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National Cancer Institute

Appropriations FY 2005

Bill Number/Title: H CON RES 393

Sponsor: Representative Jim Nussle (R-IA)

Overview: Establishes the congressional budget for the US Government for fiscal year 2005.

Status: Introduced on March 19, 2004; passed the House on March 25 by a vote of 215-212, and was incorporated into the Senate version of the FY 05 budget resolution on March 29, 2004. The House adopted the conference report on May 19 by a vote of 216-213.

Bill Number/Title: S CON RES 95

Sponsor: Senator Don Nickles (R-OK)

Status: Introduced on March 5, 2004; the measure passed the Senate by a vote of 51-45.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5006 (Making Appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education)

Sponsor: Representative Ralph Regula (R-OH)

Status: Introduced on September 7, 2004; Passed as amended by the full House on September 9, 2004.

Bill Number/Title: S 2810 (Making Appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education)

Sponsor: Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)

Status: Introduced on September 15, 2004; Reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee on September 15, 2004; no further action was taken.

Bill Number/Title: H J RES 107 (Continuing Appropriations Resolution)

Overview: A continuing resolution (CR) to fund non-defense agencies, including NIH, at fiscal year 2004 levels through November 20.

Status: Passed the House by a vote of 389 to 32 on September 29, 2004; Signed into law on September 30, 2004.

Bill Number/Title: H J RES 114 (Continuing Appropriations Resolution FY 2005)

Sponsor: Representative Bill Young (R-FL)

Overview: A continuing resolution (CR) to fund non-defense agencies, including NIH, at fiscal year 2004 levels through December 3.

Status: Introduced on November 19, 2004; Signed by the President on November 20, 2004 and the resolution became a law on November 24, 2004.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4818 (Consolidated FY 2005 Appropriations Bill)

Sponsor: Representative Jim Kolbe (R-AZ)

Overview: Designed to provide appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs; became the Omnibus appropriations bill on November 16, 2004; the conference report designates \$28,526,871,000 for NIH, of which NCI will receive \$4,865,525,000.

Status: Introduced on July 13, 2004; Signed by the President and became PL 108-447 on December 8, 2004.

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Bill Number/Title: H J RES 75, 76, 78, 79

Overview: A series of continuing resolutions were enacted to keep the government running while the Congress worked to complete passage of FY 2004 spending bills.

Status: The continuing resolution (PL 108-185) that kept the government in full operation was to expire January 31.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2660 (Making Appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education)

Sponsor: Representative Ralph Regula (R-OH)

Status: Bundled into an omnibus bill (now identified as HR 2673); Omnibus passed and signed into law on January 23, 2004 (PL 108-199).

Bill Number/Title: S 1356 (Making Appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education)

Sponsor: Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)

Status: Introduced on June 26 and referred to the House Committee on Appropriations; Also reported by the Committee (Senate Report 108-81) on June 26; Subsequently the House bill, HR 2660, became the vehicle for Labor, HHS, Education appropriations.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2673 (Making Appropriations for the Department of Agriculture)

Overview: Omnibus spending packaged for 7 appropriations bills, including the Labor/HHS/Education bill (HR 2660); the bill provides \$27,663,991,000 for NIH, of which NCI would receive \$4,770,519,000.

Status: Omnibus passed and signed into law on January 25, 2004 (PL 108-199).

Authorizations

Bill Number/Title: HR 1657 (The Annie Fox Act)

Sponsor: Representative Lynn Woolsey (D-CA)

Overview: A bill to provide funding at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences regarding breast cancer in younger women.

Status: Introduced on April 7, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1746/S 983 (Breast Cancer and Environment Research Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Nita M. Lowey (D-NY)

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

Status: Introduced on April 10, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4093 (Colorectal Cancer Mortality Prevention Act of 2004)

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

Overview: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish and program of grants for the detection and control of colorectal cancer.

Status: Introduced on March 31, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4555 (Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative John Dingell (D-MI)

Overview: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards. It would reauthorize a federal health program to ensure quality standards for mammography through 2007.

