

(C) Section 6039G(f) is amended by inserting "or 877A(e)(2)(B)" after "877(e)(1)".

(f) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart A of part II of subchapter N of chapter 1 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 877 the following new item:

"Sec. 877A. Tax responsibilities of expatriation."

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in this subsection, the amendments made by this section shall apply to expatriates (within the meaning of section 877A(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section) whose expatriation date (as so defined) occurs on or after September 12, 2002.

(2) GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.—Section 102(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by subsection (b)) shall apply to gifts and bequests received on or after September 12, 2002, from an individual or the estate of an individual whose expatriation date (as so defined) occurs after such date.

(3) DUE DATE FOR TENTATIVE TAX.—The due date under section 877A(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, shall in no event occur before the 90th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 202. EXTENSION OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE USER FEES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 (relating to miscellaneous provisions) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**"SEC. 7527. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE USER FEES.**

"(a) GENERAL RULE.—The Secretary shall establish a program requiring the payment of user fees for—

"(1) requests to the Internal Revenue Service for ruling letters, opinion letters, and determination letters, and

"(2) other similar requests.

"(b) PROGRAM CRITERIA.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The fees charged under the program required by subsection (a)—

"(A) shall vary according to categories (or subcategories) established by the Secretary,

"(B) shall be determined after taking into account the average time for (and difficulty of) complying with requests in each category (and subcategory), and

"(C) shall be payable in advance.

"(2) EXEMPTIONS, ETC.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide for such exemptions (and reduced fees) under such program as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

"(B) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN REQUESTS REGARDING PENSION PLANS.—The Secretary shall not require payment of user fees under such program for requests for determination letters with respect to the qualified status of a pension benefit plan maintained solely by 1 or more eligible employers or any trust which is part of the plan. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any request—

"(i) made after the later of—

"(I) the fifth plan year the pension benefit plan is in existence, or

"(II) the end of any remedial amendment period with respect to the plan beginning within the first 5 plan years, or

"(ii) made by the sponsor of any prototype or similar plan which the sponsor intends to market to participating employers.

"(C) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of subparagraph (B)—

"(i) PENSION BENEFIT PLAN.—The term 'pension benefit plan' means a pension, profit-sharing, stock bonus, annuity, or employee stock ownership plan.

"(ii) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.—The term 'eligible employer' means an eligible employer (as defined in section 408(p)(2)(C)(i)(I)) which has at least 1 employee who is not a highly compensated employee (as defined in section 414(q)) and is participating in the plan. The determination of

whether an employer is an eligible employer under subparagraph (B) shall be made as of the date of the request described in such subparagraph.

"(iii) DETERMINATION OF AVERAGE FEES CHARGED.—For purposes of any determination of average fees charged, any request to which subparagraph (B) applies shall not be taken into account.

"(3) AVERAGE FEE REQUIREMENT.—The average fee charged under the program required by subsection (a) shall not be less than the amount determined under the following table:

Category	Average Fee
Employee plan ruling and opinion .....	\$250
Exempt organization ruling .....	\$350
Employee plan determination .....	\$300
Exempt organization determination ...	\$275
Chief counsel ruling .....	\$200.

"(c) TERMINATION.—No fee shall be imposed under this section with respect to requests made after September 30, 2012."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) The table of sections for chapter 77 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"Sec. 7527. Internal Revenue Service user fees."

(2) Section 10511 of the Revenue Act of 1987 is repealed.

(3) Section 620 of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 is repealed.

(c) LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any fees collected pursuant to section 7527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by subsection (a), shall not be expended by the Internal Revenue Service unless provided by an appropriations Act.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to requests made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 203. PARTIAL PAYMENT OF TAX LIABILITY IN INSTALLMENT AGREEMENTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) Section 6159(a) (relating to authorization of agreements) is amended—

(A) by striking "satisfy liability for payment of" and inserting "make payment on", and

(B) by inserting "full or partial" after "facilitate".

(2) Section 6159(c) (relating to Secretary required to enter into installment agreements in certain cases) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by inserting "full" before "payment".

(b) REQUIREMENT TO REVIEW PARTIAL PAYMENT AGREEMENTS EVERY TWO YEARS.—Section 6159 is amended by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively, and inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection:

"(d) SECRETARY REQUIRED TO REVIEW INSTALLMENT AGREEMENTS FOR PARTIAL COLLECTION EVERY TWO YEARS.—In the case of an agreement entered into by the Secretary under subsection (a) for partial collection of a tax liability, the Secretary shall review the agreement at least once every 2 years."

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to agreements entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve tax equity for military personnel, and for other purposes."

