/07 and then held. Subsequently, S 2488 was introduced and passed in the Senate on 12/14/07. The House moved to suspend the rules and held a 40 minute debate before passing the bill on 12/18/07. S 2488 became Public Law 110-175 on 12/31/07.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1368 (Personalized Health Information Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) on 3/7/07 and has 5 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would establish financial incentives to encourage the adoption and use of interactive personal health records.

Status: Referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce on 3/7/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3800/S 1693 (Promoting Health Information Technology Act)

Sponsor: HR 3800 introduced by Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) on 10/10/07 and has 13 cosponsors. S 1693 introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) on 6/26/07 and has 13 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would advance the adoption of nationwide interoperable health information technology and to improve health care quality and reduce health care costs in the United States.

Status: The House bill was referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee 10/10/07. The Senate bill was referred to the Health Education Labor and Pensions Committee and was reported out of Committee favorably on 10/1/07 (Senate Report 110-187). No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 6179 (Promoting Health Information Technology Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Dave Camp (R-MI) on 6/4/08, and has 13 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would establish an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology within HHS and a Presidentially appointed Coordinator.

Status: Referred to the House Energy and Commerce, and House Ways and Means Committees 6/4/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Health Promotion and Awareness

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 230 (Breast Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. Ginny Waite-Brown (R-FL) on 10/10/07 and has 129 cosponsors.

Overview: This resolution supports the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in order to provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of monthly breast self-examinations and annual mammograms.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 10/10/07. Rep. Baldwin moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution and passed the house 10/29/07. Received in the Senate 10/30/07. Though this concurrent resolution does not carry the force of law, it

should be passed by both chambers, and it failed to pass the Senate. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 302 (Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX) on 2/25/08 and has 124 cosponsors.

Overview: This concurrent resolution expresses support for the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month to provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

Status: The House held a 40 minute debate and the bill passed the House on 3/31/08. Referred to the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on 4/1/08. Though this concurrent resolution does not carry the force of law, it should be passed by both chambers, and it failed to pass the Senate. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 335/S RES 87 (Declare Lung Cancer a Public Health Priority)

Sponsor: H Res 335 was introduced by Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA) on 4/24/07 and S Res 87 was introduced by Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) on 2/2/07.

Overview: A resolution expressing the sense of the House/Senate that the President should declare lung cancer a public health priority and should implement a comprehensive interagency program to reduce the lung cancer mortality by at least 50 percent by 2015.

Status: S Res 87 passed the Senate on 8/2/07, by unanimous consent. S RES 87 is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber. H Res 335 was referred to the Energy and Commerce Committee. Once the 110th Congress adjourns H Res 335 dies.

Bill Number/Title: S 866/HR 5835 (Health Promotion Funding Integrated Research, Synthesis, and Training Act or the Health Promotion FIRST Act)

Sponsor: S 866 introduced by Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) on 3/13/07 and has 4 cosponsors. HR 5835 introduced by Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL) on 4/17/08 has 15 cosponsors.

Overview: Requires the Secretary of HHS to develop a plan for health promotion that includes coordinating the health promotion activities of the Department of HHS, among other things.

Status: S 866 was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 3/13/07. HR 5835 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 4/17/07. No further action occurred on either bill; When the 110th Congress adjourned both these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 462 (National Asbestos Awareness Week)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT) on 2/27/08 and has 8 cosponsors.

Overview: Designates the first week of April 2008 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”.

Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary 2/27/08. Agreed to by the Senate on 3/5/08. No further action will occur as this resolution is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 424 (National Brain Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL) on 5/21/07 and has 51 cosponsors.

Overview: This resolution would designate May as National Brain Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 5/21/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died. However, a similar resolution (see next entry) was introduced in 2008, and that measure did pass.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 1124 (National Brain Tumor Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep Schakowsky, Janice D. (D-IL) on 4/22/08 and has 108 cosponsors.

Overview: This resolution supports the establishment of a National Brain Tumor Awareness Month.

Status: The House held 40 minutes of debate on the bill 5/19/08. Passed the House on 5/21/08. No further action will occur, as this resolution is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 216 (National Cancer Research Month)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on 5/24/07.

Overview: Would designate May as National Cancer Research Month and recognize the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Association for Cancer Research.