Status: Introduced on June 14, 2004; Became PL 108-365 on October 29, 2004.

Bill Number/Title: S 1879 (Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)

Overview: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards until 2005.

Status: Introduced on November 18, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 515 (Free Market Drug Act)

Sponsor: Representative Dennis Kucinich (D-OH)

Overview: A bill to establish the National Institute for Biomedical Research and Development.

Status: Introduced on September 28, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1084 (The United States Military Cancer Institute Center of Excellence Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)

Overview: A bill to formally establish the United States Military Cancer Institute Center of Excellence and provide for the maintenance of health in the military by enhancing cancer research and treatment.

Status: Introduced on May 20, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2097/HR 4273 (United States Military Cancer Institute Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI)

Overview: A bill to establish the U.S. Military Cancer Institute to promote the health of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents by enhancing cancer research and treatment.

Status: Introduced on February 23, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bioterrorism

Bill Number/Title: HR 2122 (Project BioShield Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Billy Tauzin (R-LA)

Overview: A bill to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to the public health threats affecting national security.

Status: Introduced on May 15, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2807/S 1447 (Border Health Security Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Jim Kolbe (R-AZ)

Overview: A bill to establish grant programs to improve the health of border area residents and for bioterrorism preparedness in the border area.

Status: Introduced on July 21, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 666 (Biological, Chemical and Radiological Weapons Countermeasures Research Act)

Sponsor: Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-CT)

Overview: A bill to provide incentives to increase research by private sector entities to develop antiviral, antibiotics and other drugs, vaccines, microbicides, detection, and diagnostic technologies to prevent and treat illnesses associated with biological, chemical and radiological weapons illnesses.

Status: Introduced on March 19, 2003; Since this bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Clinical Trials Access

Bill Number/Title: HR 2021 (Access to Cancer Clinical Trials Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Deborah Pryce (R-OH)

Overview: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require group and individual health plans to provide coverage for individuals participating in approved cancer clinical trials.

Status: Introduced on May 7, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2083 (Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)

Overview: A bill which would require health care insurers to allow their enrollees to participate in clinical trials.

Status: Introduced on February 12, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned; the measure died.

Compensation

Bill Number/Title: HR 1114 (Asbestos Compensation Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Mark Steven Kirk (R-IL)

Overview: A bill to establish legal standards and procedures for the fair, prompt, inexpensive, and efficient resolution of personal injury claims arising out of asbestos exposure.

Status: Introduced on March 6, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress was adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 413 (Asbestos Claims and Criteria and Compensation Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Don Nickles (R-OK)

Overview: A bill to provide for the fair and efficient judicial consideration of personal injury and wrongful death claims arising out of asbestos exposure, to ensure individuals who suffer harm, now or in the future, from illnesses caused by exposure to asbestos receive compensation for their injuries.

Status: Introduced on February 13, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Federal Government

Bill Number/Title: HR 2989 (Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies)

Sponsor: Representative Ernest Istook (R-OK)

Overview: A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; Part of this bill authorized pay raises for Federal employees at 4.1 percent.

Status: Introduced on July 30, 2003; Became part of the Omnibus Appropriations bill and was signed into law on January 23, 2004 (PL 108-199).

Bill Number/Title: S 926 (Federal Employee Student Loan Assistance Act)

Sponsor: Senator George Voinovich (R-OH)

Overview: A bill with provisions to amend section 5379 of Title 5, U.S. Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies.

Status: Introduced on April 28, 2003; Signed into law on November 11, 2003 (PL 108-123).

Health & Research Awareness

Bill Number/Title: HCR 34

Sponsor: Representative Karen McCarthy (D-MO)

Overview: Encourages private health insurance companies to take a proactive role in promoting healthy lifestyles.

Status: Introduced on February 12, 2003; A concurrent resolution expresses mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the Senate and therefore does not represent the sentiment of that chamber.

Bill Number/Title: HCR 206 (National Marrow Donor Program)

Sponsor: Representative Michael Burgess (R-TX)

Overview: Supports the National Marrow Donor Program and other bone marrow donor programs and encourages Americans to learn about the importance of bone marrow donation.

