

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to more accurately codify the depreciable life of semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 1207

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1207, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that income averaging for farmers not increase a farmer's liability for the alternative minimum tax.

S. 1289

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1289, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the capital gain treatment under section 631(b) of such Code shall apply to outright sales of timber held for more than 1 year.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1301, a bill to provide reasonable and non-discriminatory access to buildings owned or used by the Federal government for the provision of competitive telecommunications services by telecommunications carriers.

S. 1303

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1303, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to the treatment of forestry activities.

S. 1351

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1351, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for electricity produced from renewable resources.

## NOTICE OF HEARING

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that the hearing scheduled before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to receive testimony regarding S. 1052, To implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes", has been postponed.

The hearing was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 27, 1999, at 9:30 A.M., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., and is now scheduled to take place on Tuesday, August 3, 1999, at 9:30 A.M., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

For further information, please call Jim Beirne, Deputy Chief Counsel (202) 224-2564 or Betty Nevitt, Staff Assistant at (202) 224-0765.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, July 16, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on damage to the national security from Chinese espionage at DOE nuclear weapons laboratories.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet for a hearing re Review of the Report by the Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals regarding the Ninth Circuit and S. 253, the Ninth Circuit Reorganization Act, during the session of the Senate on Friday, July 16, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., in SD628.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 1999

The text of S. 1344, passed by the Senate on July 15, 1999, follows:

S. 1344

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

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Patients' Bill of Rights Plus Act".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

### TITLE I—PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

#### Subtitle A—Right to Advice and Care

Sec. 101. Patient right to medical advice and care.

#### "SUBPART C—PATIENT RIGHT TO MEDICAL ADVICE AND CARE

"Sec. 721. Patient access to emergency medical care.

"Sec. 722. Offering of choice of coverage options.

"Sec. 723. Patient access to obstetric and gynecological care.

"Sec. 724. Patient access to pediatric care.

"Sec. 725. Timely access to specialists.

"Sec. 726. Continuity of care.

"Sec. 727. Protection of patient-provider communications.

"Sec. 728. Patient's right to prescription drugs.

"Sec. 729. Self-payment for behavioral health care services.

"Sec. 730. Coverage for individuals participating in approved cancer clinical trials.

"Sec. 730A. Prohibiting discrimination against providers.

"Sec. 730B. Generally applicable provision."

Sec. 102. Conforming amendment to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

#### "SUBCHAPTER C—PATIENT RIGHT TO MEDICAL ADVICE AND CARE

"Sec. 9821. Patient access to emergency medical care.

"Sec. 9822. Offering of choice of coverage options.

"Sec. 9823. Patient access to obstetric and gynecological care.

"Sec. 9824. Patient access to pediatric care.

"Sec. 9825. Timely access to specialists.

"Sec. 9826. Continuity of care.

"Sec. 9827. Protection of patient-provider communications.

"Sec. 9828. Patient's right to prescription drugs.

"Sec. 9829. Self-payment for behavioral health care services.

"Sec. 9830. Coverage for individuals participating in approved cancer clinical trials.

"Sec. 9830A. Prohibiting discrimination against providers.

"Sec. 9830B. Generally applicable provision."

Sec. 103. Effective date and related rules.

#### Subtitle B—Right to Information About Plans and Providers

Sec. 111. Information about plans.

Sec. 112. Information about providers.

#### Subtitle C—Right to Hold Health Plans Accountable

Sec. 121. Amendment to Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

### TITLE II—WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS

Sec. 201. Women's health and cancer rights.

### TITLE III—GENETIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Sec. 301. Short title.

Sec. 302. Amendments to Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Sec. 303. Amendments to the Public Health Service Act.

Sec. 304. Amendments to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

### TITLE IV—HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

Sec. 401. Short title.

Sec. 402. Amendment to the Public Health Service Act.

#### "TITLE IX—AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

##### "PART A—ESTABLISHMENT AND GENERAL DUTIES

"Sec. 901. Mission and duties.

"Sec. 902. General authorities.

##### "PART B—HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT RESEARCH

"Sec. 911. Healthcare outcome improvement research.

"Sec. 912. Private-public partnerships to improve organization and delivery.

"Sec. 913. Information on quality and cost of care.