Status: S RES 216 was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary 5/24/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned S RES 216 died. However, Sen. Feinstein introduced a related resolution later in the year which did pass (see S RES 394).

Bill Number/Title: H RES 448 (National Cancer Research Month)

Sponsor: H RES 448 introduced by Rep. Jim Matheson (D-UT) on 5/24/07.

Overview: Would designate May as National Cancer Research Month.

Status: H RES 448 passed on 10/15/07. No further action will occur as H RES 448 is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 563 (National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Wayne Allard (D-CO) on 5/13/08 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: This resolution designates 9/13/08 as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day.

Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary on 5/13/08. Passed the Senate on 5/22/08. No further action will occur, as this resolution is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 498 (National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) on 4/2/08 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: This resolution designates 4/8/08, as "National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day."

Status: The resolution was introduced and passed by the Senate on 4/2/08. No further action will occur as this resolution is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 123 (National Kidney Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI) on 1/31/07 and has 15 cosponsors.

Overview: This resolution would establish March 2007 as National Kidney Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 1/31/07. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 698 (National Mammography Day)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) on 9/30/08, and has 10 cosponsors.

Overview: This resolution designates 10/17/08, as “National Mammography Day”.

Status: Passed by the Senate on 9/30/08. No further action will occur as this resolution is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 311/S RES 678 (National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) introduced S RES 311 on 9/7/07 and S RES 678 on 9/23/08.

Overview: These resolutions support the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: S RES 311 passed 9/7/07 and S RES 678 passed on 9/23/08. No further action will occur as these resolutions are formal expressions of opinion that do not carry the force of law and do not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 671 (National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: H RES 671 introduced by Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) on 9/24/07.

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

Status: H RES 671 was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 257/S RES 222/H RES 1328 (National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2007)

Sponsor: Rep. Todd Platts (R-PA) introduced H RES 257 on 3/20/07; S RES 222 introduced by Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) on 6/6/07.

Overview: This resolution would designate November, 2007, as National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: H RES 257 passed on Sept. 10, 2007. S RES 222 passed on Sept. 10, 2007. These resolutions are formal expressions of opinion that do not carry the force of law and do not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 1328 (National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2008)

Sponsor: Rep. Todd Platts (R-PA) introduced 7/9/08 and has 93 co-sponsors

Overview: This resolution would designate November, 2008, as National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: H RES 1328 was referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee but no further action occurred. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 7045 (National Plan to Advance Pancreatic Cancer Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) on 9/24/08, and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: This bill would require the Secretary to establish and implement a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative to assist in coordinating activities to address the high mortality rate associated with pancreatic cancer.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 9/24/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 288 and S RES 667 (National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) introduced S RES 288 on 8/7/07 and S RES 667 on 9/18/08.

Overview: These resolutions support the goals and ideals of National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; And designates September as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”. S RES 288 pertains to 2007, and SRES 667 pertains to 2008.

Status: S RES 288 passed on 8/7/07 making Sept. 2007 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and S RES 667 passed on 9/18/08 doing the same in 2008. No further action will occur as these resolutions are formal expressions of opinion that do not carry the force of law and do not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 672 and S RES 307

Sponsor: H RES 672 was introduced by Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA) on 9/24/07 and S RES 307 was introduced by Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) on 9/5/07.

Overview: These resolutions support the goals and ideals of National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; And designates September as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”.

Status: H RES 672 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. S RES 307 was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. When the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died. However, these resolutions were not needed because S RES 288 had already passed (see previous item).

Bill Number/Title: HR 2468 (Ovarian and Cervical Cancer Awareness Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY) on 5/23/07 and has 28 cosponsors.

Overview: The purposes of this Act include raising awareness about ovarian and cervical cancers AND promoting early detection methods for ovarian and cervical cancer.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 5/23/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3536 (Paget’s Cancer Awareness Act)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Peter King (R-NY) on 9/14/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: This bill directs the Secretary of HHS to provide information and education to health professionals and the general public on the symptoms and treatment for Paget's disease of the breast.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 9/14/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 1412 (Pink Prayer Day)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Peter Roskam (R-IL) on 8/1/08, and has no cosponsors.

Overview: This resolution expresses support for the designation of October 15th as Pink Prayer Day and applauds the actions of those who strive to combat and raise public awareness of breast cancer.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on 8/1/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 288/S RES 335 (Prostate Cancer a Health Crisis for African-American Men)

Sponsor: H RES 288 introduced by Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY) on 3/29/07. S RES 335 introduced by Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) on 9/27/07.