Status: Introduced on June 4, 2003; A concurrent resolution expresses mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the Senate and therefore does not represent the sentiment of that chamber.

Bill Number/Title: HCR 317 (Mesothelioma Awareness)

Sponsor: Representative Joseph Hoeffel (D-PA)

Overview: Expresses the sense of Congress with respect to the form of cancer known as mesothelioma.

Status: Introduced on October 30, 2003; A concurrent resolution expresses mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the House and did not move on to the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: HCR 322 (National Lung Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Representative Clay Shaw (R-FL)

Overview: A concurrent resolution that designates the month of November as “National Lung Cancer Awareness Month” and expresses the need for an increase in Federal effort for lung cancer screening and research.

Status: Introduced on November 6, 2003; A concurrent resolution expresses mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the House and did not move on to the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: HCR 362 (National Donor Day)

Sponsor: Representative Jeff Miller (R-FL)

Overview: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and supporting designation of National Donor Day on February 14, 2004.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 2004; A concurrent resolution expresses mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the House and did not move on to the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: HCR 405 (Prostate Cancer Information Access)

Sponsor: Representative Nathan Deal (R-GA)

Overview: Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the need to provide prostate cancer patients with meaningful access to information on treatment options, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on April 2, 2004; A concurrent resolution expresses mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the House and did not move on to the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: HCR 492

Sponsor: Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-NY)

Overview: Supports the goals and ideals of melanoma/skin cancer detection and prevention month and melanoma day, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced September 14, 2004; A concurrent resolution expresses mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the House and did not move on to the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: HCR 504

Sponsor: Representative David Vitter (R-LA)

Overview: Supports the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on September 29, 2004; A concurrent resolution expresses mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the House and did not move on to the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 262 (Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Representative Todd Platts (R-PA)

Overview: A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: Introduced on June 9, 2003; This simple resolution was adopted in the House. Simple resolutions are formal expressions of opinion within one chamber or the other.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 376

Sponsor: Representative Dennis Moore (D-KS)

Overview: A resolution commending Richard and Annette Bloch and the Bloch Cancer Foundation.

Status: Introduced on September 23, 2003; This simple resolution was not adopted by the House.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 403

Sponsor: Representative Jim Cooper (D-TN)

Overview: A resolution recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

Status: Introduced on October 16, 2003; This simple resolution was not adopted by the House.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 641

Sponsor: Representative Todd Platts (R-PA)

Overview: A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month for November, 2004.

Status: Introduced on May 12, 2004; This simple resolution was adopted in the House.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 669

Sponsor: Representative Nathan Deal (R-GA)

Overview: A resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the need to provide prostate cancer patients with meaningful access to information on treatment options.

Status: Introduced on June 9, 2004; This simple resolution was adopted in the House.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 761

Sponsor: Representative Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)

Overview: A resolution congratulating Lance Armstrong on his record-setting victory in the 2004 Tour de France and commends the unwavering commitment to cancer awareness and survivorship demonstrated by Lance Armstrong.

Status: Introduced on September 9, 2004; This simple resolution was adopted by the House.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 808

Sponsor: Representative Steven Israel (D-NY)

Overview: A resolution in support of the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: Introduced on September 29, 2004; This simple resolution was not adopted by the House.

Bill Number/Title: SCR 10 (Designating April 2003 as “Human Genome Month” and April 25 as “DNA Day”)

Sponsor: Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH)

Overview: Commemorates the 50th anniversary of the elucidation of the double helical structure of DNA and the addition of the sequence of the human genome to the public domain.

Status: Introduced on February 27, 2003; Concurrent resolutions express mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate and must be adopted by both chambers. This resolution was adopted by the Senate but was not adopted by the House.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 140

Sponsor: Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO)

Overview: A resolution designating the week of August 10, 2003 as National Health Center Week.

Status: Introduced on May 9, 2003; This simple resolution was adopted by the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 201 (National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL)

Overview: A resolution designating the month of September 2003 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.”