**PHARMACY EDUCATION AID ACT OF 2002**

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 621, S. 1806.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1806) to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health professions programs regarding the practice of pharmacy.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

[Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in italic.]

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

**[SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

[This Act may be cited as the "Pharmacy Education Aid Act of 2001".

**[SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

[Congress makes the following findings:

[(1) Pharmacists are an important link in our Nation's health care system. A critical shortage of pharmacists is threatening the ability of pharmacies to continue to provide important prescription related services.

[(2) In the landmark report entitled "To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System", the Institute of Medicine reported that medication errors can be partially attributed to factors that are indicative of a shortage of pharmacists (such as too many customers, numerous distractions, and staff shortages).

[(3) Congress acknowledged in the Healthcare Research and Quality Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-129) a growing demand for pharmacists by requiring the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study to determine whether there is a shortage of pharmacists in the United States and, if so, to what extent.

[(4) As a result of Congress' concern about how a shortage of pharmacists would impact the public health, the Secretary of Health and Human Services published a report entitled "The Pharmacist Workforce: A Study in Supply and Demand for Pharmacists" in December of 2000.

[(5) "The Pharmacist Workforce: A Study in Supply and Demand for Pharmacists" found that "While the overall supply of pharmacists has increased in the past decade, there has been an unprecedented demand for pharmacists and for pharmaceutical care services, which has not been met by the currently available supply" and that the "evidence clearly indicates the emergence of a shortage of pharmacists over the past two years".

[(6) The same study also found that "The factors causing the current shortage are of a nature not likely to abate in the near future without fundamental changes in pharmacy practice and education." The study projects that the number of prescriptions filled by community pharmacists will increase by 20 percent by 2004. In contrast, the number of community pharmacists is expected to increase by only 6 percent by 2005.

[(7) The demand for pharmacists will increase as prescription drug use continues to grow.

**[SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF PRACTICE OF PHARMACY IN PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.**

[(a) INCLUSION IN CORPS MISSION.—Section 331(a)(3) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254d(a)(3)) is amended—

[(1) in subparagraph (D), by adding at the end the following: "Such term includes pharmacist services."; and

[(2) by adding at the end the following:

[(E)(i) The term ‘pharmacist services’ includes drug therapy management services furnished by a pharmacist, individually or on behalf of a pharmacy provider, and such services and supplies furnished incident to the pharmacist’s drug therapy management services, that the pharmacist is legally authorized to perform (in the State in which the individual performs such services) in accordance with State law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided for by State law).”.

[(b) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 338A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254f) is amended—

[(1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “pharmacists,” after “physicians,”; and

[(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “pharmacy” after “dentistry.”.

[(c) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—Section 338B of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254f–1) is amended—

[(1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “pharmacists,” after “physicians,”; and

[(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “pharmacy,” after “dentistry.”.

[(d) FUNDING.—Section 338H(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254q(b)(2)) is amended in subparagraph (A), by inserting before the period the following: “, which may include such contracts for individuals who are in a course of study or program leading to a pharmacy degree”.

**[SEC. 4. CERTAIN HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS REGARDING PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.**

[(a) IN GENERAL.—Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended—

[(1) by redesignating section 770 as section 771; and

[(2) by adding at the end the following subpart:

**[(Subpart 3—Certain Workforce Programs**

**[SEC. 771. PRACTICING PHARMACIST WORKFORCE.**

[(a) RECRUITING AND RETAINING STUDENTS AND FACULTY.—

[(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make awards of grants or contracts to qualifying schools of pharmacy (as defined in subsection (f)) for the purpose of carrying out programs for recruiting and retaining students and faculty for such schools, including programs to provide scholarships for attendance at such schools to full-time students who have financial need for the scholarships and who demonstrate a commitment to becoming practicing pharmacists or faculty.

[(2) PREFERENCE IN PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS.—An award may not be made under paragraph (1) unless the qualifying school of pharmacy involved agrees that, in providing scholarships pursuant to the award, the school will give preference to students for whom the costs of attending the school would constitute a severe financial hardship.

[(b) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM REGARDING FACULTY POSITIONS.—

[(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may establish a program of entering into contracts with individuals described in paragraph (2) under which the individuals agree to serve as members of the faculties of qualifying schools of pharmacy in consideration of the Federal Government agreeing to pay, for each year of such service, not more than \$20,000 of the principal and interest of the educational loans of such individuals.

[(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—The individuals referred to in paragraph (1) are individuals who—

[(A) have a doctoral degree in pharmacy or the pharmaceutical sciences; or

[(B) are enrolled in a school of pharmacy and are in the final academic year of such

school in a program leading to such a doctoral degree.