Overview: These resolutions recognize that the occurrence of prostate cancer in African-American men has reached epidemic proportions.

Status: H RES 288 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. S RES 335 was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 129 (Recognizing Susan G. Komen for the Cure)

Sponsor: H Con Res 129 was introduced by Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) on 4/25/07.

Overview: Congratulates Susan G. Komen for the Cure on its 25th anniversary. Recognizes that organization as a global leader in the fight against breast cancer.

Status: H CON RES 129 is a concurrent resolution, as such it must be passed by both chambers. It failed to pass either the House or Senate, therefore when the 110th Congress adjourned, the concurrent resolution died. However, a Senate resolution with similar sentiments, did pass the Senate (see entry below).

Bill Number/Title: S RES 169 (Recognizing Susan G. Komen for the Cure)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) on 4/24/07.

Overview: Congratulates Susan G. Komen for the Cure on its 25th anniversary. Recognizes that organization as a global leader in the fight against breast cancer.

Status: S RES 169 passed the Senate on 4/24/07. No further action will occur as S RES 169 is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 394 (Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Association for Cancer Research)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) on 12/6/2007, and has 2 cosponsors.

Overview: This resolution recognizes the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Association for Cancer Research and designates May 2007 as National Cancer Research Month.

Status: Passed the Senate on 12/6/07. No further action will occur as this resolution is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 1300 (Resolution to Encourage Research on Inflammatory Breast Cancer)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY) on 6/24/08, and has 10 cosponsors.

Overview: This resolution declares that the federal government has a responsibility to raise awareness and improve education about inflammatory breast cancer.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 6/24/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2005 (Secondhand Smoke Education and Outreach Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) on 8/3/07 and has 3 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to provide education on the health consequences of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions 8/3/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 307 (Support Efforts to Increase Childhood Cancer Awareness)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) on 9/5/07.

Overview: This resolution supports efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment and research.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. Since no further action occurred, this resolution died when the 110th Congress adjourned. However, subsequently, resolutions with similar sentiments did pass both the House and Senate (see entry below).

Bill Number/Title: H RES 470 and S RES 325 (Support Efforts to Increase Childhood Cancer Awareness)

Sponsor: H RES introduced by Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-OH) on 6/7/07. S Res 325 introduced by Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) on 9/25/07.

Overview: These resolutions support efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment and research.

Status: H RES 470 and SRES 325 both passed on Sept. 25, 2007. No further action will occur as these resolutions are formal expressions of opinion that do not carry the force of law and do not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 254 (Supporting Efforts for Increased Health Living for Childhood Cancer Survivors)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Norm Coleman (R-MN) on 6/25/07 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: A resolution supporting the efforts for increased healthy living for childhood cancer survivors.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions 6/25/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 945/S 668 (Tanning Accountability and Notification Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 945 introduced by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) on 2/8/07 and S. 668 introduced by Sen. Jack Reid (D-RI) on 2/16/07.

Overview: This bill would require the FDA to conduct consumer testing to determine the appropriateness of the current labeling requirements for indoor tanning devices and determine whether such requirements provide sufficient information to consumers regarding the risks that the use of such devices pose for the development of irreversible damage to the skin, including skin cancer.

Status: HR 945 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 2/9/07. S 668 was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 2/16/07.

Further action did not occur on either bill; When the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Science, Research and Technology

Bill Number/Title: S 2988 (Accelerating Cures Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) on 5/7/08, and has no cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would establish a 'Pathways to Cures' Subcommittee within the Council of Councils of the Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives (OPASI) of the NIH.

Status: Referred to the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on 5/7/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 3408 (Comparative Effectiveness Research Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) on 7/31/08, and has 3 cosponsors.

Overview: The bill would establish a nonprofit corporation called the Health Care Comparative Effectiveness Research Institute to contract with appropriate Federal agencies or the private sector to conduct comparative effectiveness research.