Status: Introduced on July 25, 2003; This simple resolution was not adopted in the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 222 (National Mammography Day)

Sponsor: Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE)

Overview: A resolution designating October 17, 2003 as “National Mammography Day.”

Status: Introduced on September 10, 2003; This simple resolution was adopted in the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 252 (National Cancer Prevention Month)

Sponsor: Senator Ernest Hollings (D-SC)

Overview: A resolution designating the month of February 2004 as “National Cancer Prevention Month.”

Status: Introduced on October, 23, 2003; This simple resolution was adopted in the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 305 (National Donor Day)

Sponsor: Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL)

Overview: A concurrent resolution designating February 14, 2004 as “National Donor Day.”

Status: Introduced on February 23, 2004; This simple resolution was not adopted in the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: S RES 389

Sponsor: Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO)

Overview: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that physicians inform prostate cancer patients of all of their treatment options. The non-binding resolution stresses the importance of presenting all options to men diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Status: Introduced June 23, 2004; This simple resolution was not adopted in the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3438 (Gynecological Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2003 – Johanna’s Law)

Sponsor: Representative Sander Levin (D-MI)

Overview: A bill to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers about gynecological cancers.

Status: Introduced on November 4, 2003;

Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4872 (Retinoblastoma Awareness and Prevention Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative Gregory Meeks (D-NY)

Overview: A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a retinoblastoma public awareness and prevention program.

Status: Introduced July 20, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2777 (Safety for Americans from Nuclear Weapons Testing Act)

Sponsor: Senator Robert Bennett (R-UT)

Overview: A bill to protect the public health and safety in the event that testing of nuclear weapons by the United States resumes.

Status: Introduced September 7, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2895

Sponsor: Senator James Talent (R-MO)

Overview: A bill to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by pink lights in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

Status: Introduced on October 5, 2004; Signed by the President on October 19, 2004 and became PL 108-348 on October 20, 2004.

Health Policy

Bill Number/Title: HR 597 (Patient Protection Act)

Sponsor: Representative Charlie Norwood (R-GA)

Overview: A bill to protect consumers in managed health care plans and other health coverage. Section 119 mandates coverage of routine patient care costs for individuals participating in approved clinical trials.

Status: Introduced on February 5, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 941 (Medicare Innovation Responsiveness Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Jim Ramstad (R-MN)

Overview: A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the expeditious coverage of new medical technology under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on February 26, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1288 (Access to Cancer Therapies Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Deborah Pryce (R-OH)

Overview: A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare Program of all oral anticancer drugs.

Status: Introduced on March 13, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1622 (Quality Cancer Care Preservation Act)

Sponsor: Representative Charlie Norwood (R-GA)

Overview: A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and otherwise revise the Medicare Program to reform the method of paying for covered drugs, drug administration services, and chemotherapy support services. If enacted, the IOM will be required to submit a Baseline Study, Second Phase Study, and Consult with National Cancer Policy Board.

Status: Introduced on April 3, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2085 (Access to Medical Treatment Act)

Sponsor: Representative Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR)

Overview: Permits an individual to be treated by a health care practitioner with any method of medical treatment such individual requests.

Status: Introduced on May 13, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2356 (Prescription Drug Comparative Effectiveness Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Thomas H. Allen (D-ME)

Overview: A bill to require the National Institutes of Health to conduct research, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to conduct studies, on the comparative effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of prescription drugs that account for high levels of expenditures or use by individuals in federally funded health programs.

Status: Introduced on June 5, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2391/S 2192 (Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative Lamar Smith (R-TX)

Overview: A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to promote research collaboration among universities, the public sector, and private enterprise by allowing researchers and inventors who work for different organizations, but are collaborating on projects, to share non-public information without endangering the ability to patent the fruits of their labor.

Status: Introduced on June 9, 2003; Signed into law (PL 108-453) on December 10, 2004.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2883 (Living Well with Fatal Chronic Illness Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative James L. Oberstar (D-MN)

Overview: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable long-term care tax credit, and to provide for programs within the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs for patients with fatal chronic illness.

