

Lillian Rangel Pollo, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1996.

Diana S. Natalicio, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2000.

Audrey L. McCrimon, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1997.

Claudia Mitchell-Kernan, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2000.

Marciene S. Mattleman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for the remainder of the term expiring October 12, 1995.

Ayse Manyas Kenmore, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 6, 1995.

Eve L. Menger, of New York, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2000.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred to as indicated:

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 644. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the establishment of research corporations in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 645. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to prohibit the Secretary of Agriculture from basing minimum prices for Class I milk on the distance or transportation costs from any location that is not within a marketing area, except under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. COHEN):

S. 646. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modernize Department of Defense acquisition procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DOLE (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 96. A resolution commending Chick Reynolds on the occasion of his retirement; considered and agreed to.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 644. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the establishment of research corporations in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

#### NONPROFIT RESEARCH CORPORATIONS LEGISLATION

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill to reauthorize Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers [VAMC's] to establish nonprofit research corporations [NPRC's].

In 1988, Congress passed a law, Public Law 100-322, allowing VAMC's to establish NPRC's as a means to provide a flexible funding mechanism for VA-approved research. The purpose of these foundations is to enhance ongoing federally-funded VA research by allowing them to accept private funds, contributions and grants. Between June 1993 and June 1994, the 65 active corporations provided nearly \$40 million in VA research support.

These NPRC's have five overlapping functions which help VAMC's serve veteran patients and their families. First, these foundations help recruit and maintain qualified staff inside the VA health care system by insuring a strong research program. Not only do NPRC's fund research projects directly, they also help send VA researchers, nurses, pharmacists, and other staff to conferences and other research events. This both encourages physicians and other health professionals to work for VA and keeps the knowledge inside the VA system.

Second, these foundations manage research donations and grants with Government oversight. NPRC researchers must abide by sunshine laws and conduct every project in the open. Unlike universities and private foundations, NPRC's must follow strict conflict of interest guidelines which protect integrity of the research and the interests of veteran patients.

Third, these foundations insure that substantial overhead funds are retained by VAMC's. Most universities charge overhead costs from 30 to 50 percent, while NPRC's charge only about 5 to 30 percent for overhead. Simply stated, foundations allow more money to be spent on research-related activities and insure that the money stays inside the VA system. Furthermore, some NPRC's provide funds for overhead costs. For example, the San Diego foundation contributes over \$100,000 for overhead expenses, including paying one-quarter of the hospital's bill for hazardous waste disposal at the research facility. Before NPRC's were established, the medical centers were forced to carry all the administrative costs of research.

Fourth, these foundations help provide resources for research-related personnel, equipment, supplies, and con-

ferences. For example, in Seattle, WA, the foundation purchases approximately 75,000 dollars worth of new equipment for the medical center each year. In some instances, the staff supplied provide direct patient care. In Washington, DC, the foundation has 25 employees who work directly in patient care as doctors, nurses, or clinicians.

Finally, NPRC's allow interested veterans to participate in the development of new drugs and treatments benefiting veterans. In Knoxville, TN, the foundation participated in a study which made a new blood pressure medication available to patients in a safe, controlled manner. In Indianapolis, IN the foundation conducted a drug study that gave veteran patients access to a new medication that benefits chronically ill heart patients.

By helping to provide equipment, treatment, staff, and other resources, while defraying the costs of overhead, these foundations are serving veterans without requiring more money from the VA budget.

This legislation would correct two problems in current law. First, it would extend the window of opportunity for the establishment of new NPRC's until December 31, 2000. To my knowledge, there are several VAMC's that would like to establish these important research corporations, including one in Colorado. If these VAMC's were allowed to establish NPRC's, it would pump much-needed supplemental funds into the VA research program.

The second provision of this bill would delete the requirement that NPRC's be established as 501(c)(3) corporations. Realizing that the IRS has recognized several foundations under different classifications, this technical correction is needed to insure the legality of several NPRC's.

I am happy to include Senators BROWN and AKAKA as original cosponsors of this bill. Mr. President, I hope the Committee on Veterans Affairs will consider this legislation favorably so that interested VA Medical Center can once again establish new nonprofit research corporations.

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

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

S. 644

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

#### SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR RESEARCH CORPORATIONS.

(a) AUTHORITY.—Subsection (a) of section 7361 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new sentence: "Subject to the provisions of section 7368 of this title, the Secretary may exercise the authority set forth in the preceding sentence on or after the date of the enactment of the Act entitled 'An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the establishment of research