Status: Referred to the Committee on Finance 7/31/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 30 (Hope Offered through Principled and Ethical Stem Cell Research Act or the HOPE Act)

Sponsor: Introduced by Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN) on 3/29/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: Sec. 3 amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of HHS to develop techniques for the isolation, derivation, production, or testing of stem cells, including pluripotent stem cells that have the flexibility of embryonic stem cells (whether or not they have an embryonic source), that may result in improved understanding of or treatments for diseases and other adverse health conditions, provided that such techniques do not involve: (1) the creation of a human embryo or embryos for research purposes; or (2) the destruction or discarding of, or risk of injury to, a human embryo or embryos other than those that are naturally dead.

Status: The Administration issued a Statement of Administration Policy supporting passage of this bill on 4/10/07. The bill passed the Senate on 4/11/07 and was sent to the House on 4/12/07. It was referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee but was not acted upon. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3235 (Nanotechnology Advancement and New Opportunities Act)

Sponsor: Introduced by Representative Mike Honda (D-CA) on 7/31/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: (Sec 11) Would require the Secretary of HHS to establish on a merit reviewed and competitive basis a grant program for nanotechnology research to address the health related applications of nanotechnology.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and House Committee on Science and Technology 7/31/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1892/S 957 (National Amniotic and Placental Stem Cell Bank Act of 2007)

Sponsor: H.R. 1892 was introduced by Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL) on 4/17/07. S. 957 was introduced by Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC) on 3/22/07.

Overview: Directs the Secretary of HHS to enter into one-time contracts with qualified amniotic fluid and placental stem cell banks to assist in the collection and maintenance of 100,000 new units of high-quality amniotic fluid and placental stem cells to be made available for research through the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation and Treatment Program.

Status: HR 1892 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 4/17/07. S 957 was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions 3/22/07. No further action occurred on either bill; When the 110th Congress adjourned, both measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1585/S 1547 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008)

Sponsor: HR 1585 introduced by Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO) on 3/20/07, and has 1 cosponsor. S 1547 introduced by Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) and has no cosponsors.

Overview: Sec. 933 of HR 1585 would establish the United States Military Cancer Institute. S 1547 does **not** contain provisions for the United States Military Cancer Institute.

Status: The bill passed the House on 5/17/07 and passed the Senate 10/1/07. The Conference Report was filed 12/6/07. The President pocket vetoed the bill on 12/28/07 and the House passed the bill again on 1/15/08. However, the provision that would establish the US Military Cancer Institute was not included in the enacted version. For further action on this bill see H.R. 4986 which became Public Law 110-181 on 1/28/08.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5940/S 3274 (National Nanotechnology Initiative Amendments Act of 2008)

Sponsor: HR 5940 introduced by Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN) 5/1/08 and has 31 cosponsors. S 3274 introduced by Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) 7/16/08 has 6 cosponsors.

Overview: Provisions include authorization of activities for support of nanotechnology research and development. Reauthorizes the 2003 law (PL 108-153) creating a national nanotechnology program.

Status: HR 5940 was reported as amended by the House Science and Technology Committee on 6/4/08. Passed the House on 6/5/08 and received in the Senate. S 3274 was referred to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. The Senate did not act on either bill; When the 110th Congress adjourned, both measures died.

Bill Number/Title: S 3029 (Temporary Extension of Programs Under the Small Business Act and The Small Business Investment Act of 1958)

Sponsor: Introduced by Senator John Kerry (D-MA) on May 15, 2008.

Overview: This bill is intended to temporarily extend certain authorities of the Small Business Administration (specifically the SBIR program) through March 20, 2009. Several other bills (see items listed later in this section) were introduced related to the SBIR program. While the other bills would make changes to the program, this bill simply reaffirms the authority for the program. This was felt to be important, because the authority was due to expire at the end of 2008.

Status: S 3029 was passed by the Senate on 5/15/08, passed by the House 5/20/08, and signed by the President on 5/23/08. Became Public Law 110-235 on 5/23/08.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5819 (SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act)

Sponsor: HR 5819 introduced by Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY) on 4/16/08, and has 2 cosponsors. S 3362 introduced by Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) on 7/29/08, and has 14 cosponsors.

Overview: HR 5819 amends the Small Business Act to extend through FY2010 (currently scheduled to expire at the end of FY2008) the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs of the Small Business Administration (SBA). S 3362 would reauthorize SBIR and SBTT programs for 14 years.