Status: Introduced on July 24, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2986/S 1496 (Cancer Survivorship Research and Quality of Life Act of 2003)

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

Overview: A bill to provide for the expansion and coordination of activities of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to research and programs on cancer survivorship.

Status: Introduced on July 25, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1288/S 1037 (Access to Cancer Therapies Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Deborah Pryce (R-OH)

Overview: A bill to amend Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage under the Medicare program for all oral anticancer drugs.

Status: Introduced on March 13, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3127/S 1629 (Pediatric Palliative Care Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Deborah Pryce (R-OH)

Overview: A bill to improve palliative and end-of-life care provided to children with life threatening conditions.

Status: Introduced on September 17, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3362 (Cancer Screening Coverage Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)

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

Status: Introduced on October 21, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3811 (Cancer and Terminal Illness Patient Health Care Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative Ron Paul (R-TX)

Overview: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the employee portion of Social Security taxes imposed on individuals who have been diagnosed as having cancer or a terminal disease.

Status: Introduced on February 11, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3873 (Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act)

Sponsor: Representative Michael N. Castle (R-DE)

Overview: A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell national School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations, to improve children's nutritional health and to

restore integrity of child nutrition programs; Involves NCI's "5 A Day for Better Health Program."

Status: Introduced on March 2, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4097/S 2265 (Eliminate Colorectal Cancer Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative Louise Slaughter (D-NY)

Overview: A bill to require group and individual health plans to provide coverage for colorectal cancer screenings.

Status: Introduced on March 31, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4172 (Codification of Administrative Actions Relating to Presumptions of Service Connection for Veterans Exposed to Ionizing Radiation)

Sponsor: Representative Lane Evans (D-IL)

Overview: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify certain additional diseases as establishing a presumption of service-connection when occurring in veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during active military, naval, or air service, including cancer of the bone, brain, colon, lung, and ovary.

Status: Introduced April 20, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5116 (The Dean Gallo Cancer Patient Compassion Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

Overview: A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled with distant stage cancer.

Status: Introduced on September 9, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 10 (Health Care Coverage Expansion and Quality Improvement Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Tom Daschle (D-SD)

Overview: A bill to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, to provide for parity with respect to mental health coverage, to reduce medical errors, and to increase the access of individuals to quality health care. Section 129 of this broad bill mandates coverage of routine patient care costs for individuals participating in approved clinical trials.

Status: Introduced on March 5, 2003; Since this bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 538 (Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY)

Overview: A bill to expand and enhance respite care services to family caregivers, to improve the statewide dissemination and coordination of respite care.

Status: Introduced on March 5, 2003; Since this bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1053 (Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)

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

Status: Introduced on May 13, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1101/HR 2741 (National Cancer Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Overview: A bill to provide for a comprehensive Federal effort relating to early detection of, treatment for, and the prevention of cancer. NCI will be required to identify unmet needs and the level of funding required in the areas of prevention, treatment, early detection, and quality of life.

Status: Introduced on May 21, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1410 (Access to Medical Treatment Act)

Sponsor: Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA)

Overview: A bill to permit an individual to be treated by a health care practitioner with any method of medical treatment such individual requests.

Status: Introduced on July 15, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1684/HR 1886 (Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)

Overview: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node

Status: Introduced on September 30, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1899 (National Cancer Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS)

Overview: A bill to improve data collection and dissemination, treatment, and research relating to cancer. Title II includes research provisions pertaining to other transactions authority for NCI.

Status: Introduced on November 20, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Health Disparities

Bill Number/Title: HR 918/S 453 (Patient Navigator, Outreach, and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Robert Menendez (D-NJ)

Overview: A bill to authorize NCI, HRSA, and HIS to make grants for model programs to provide to individuals of health disparity populations prevention, early detection, treatment, and appropriate follow-up services for cancer and chronic diseases, and to make grants regarding patient navigators to assist individuals of health disparity populations in receiving such services.

Status: Introduced on February 26, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 90 (Good Medicine Cultural Competence Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX)

Overview: Proposed commission would establish standards in cultural competence education for medical and health professionals, create incentives for providers who have documented training and experience in cultural competence.