[(3) REQUIREMENTS REGARDING FACULTY POSITIONS.—The Secretary may not enter into a contract under paragraph (1) unless—

[(A) the individual involved has entered into a contract with a qualifying school of pharmacy to serve as a member of the faculty of the school for not less than 2 years;

[(B) the contract referred to in subparagraph (A) provides that, in serving as a member of the faculty pursuant to such subparagraph, the individual will—

[(i) serve full time; or

[(ii) serve as a member of the adjunct clinical faculty and in so serving will actively supervise pharmacy students for 25 academic weeks per year (or such greater number of academic weeks as may be specified in the contract); and

[(C) such contract provides that—

[(i) the school will, for each year for which the individual will serve as a member of the faculty under the contract with the school, make payments of the principal and interest due on the educational loans of the individual for such year in an amount equal to the amount of such payments made by the Secretary for the year;

[(ii) the payments made by the school pursuant to clause (i) on behalf of the individual will be in addition to the pay that the individual would otherwise receive for serving as a member of such faculty; and

[(iii) the school, in making a determination of the amount of compensation to be provided by the school to the individual for serving as a member of the faculty, will make the determination without regard to the amount of payments made (or to be made) to the individual by the Federal Government under paragraph (1).

[(4) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—The provisions of sections 338C, 338G, and 338I shall apply to the program established in paragraph (1) to the same extent and in the same manner as such provisions apply to the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program established in subpart III of part D of title III, including the applicability of provisions regarding reimbursements for increased tax liability and provisions regarding bankruptcy.

[(5) WAIVER REGARDING SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Secretary may waive the requirement established in paragraph (3)(C) if the Secretary determines that the requirement will impose an undue financial hardship on the school involved.

[(c) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—The Secretary may make awards of grants or contracts to qualifying schools of pharmacy for the purpose of assisting such schools in acquiring and installing computer-based systems to provide pharmaceutical education. Education provided through such systems may be graduate education, professional education, or continuing education. The computer-based systems may be designed to provide on-site education, or education at remote sites (commonly referred to as distance learning), or both.

[(d) FACILITIES.—The Secretary may award grants under section 1610 for construction projects to expand, remodel, renovate, or alter existing facilities for qualifying schools of pharmacy or to provide new facilities for the schools.

[(e) REQUIREMENT REGARDING EDUCATION IN PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.—With respect to the qualifying school of pharmacy involved, the Secretary shall ensure that programs and activities carried out with Federal funds provided under this section have the goal of educating students to become licensed pharmacists, or the goal of providing for faculty to recruit, retain, and educate students to become licensed pharmacists.

[(f) QUALIFYING SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualifying school of pharmacy’ means a college or school of pharmacy (as defined in section 799B) that, in providing clinical experience for students, requires that the students serve in a clinical rotation in which pharmacist services (as defined in section 331(a)(3)(E)) are provided at or for—

[(1) a medical facility that serves a substantial number of individuals who reside in or are members of a medically underserved community (as so defined);

[(2) an entity described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (L) of section 340B(a)(4) (relating to the definition of covered entity);

[(3) a health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs or of any of the Armed Forces of the United States;

[(4) a health care facility of the Bureau of Prisons;

[(5) a health care facility operated by, or with funds received from, the Indian Health Service; or

[(6) a disproportionate share hospital under section 1923 of the Social Security Act.

[(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2002 through 2006.”.

[(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORM AMENDMENTS.—Section 1610(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300r(a)) is amended—

[(1) in paragraph (1)—

[(A) in subparagraph (A)—

[(i) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the end thereof;

[(ii) in clause (ii), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

[(iii) by adding at the end the following:

[(iii) expand, remodel, renovate, or alter existing facilities for qualifying schools of pharmacy or to provide new facilities for the schools in accordance with section 771(d).”;

[(B) in subparagraph (B)—

[(i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end thereof;

[(ii) in clause (ii)(II), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

[(iii) by adding at the end the following:

[(iii) a qualifying school of pharmacy (as defined in section 771(f)).”;

[(2) by striking the first sentence of paragraph (3) and inserting the following: “There are authorized to be appropriated for grants under paragraph (1)(A)(iii), such sums as may be necessary.”; and

[(3) by adding at the end the following:

[(4) RECAPTURE OF PAYMENTS.—If, during the 20-year period beginning on the date of the completion of construction pursuant to a grant under paragraph (1)(A)(iii)—

[(A) the school of pharmacy involved, or other owner of the facility, ceases to be a public or nonprofit private entity; or

[(B) the facility involved ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was constructed (unless the Secretary determines, in accordance with regulations, that there is good cause for releasing the school or other owner from such obligation);

[(the United States is entitled to recover from the school or other owner of the facility the amount bearing the same ratio to the current value (as determined by an agreement between the parties or by action brought in the United States District Court for the district in which such facility is situated) of the facility as the amount of the Federal participation bore to the cost of the construction of such facility.”.]