Status: Referred to the House Science and Technology and House Small Business Committees. The Committee on Small Business held a markup on 4/17/08. Considered by full House on 4/23/08. Reported out of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship favorably 8/22/08. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died. Of note, with the enactment of S 3029 (see above), the SBIR program was reauthorized through March 20, 2009. However, none of the changes to the program proposed in this bill are included in the enacted law.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5789 (Science and Technology Innovation Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. David Wu (D-OR) on 4/15/08, and has 3 cosponsors (3 D).

Overview: Bill would increase from 2.5 percent to 3 percent the amount required by federal agencies- which spend more than \$100 million per year on intra- or extra-mural research- to dedicate to SBIR. The measure would also increase from 0.3 percent to 0.6 percent the amount such agencies dedicate to STTR.

Status: House Science and Technology Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a markup on 4/15/08. Amended to add nanotechnology-related research to the list of topics that receive special consideration for program awards. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1932 (Small Business Act Amendment)

Sponsor: Introduced in the Senate by Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN) on 8/1/07 and has 5 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Small Business Act to increase the required expenditures for the SBIR and STTR Program.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on 8/1/07. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3/S 5/S 997 (Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 3 introduced by Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) on 1/5/07. S 5 introduced by Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) on 1/4/07. S 997 was introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) on 3/27/07.

Overview: These bills would amend the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of HHS to conduct and support research that utilizes human embryonic stem cells, regardless of the date on which the stem cells were derived from a human embryo.

Status: The House passed HR 3 on 1/11/07 and sent it to the Senate. S 5 passed the Senate on 4/11/07 and was sent to the House where it passed on 6/7/07 and presented to the President on 6/11. S 5 was vetoed by the President 6/20/07. S 997 was also placed on the legislative calendar on 3/27/07 but was not acted upon. When the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: S 3451 (Strengthening Our Economy through Small Business Innovation Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) on 9/8/08.

Overview: This bill would amend the Small Business Act to: extend the SBIR/ STTR Programs for fourteen years, Increase the allocation for SBIR from the current 2.5 percent to 10 percent and for STTR from the current 0.3 percent to 1.0 percent over a three year period.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship 9/8/08.

When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died. Of note, with the enactment of S 3029 (see above), the SBIR program was reauthorized through March 20, 2009. However, none of the changes to the program proposed in this bill are included in the enacted law.

Bill Number/Title: S 111 (United States Military Cancer Institute)

Sponsor: Introduced by S. Harry Reid (D-NV) on 1/4/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to recognize the United States Military Cancer Institute as an establishment within the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Armed Services 1/4/07. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

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Bill Number/Title: HR 1200 (American Health Security Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) on 2/27/07 and has 17 cosponsors.

Overview: Establishes the Office of Primary Care and Prevention Research within the Office of the Director of the NIH.

Status: Referred to the House Committees on Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Oversight and Government Reform; and Armed Services 2/27/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 715 (Annie Fox Act)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) on 1/29/07 and has 106 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would provide authorize funding for programs at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences regarding breast cancer in younger women.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 1/29/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5585 (Assuring and Improving Cancer Treatment Education and Cancer Symptom Management Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) on 3/11/08 and has 21 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007, to provide for Medicare coverage of comprehensive cancer patient treatment education services.

Status: Referred to the House Energy and Commerce and the House Ways and Means Committees 3/11/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3285/S 742 (Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Stephen Cohen (D-TN) on 8/1/07 and has no cosponsors. S 742 introduced by Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) on 3/1/07 and has 20 cosponsors.

Overview: Key provisions of the bill would require the Secretary of HHS, acting through NIH and the CDC, to expand, intensify, and coordinate programs for research on asbestos-causing diseases.

Status: HR 3285 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 8/1/07. S 742 passed the Senate on 10/4/07 and was sent to the House, but the House had no further action. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2410 (Better Screening Test for Women Act)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) on 5/21/07 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize additional appropriations to the NIH for research on the early detection of and the reduction of mortality rates attributed to breast cancer.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 5/21/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1157/S 579 (Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 1157 introduced by Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) on 2/16/07 and has 287 cosponsors. S 579 introduced by Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) on 2/14/07 and has 70 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the NIEHS to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer. As amended, HR 1157 would no longer mandate specific research on breast cancer and environment but establishes an Interagency Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Coordinating Committee within HHS.