Status: Introduced January 7, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 109th Congress was adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1868 (Cancer Testing, Education, Screening and Treatment Act)

Sponsor: Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA)

Overview: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to provide screenings and treatment for cancer to minority and other populations served by health centers under section 330 of the Act.

Status: Introduced on April 29, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 2258 (Hispanic Health Improvement Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Ciro D. Rodriguez (D-TX)

Overview: A bill to provide programs and activities to improve the health of Hispanic individuals.

Status: Introduced on May 22, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3459/S 1833 (Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act)

Sponsor: Representative Elijah Cummings (D-MD)

Overview: A bill to improve health care of minorities. Includes a provision authorizing NCI grants for community cancer and chronic disease care and prevention and for patient navigators.

Status: Introduced on November 6, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1159 (Hispanic Health Improvement Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)

Overview: A bill to provide programs and activities to improve the health of Hispanic individuals.

Status: Introduced on May 23, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2091 (Closing the Health Care Gap Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Senator Bill Frist (R-TN)

Overview: A bill to improve the health of health disparity populations by improving health care quality and access to quality health care.

Status: Introduced February 12, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2217 (Closing the Health Care Gap Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Senator Bill Frist (R-TN)

Overview: An alternate version of S. 2091 that added provisions for refundable health care tax credits for low income Americans. Provides for patient navigator services to help individuals better utilize their health coverage by working through the health system to obtain appropriate quality care.

Status: Introduced March 12, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Men's Health

Bill Number/Title: HCR 208 (Supporting "National Men's Health Week")

Sponsor: Representative Elijah E. Cummings (D-MD)

Overview: A concurrent resolution supporting "National Men's Health Week."

Status: Introduced on June 5, 2003; A concurrent resolution expresses mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was adopted by the House but was not adopted by the Senate and therefore does not represent the sentiment of that chamber.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1734 (Men's Health Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Randy Cunningham (R-CA)

Overview: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Men's Health.

Status: Introduced on April 10, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Research Issues

Nanotechnology

Bill Number/Title: HR 766 (Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY)

Overview: Mandates a Federal program designed to stimulate nanotechnology research, development, education, and commercial application, and coordinate nanotechnology research across Federal agencies.

Status: Introduced on February 13, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 189 (21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act)

Sponsor: Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)

Overview: A bill authorizing appropriations on nanoscience, nanoengineering, and establishing a National Nanotechnology Research Program across several Federal agencies authorizing research in this area.

Status: Introduced in January 16, 2003; Signed into law (PL 108-153) by the President on December 3, 2003.

Stem Cells and Cloning

Bill Number/Title: HR 534/S 245 (Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Dave Weldon (R-FL)

Overview: A bill to amend Title 18, United States Code to prohibit human cloning. This bill would prohibit human cloning for any reason and impose criminal and civil penalties for violators.

Status: Introduced on January 8, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 801 (Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative James Greenwood (R-PA)

Overview: Amends the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the use of human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology with the intent to create a pregnancy and impose civil and criminal penalties on violators. It would require researchers using this technology to register with DHHS.

Status: Introduced on February 13, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3960 (Stem Cell Replenishment Act of 2004)

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

Overview: A bill to authorize the use of Federal funds for research using human embryonic stem cells derived after August 9, 2001, notwithstanding President Bush's policy directive limiting such research to cells derived prior to that date

Status: Introduced on March 11, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4531 (Ronald Reagan Memorial Stem Cell Research Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative Gary Ackerman (D-NY)

Overview: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Health and Human Services to conduct and support research using human pluripotent stem cells.

Status: Introduced on June 6, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4682 (Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative Michael Castle (R-DE)

Overview: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

Status: Introduced on June 24, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4812 (Stem Cell Discovery Through Diversity Act)

Sponsor: Representative Peter Deutsch (D-FL)

Overview: A bill to require the National Institutes of Health to conduct and support research using human embryonic stem cells, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on July 12, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 303 (Human Cloning Ban and Stem Cell Research Protection Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT)

Overview: A bill to prohibit human cloning and protect stem cell research, but would permit therapeutic cloning as long as certain ethical requirements are met.