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### SEC. 3. HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAM RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

#### "Subpart 3—Pharmacy Workforce Development

##### "SEC. 781. LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any individual—

"(1) who has received a baccalaureate degree in pharmacy or a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited program; and

"(2) who obtained an educational loan for pharmacy education costs;

the Secretary may enter into an agreement with such individual who agrees to serve as a full-time pharmacist for a period of not less than 2 years at a health care facility with a critical shortage of pharmacists, to make payments in accordance with subsection (b), for and on behalf of that individual, on the principal of and interest on any loan of that individual described in paragraph (2) which is outstanding on the date the individual begins such service.

"(b) MANNER OF PAYMENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The payments described in subsection (a) may consist of payment, in accordance with paragraph (2), on behalf of the individual of the principal, interest, and related expenses on government and commercial loans received by the individual regarding the undergraduate or graduate education of the individual (or both), which loans were made for—

"(A) tuition expenses;

"(B) all other reasonable educational expenses, including fees, books, and laboratory expenses, incurred by the individual; or

"(C) reasonable living expenses as determined by the Secretary.

"(2) PAYMENTS FOR YEARS SERVED.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—For each year of obligated service that an individual contracts to serve under subsection (a)(3) the Secretary may pay up to \$35,000 on behalf of the individual for loans described in paragraph (1). In making a determination of the amount to pay for a year of such service by an individual, the Secretary shall consider the extent to which each such determination—

"(i) affects the ability of the Secretary to maximize the number of agreements that may be provided under this section from the amounts appropriated for such agreements;

"(ii) provides an incentive to serve in areas with the greatest shortages of pharmacists; and

"(iii) provides an incentive with respect to the pharmacist involved remaining in the area and continuing to provide pharmacy services after the completion of the period of obligated service under agreement.

"(B) REPAYMENT SCHEDULE.—Any arrangement made by the Secretary for the making of loan repayments in accordance with this subsection shall provide that any repayments for a year of obligated service shall be made not later than the end of the fiscal year in which the individual completes such year of service.

"(3) TAX LIABILITY.—For the purpose of providing reimbursements for tax liability resulting from payments under paragraph (2) on behalf of an individual—

"(A) the Secretary shall, in addition to such payments, make payments to the individual in an amount equal to 39 percent of the total amount of loan repayments made for the taxable year involved; and

"(B) may make such additional payments as the Secretary determines to be appropriate with respect to such purpose.

"(4) PAYMENT SCHEDULE.—The Secretary may enter into an agreement with the holder of any loan for which payments are made under this section to establish a schedule for the making of such payments.

"(c) PREFERENCES.—In entering into agreements under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give preference to qualified applicants with the greatest financial need.

"(d) REPORTS.—

"(1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Pharmacy Education Aid Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to Congress a report describing the program carried out under this section, including statements regarding—

"(A) the number of enrollees, loan repayments, and recipients;

"(B) the number of graduates;

"(C) the amount of loan repayments made;

"(D) which educational institution the recipients attended;

"(E) the number and placement location of the loan repayment recipients at health care facilities with a critical shortage of pharmacists;

"(F) the default rate and actions required;

"(G) the amount of outstanding default funds of the loan repayment program;

"(H) to the extent that it can be determined, the reason for the default;

"(I) the demographics of the individuals participating in the loan repayment program; and

"(J) an evaluation of the overall costs and benefits of the program.

"(2) 5-YEAR REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of the Pharmacy Education Aid Act, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to Congress a report on how the program carried out under this section interacts with other Federal loan repayment programs for pharmacists and determining the relative effectiveness of such programs in increasing pharmacists practicing in areas with a critical shortage or pharmacists.

"(e) BREACH OF AGREEMENT.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any program under this section under which an individual makes an agreement to provide health services for a period of time in accordance with such program in consideration of receiving an award of Federal funds regarding education as a pharmacist (including an award for the repayment of loans), the following applies if the agreement provides that this subsection is applicable:

"(A) In the case of a program under this section that makes an award of Federal funds for attending an accredited program of pharmacy (in this section referred to as a 'pharmacy program'), the individual is liable to the Federal Government for the amount of such award (including amounts provided for expenses related to such attendance), and for interest on such amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, if the individual—

"(i) fails to maintain an acceptable level of academic standing in the pharmacy program (as indicated by the program in accordance with requirements established by the Secretary);

"(ii) is dismissed from the pharmacy program for disciplinary reasons; or

"(iii) voluntarily terminates the pharmacy program.