Status: Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Subcommittee hearing held on 5/21/08, where Dr. Deborah Winn, NCI, testified. Bill was amended in the nature of a substitute and passed the House on 9/25/08. Passed the Senate on 9/27/08. Became Public Law 110-354 on 10/8/08.

Bill Number/Title: S 1109 (Breast Cancer Research and Screening Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN) on 4/16/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: Authorizes appropriations to the NIH for FY08 for breast cancer research, and eliminates the 20% coinsurance for screening mammography and colorectal cancer screening tests, among other things.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 4/16/07. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3339/S 742 (Bruce Vento Ban Asbestos and Prevent Mesothelioma Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 3339 introduced by Rep. Betty McCollum (D- MN) on 9/2/07 and has 53 cosponsors. S 742 introduced by Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) on 3/1/07 and has 19 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to require the Director of NIOSH to conduct studies and report on the health effects of non-asbestiform minerals and elongated mineral particles.

Status: S 742 passed the Senate, as amended on 10/4/07. S 742 was sent to the House 10/5/07. On 2/28/08, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing. There were no HHS witnesses present at the hearing. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3425 (Cancer Screening Coverage Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) on 8/3/07 and has 8 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan to provide coverage for certain types of cancer screening.

Status: Referred to the House Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, and Oversight and Government Reform 8/3/07. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2353/S 1415 (Cancer Screening, Treatment, and Survivorship Act of 2007)

Sponsor: H.R. 2353 introduced by Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL) 5/15/07 has 100 cosponsors. S. 1415 introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) 5/16/07 has 13 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to provide cancer screenings using a method that receives a recommendation of 'A' or 'B' from the Preventative Services Task Force.

Status: HR 2353 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 5/15/07. S 1415 was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 5/16/07. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1030 (Cancer Testing, Education, Screening, and Treatment Act)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) on 2/13/07 and has 34 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to provide screenings and treatment for cancer to minority or underserved populations.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 2/13/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1553/S 911 (Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-OH) on 3/15/07 and has 229 cosponsors. Introduced by Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI) on 3/19/07 and has 65 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to information regarding pediatric cancers and current treatments for such cancers, establish a national childhood cancer registry and promote public awareness of pediatric cancer.

Status: Reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce (House Report 110-706) on 6/10/08. The House proceeded with a 40 minute debate 6/11/08. Passed the House 6/12/08 and the Senate on 7/16/08. Signed by the President and became Public Law 110-285 on 7/29/08.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1926/S 1164 (Colon Cancer Screen for Life Act of 2007)

Sponsor: H.R. 1926 was introduced by Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA) on 4/18/07. S. 1164 was introduced by Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN) on 4/16/07.

Overview: Expresses the sense of the Congress with respect to the use of and reimbursement for colorectal cancer screening tests covered under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

Status: HR 1926 was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and Committee on Ways and Means on 4/18/07. S 1164 was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on 4/16/07. No further action occurred, when the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3060 (Colorectal Cancer Screening and Detection Coverage Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced in the House by Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK) on 7/17/07 and has 2 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan to provide coverage for colorectal screening for any participant or beneficiary who is 50 years of age or older or at high risk for colorectal cancer.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Ways and Means 7/17/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1624 (Colorectal Cancer Mortality Prevention Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) on 3/21/07 and has 4 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to allow the Secretary of HHS, acting through the Director of the CDC, to make matching grants to states to carry out programs to screen for colorectal cancer as a preventive health measure; among other things.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 3/21/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1738 (Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX) on 3/28/07 and has 161 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to establish a national colorectal cancer screening program at the CDC. Also provides States the option to provide medical assistance for men and women screened and found to have colorectal cancer or colorectal polyps.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 3/28/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1042/HR 583 (Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Act of 2007)

Sponsor: H.R. 583 introduced by Rep. Michael Doyle (D-PA) 1/19/07 has 149 cosponsors. S 1042 introduced by Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY) 3/29/07 has 26 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would require the Department of HHS to create standards for technicians who operate imaging technology, such as X-ray machines and MRI scanners.

Status: HR 583 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce 1/19/07. S 1042 was referred to the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee 3/29/08. Reported out

of the Senate Committee on 3/13/08 but no further action occurred. When the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1078/ S 2790 (Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act of 2008)

Sponsor: S 2790 introduced by Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) 3/31/08 has 4 cosponsors. HR 1078 introduced by Lois Capps (D-CA) 2/15/07 has 117 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of comprehensive cancer care planning services to individuals diagnosed with cancer. Requires the Director of the NIH to establish a program of grants for research on palliative care, symptom management, communication skills, and other end-of-life topics for such patients.