Status: Introduced on February 5, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Research Training

Bill Number/Title: HR 1002 (Training and Research in Urology Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative James Leach (R-IA)

Overview: A bill to enhance research, training, and health information dissemination with respect to urologic diseases. Authorizes appropriations, in addition to those already authorized, for inter- and intra-agency research in urology conducted and coordinated by NIH in the amount of \$5,000,000 for FY2004 through FY2008, and such sums as necessary thereafter.

Status: Introduced on February 27, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Drug Development

Bill Number/Title: Pharmaceutical Fiscal Accountability Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)

Overview: A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow certain applicants for approval of a generic drug to be eligible for a 180-day period of protection from competition. Section 4 of the bill directs NIH to award grants or contracts to define “small entities,” including universities, to support Phase I or Phase II clinical studies toward the development of new drugs. The bill authorizes appropriations for carrying out this section in the amount of \$750,000,000 for FY2004.

Status: Introduced on February 12, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 5306 (The New War on Cancer Act)

Sponsor: Representative John Carter (R-TX)

Overview: This bill would amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to market exclusivity for cancer drugs, and to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for the extension of the patent term on such drugs equal to the regulatory review period for such drugs.

Status: Introduced on October 8, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Research Trust Funds

Bill Number/Title: HR 1352 (Biomedical Research Assistance Voluntary Option Act)

Sponsor: Representative Michael Bilirakis (R-FL)

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

Status: Introduced on March 19, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1385 (Breast Cancer Stamp Extension)

Sponsor: Representative Joe Baca (D-CA)

Overview: A bill to extend the provision of title 39, United States Code, under which the United States Postal Service is authorized to issue a special postage stamp to benefit breast cancer research. Breast cancer stamps, to date, have brought \$24 million to NCI.

Status: Introduced on March 20, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1692 (Taxpayers Cancer Research Funding Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Peter T. King (R-NY)

Overview: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish and provide a check-off for a Breast and Prostate Cancer Research Fund.

Status: Introduced on April 9, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2000 (2 Year Extension of Postage Stamp for Breast Cancer Research)

Sponsor: Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Overview: A bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

Status: Introduced on December 9, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Tobacco

Bill Number/Title: HR 245 (Tobacco Equity Elimination Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Ernie Fletcher (R-KY)

Overview: A bill to replace existing Federal price support and quota programs for tobacco with price supports and quotas designed to assist the actual tobacco producers, to compensate quota holders for the loss of tobacco quota asset value, to provide assistance for active tobacco producers, including those who forgo obtaining a tobacco production license.

Status: Introduced on January 3, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 936 (Leave No Child Behind Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative George Miller (D-CA)

Overview: Includes regulation of tobacco products sold to children and education of children on health risks of smoking.

Status: Introduced on February 26, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 986/S 1490 (Tobacco Market Transition Act)

Sponsor: Representative Virgil Goode (R-VA)

Overview: A bill to replace the existing Federal tobacco program with a federally chartered corporation to ensure the stability of the price and supply of domestically produced tobacco, to compensate quota holders for the loss of tobacco quota asset value, to provide transition assistance for active tobacco producers, to increase the competitiveness of domestically produced tobacco, and other purposes.

Status: Introduced on February 27, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3160 (Tobacco Reduction Accountability and Community Enhancement Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Ernie Fletcher (R-KY)

Overview: A bill to eliminate the Federal quota and price support programs for tobacco, to provide transitional assistance to tobacco quota holders and traditional producers of tobacco affected by the elimination of these programs, to ensure the future quality and availability of US-grown tobacco, to protect against the disruption of tobacco markets, to establish a trust fund to finance this act, and other purposes.

Status: Introduced on September 24, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3469 (Stop Kids from Smoking Act)

Sponsor: Representative Steven Rothman (D-NJ)

Overview: A bill to prohibit vending machines that sell tobacco products in locations where minors are permitted.

Status: Introduced on November 6, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4033 (Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative William L. Jenkins (R-TN)

Overview: A bill to terminate the Federal tobacco quota and price support programs and to require the payment of fair and equitable compensation for tobacco quota holders and active tobacco producers adversely affected by the termination of such programs.

Status: Introduced on March 24, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 4520 (Jump Start Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act of 2004)

Sponsor: Representative Bill Thomas (R-CA)

Overview: A ten year, \$10 billion buyout for tobacco farmers was enacted as part of a corporate tax overhaul.

Status: Introduced on June 4, 2004; The bill was presented to the President on October 21, 2004 and became PL 108-357 on October 22, 2004.

Bill Number/Title: S 1490 (Tobacco Market Transition Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

Overview: A bill to eliminate the Federal quota and price support programs for tobacco, to provide assistance to quota holders, tobacco producers, and tobacco dependent communities, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on July 30, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1829 (Better Eating for Better Living Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)

Overview: A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the nutrition and health of children in the United States.

Status: Introduced on November 6, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2461/HR 4433 (Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act)

Sponsor: Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH)

Overview: A bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

Status: Introduced on May 20, 2004; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 2974 (Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act)

Sponsor: Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH)

Overview: A bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

Status: Introduced on October 10, 2004; This bill is identical to S 2461 / H R 4433. This bill was passed by the Senate, however, since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Women's Health

Bill Number/Title: HCR 277 (Devoting Resources to Research Treatment Options for Ovarian Cancer)

Sponsor: Representative Mike Burgess (R-TX)

Overview: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should devote resources to researching treatment options for women with ovarian cancer and support community groups that promote awareness about the disease and encourage early diagnosis.

Status: Introduced on September 10, 2003; Concurrent resolutions express mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the House and did not move on to the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: HCR 348 (Gynecological Cancer Awareness)

Sponsor: Representative Mark Souder (R-IN)

Overview: A concurrent resolution to recognize the survivors of cervical cancer and the importance of good cervical health, preventing HPV infection, and detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages.

Status: Introduced on December 8, 2003; Concurrent resolutions express mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the House and did not move on to the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: HCR 504 (Supporting the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and for other purposes)

Sponsor: Representative David Vitter (R-LA)

Overview: A concurrent resolution supporting the observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: Introduced on September 29, 2004; Concurrent resolutions express mutual sentiment between both the House and the Senate. This resolution was not adopted by the House and did not move on to the Senate.

Bill Number/Title: H RES 808 (Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month)

Sponsor: Representative Steve Israel (D-NY)

Overview: A resolution to support the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Status: Introduced on September 29, 2004; This simple resolution was not adopted by the House. Simple resolutions are formal expressions of opinion within one chamber or the other.

Bill Number/Title: HR 1241 (Better Screening Test for Women Act)

Sponsor: Representative Nita M. Lowey (D-NY)

Overview: A bill to authorize additional appropriations to the National Institutes of Health for research on the early detection of and the reduction of mortality rates attributed to breast cancer.

Status: Introduced on March 12, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: HR 3438 (Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Representative Sander Levin (D-MI)

Overview: A bill to direct NIH and CDC to conduct a national campaign to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers regarding gynecologic cancer by carrying out demonstration projects to test different outreach and education strategies.

Status: Introduced on November 4, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 415 (Consumer Involvement in Breast Cancer Research Act)

Sponsor: Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)

Overview: Directs NCI to increase the involvement of breast cancer advocates in breast cancer research decision-making; requires the NCI Director to include and description of implementation in Biennial Report.

Status: Introduced on February 14, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1304/HR 4354 (Women's Health Office Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)

Overview: A bill to improve the health of women through the establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Status: Introduced on June 20, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1588 Environmental Health Research Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)

Overview: A bill to authorized the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to develop multidisciplinary research centers for women's health and disease prevention and to conduct and coordinate a research program on hormone disruption, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced on September 5, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.

Bill Number/Title: S 1730 (Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 2003)

Sponsor: Senator Olympia Snow (R-ME)

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

Status: Introduced on October 14, 2003; Since the bill was not acted upon before the 108th Congress adjourned, the measure died.