Status: S 2790 was referred to the Senate Finance Committee. HR 1078 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Committee on Ways and Means. No further action occurred; when the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1326 (Comprehensive Veterans Benefits Improvements Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Bernard Sanders (I-VT) on 5/8/07 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: Sec. 104 of the bill authorizes the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to carry out a pilot program that provides for screening for lung cancer of veterans with a high risk of lung cancer.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs 5/8/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1237/S 2510 (Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 1237 introduced by Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN) on 2/28/07 and has 175 cosponsors. S 2510 introduced by Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) on 12/18/07 and has 42 cosponsors.

Overview: Amends the Public Health Service Act to require the Secretary of HHS to revise national quality assurance standards to assure consistent performance by laboratories of valid and reliable cytology services.

Status: HR 1237 was marked up by the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee on 3/11/08. Full Committee reported the bill on 3/13/08. Passed the House and referred to the Senate on 4/8/08. The Senate did not act on either bill; when the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 6571 (Healthy Air for Federal Workers)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY) on 7/22/08, and is cosponsored by Rep. Todd Platts (R-PA).

Overview: This bill would prohibit the smoking of tobacco products in any area outside of a Federal building which is within 25 feet of any of the building's entrances, exits, windows that open, or ventilation intakes that serve an enclosed area of the building where smoking is prohibited.

Status: Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Committee on House Administration, and the Judiciary Committee on 7/22/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 1216 (House Resolution Regarding Medical Imaging)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC) on 5/20/08 and has 3 cosponsors.

Overview: This resolution encourages radiologists, radiologic technologists, medical physicists, pediatricians, other pediatric health care providers, and parents to consider the different needs of children when it comes to radiation dosing.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 5/20/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1328/S 1200 (Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2007)

Sponsor: H.R. 1328 was introduced by Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) on 3/6/07. S. 1200 was introduced by Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND) on 4/24/07

Overview: Sec. 207 of the bill requires the Secretary, acting through the Service or Tribal Health Plans, to provide mammography screenings for Indian women and other cancer screenings that receive an A or B rating as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

Status: The House Committee on Natural Resources held hearings 3/14/07. The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee held hearings 6/7/07. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs reported the bill favorably on 10/16/07. Passed the Senate 2/28/08. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 353 (Innovative Imaging Technologies for Prostate Cancer)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) on 5/1/07 and has 101 cosponsors.

Overview: A resolution expressing the sense of the House that there should be an increased Federal commitment supporting the development of innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection and screening.

Status: The house proceeded with 40 minutes of debate on 6/24/07. H RES 353 was passed on 6/26/08. No further action is required as this resolution is a formal expression of opinion that does not carry the force of law and does not require passage by the President or the other chamber.

Bill Number/Title: S 3187 (Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Rate of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) on 6/25/08, and has 6 cosponsors.

Overview: Requires the Secretary of HHS, in consultation with the heads of NIH, Defense, Veterans Affairs, CDC, FDA, CMS, NCMHD and other members of the Lung Cancer Advisory Board, to implement a program to reduce lung cancer by 50 percent by 2015.

Status: Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 6/25/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2115 (Medicare Preventive Services Coverage Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) on 9/27/07 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: Amends title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend for six months the eligibility period for the “Welcome to Medicare” physical examination and to provide for the coverage and waiver of cost-sharing for preventive services under the Medicare program.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 9/27/07. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1056 (National Cancer Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on 3/29/07 and has 1 cosponsor.

Overview: Key provisions of the bill relevant to NCI provide for research on cancer treatments that target cancer cells, the cancer care workforce, cancer survivorship, environmental risk factors for cancer, and treatment disparities.

Status: Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 3/29/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1132/S 624 (National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2007)

Status: HR 1132 introduced by Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) on 2/14/07 and has 46 cosponsors. S 624 introduced by Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) on 2/15/07 and has 21 cosponsors.

Overview: Allows States to apply for federal waivers to spend a greater share of funds on hard-to-reach women that advocates say have been underserved. Authorizes funding up to \$275 million by 2012; \$201 million is authorized for 2007.

Status: House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee held markup session and reported the bill out of committee favorably on 3/15/07. Rep. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill as amended 3/27/07. Passed the House 3/27/07. Passed the Senate 3/29/07. Became Public Law 110-18 on 4/20/07.

Bill Number/Title: HR 6725 (Oncology Quality Care Improvement Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Joseph Crowley (D-NY) on 7/31/08, and has 24 cosponsors.

Overview: Directs the Secretary of HHS to establish demonstration projects to test and evaluate methods that improve the quality of care provided to eligible beneficiaries with certain cancer diagnoses and that reduced expenditures that would otherwise be made under the Medicare program.

Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce 7/31/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2689/S 2569 (Ovarian Cancer Biomarker Research Act of 2008)

Sponsor: HR 3689 introduced by Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA) 9/27/07 has 97 cosponsors. S 2569 introduced by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) 1/29/08 has 18 cosponsors.

Overview: Requires the Director of the NCI to enter into cooperative agreements with, or make grants to, public or nonprofit entities to establish and operate centers to conduct research on biomarkers for use in risk stratification for, and the early detection and screening of, ovarian cancer.

Status: HR 3689 was Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 9/27/07. S 2569 was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions 1/29/08. No further action occurred on either bill; when the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4450/S 2877 (Pediatric, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancer Survivorship and Quality of Life Act)

Sponsor: HR 4450 was introduced by Rep. Hilda Solis (D-CA) on 12/11/07 and has 40 cosponsors. S 2877 was introduced by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) on 4/17/08 and has no cosponsors.

Overview: Requires the Secretary to provide guidance to states, in collaboration with the Director of the NCI, on interventions that may be incorporated into state cancer control programs to improve the long-term health status of childhood cancer survivors; Directs the NCI Director to coordinate NIH activities regarding cancer survivorship.

Status: Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee 12/11/07; and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee 4/17/08. Alliance for Childhood Cancer and City of Hope sponsored a news conference/ briefing on 7/9/08, to discuss HR 4450. No further action occurred on either bill; when the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2729 (Prostate Cancer Research and Prevention Act)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ) on 6/14/07 and has 22 cosponsors.

Overview: Would amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize such sums as may be necessary for prostate cancer research for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 6/14/07. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3563/S 1734 (Prostate Research, Imaging, and Men's Education Act of 2007 or the PRIME Act of 2007)

Sponsor: HR 3563 introduced by Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) on 9/18/07 has 35 cosponsors. S 1734 introduced by Sen. Barbara Boxer 6/28/07 has 7 cosponsors.

Overview: Requires the Secretary of HHS, acting through the Director of the NIH and in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to carry out a program to expand and intensify research to develop innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection, diagnosis, and treatment comparable to state-of-the-art mammography technologies.

Status: HR 3563 referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 9/18/07.

S 1734 referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions 6/28/07. No further action occurred; when the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 6393 (Quit Smoking for Life Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced 6/26/08 by Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) and has 2 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to cover diagnostic, therapy, and counseling services, furnished by or under a physician's supervision, for cessation of tobacco use.

Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Committee on Ways and Means 6/26/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 3425 (Sunscreen Labeling Protection Act of 2008)

Sponsor: Introduced by Sen. Chris Dodd (D-CT) on 8/1/08, and has 5 cosponsors.

Overview: This bill would make effective the proposed rule issued by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs entitled "Sunscreen Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Proposed Amendment of Final Monograph", 72 Fed. Reg. 49070 (8/27/07).

Status: Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on 8/1/08. No further action occurred; When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2115/S 1275 (Thomas J. Manton Prostate Cancer Early Detection and Treatment Act of 2007)

Sponsor: H.R. 2115 introduced by Rep. Jim Marshall (D-GA) 5/2/07 has no cosponsors. S. 1275 introduced by Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) 5/2/07 has 4 cosponsors.

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

Status: HR 2115 referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 5/2/07. S 1275 referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 5/2/07. No further action occurred; when the 110th Congress adjourned, these measures died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4879 (Virtual Screening for Cancer Act of 2007)

Sponsor: Introduced by Rep. Barbara Cubin (R-WY) on 12/19/07, and has 9 co-sponsors.

Overview: Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare coverage for screening computed tomography as a colorectal screening test.

Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and the Committee on Ways and Means on 12/19/07. When the 110th Congress adjourned, this measure died.