"(B) The individual is liable to the Federal Government for the amount of such award (including amounts provided for expenses related to such attendance), and for interest on such amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, if the individual fails to provide health services in accordance with the program under this section for the period of time applicable under the program.

"(2) WAIVER OR SUSPENSION OF LIABILITY.—In the case of an individual or health facility making an agreement for purposes of paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide for the waiver or suspension of liability under such subsection if compliance by the individual or the health facility, as the case may be, with the agreements involved is impossible, or would involve extreme hardship to the individual or facility, and if enforcement of the agreements with respect to the individual or facility would be unconscionable.

"(3) DATE CERTAIN FOR RECOVERY.—Subject to paragraph (2), any amount that the Federal Government is entitled to recover under paragraph (1) shall be paid to the United States not later than the expiration of the 3-year period beginning on the date the United States becomes so entitled.

"(4) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts recovered under paragraph (1) with respect to a program under this section shall be available for the purposes of such program, and shall remain available for such purposes until expended.

"(f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'health care facility' means an Indian Health Service health center, a Native Hawaiian health center, a hospital, a pharmacy, a Federal qualified health center, a rural health clinic, a nursing home, a home health agency, a hospice program, a public health clinic, a State or local department of public health, a skilled nursing facility, an ambulatory surgical center, or any other facility determined appropriate by the Secretary.

"(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of payments under agreements entered into under subsection (a), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.

##### "SEC. 782. PHARMACIST FACULTY LOAN PROGRAM.

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, may enter into an agreement with any school of pharmacy for the establishment and operation of a student loan fund in accordance with this section, to increase the number of qualified pharmacy faculty.

"(b) AGREEMENTS.—Each agreement entered into under subsection (a) shall—

“(1) provide for the establishment of a student loan fund by the school involved;

“(2) provide for deposit in the fund of—

“(A) the Federal capital contributions to the fund;

“(B) an amount equal to not less than one-ninth of such Federal capital contributions, contributed by such school;

“(C) collections of principal and interest on loans made from the fund; and

“(D) any other earnings of the fund;

“(3) provide that the fund will be used only for loans to students of the school in accordance with subsection (c) and for costs of collection of such loans and interest thereon;

“(4) provide that loans may be made from such fund only to students pursuing a full-time course of study or, at the discretion of the Secretary, a part-time course of study; and

“(5) contain such other provisions as are necessary to protect the financial interests of the United States.

“(c) LOAN PROVISIONS.—Loans from any student loan fund established by a school pursuant to an agreement under subsection (a) shall be made to an individual on such terms and conditions as the school may determine, except that—

“(1) such terms and conditions are subject to any conditions, limitations, and requirements prescribed by the Secretary;

“(2) in the case of any individual, the total of the loans for any academic year made by schools of pharmacy from loan funds established pursuant to agreements under subsection (a) may not exceed \$30,000, plus any amount determined by the Secretary on an annual basis to reflect inflation;

“(3) an amount up to 85 percent of any such loan (plus interest thereon) shall be canceled by the school as follows:

“(A) upon completion by the individual of each of the first, second, and third year of full-time employment, required by the loan agreement entered into under this subsection, as a faculty member in a school of pharmacy, the school shall cancel 20 percent of the principle of, and the interest on, the amount of such loan unpaid on the first day of such employment; and

“(B) upon completion by the individual of the fourth year of full-time employment, required by the loan agreement entered into under this subsection, as a faculty member in a school of pharmacy, the school shall cancel 25 percent of the principle of, and the interest on, the amount of such loan unpaid on the first day of such employment;

“(4) such a loan may be used to pay the cost of tuition, fees, books, laboratory expenses, and other reasonable education expenses;

“(5) such a loan shall be repayable in equal or graduated periodic installments (with the right of the borrower to accelerate repayment) over the 10-year period that begins 9 months after the individual ceases to pursue a course of study at a school of pharmacy; and

“(6) such a loan shall—

“(A) beginning on the date that is 3 months after the individual ceases to pursue a course of study at a school of pharmacy, bear interest on the unpaid balance of the loan at the rate of 3 percent per annum; or

“(B) subject to subsection (e), if the school of pharmacy determines that the individual will not complete such course of study or serve as a faculty member as required under the loan agreement under this subsection, bear interest on the unpaid balance of the loan at the prevailing market rate.

“(d) PAYMENT OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE.—Where all or any part of a loan, or interest, is canceled under this section, the Secretary shall pay to the school an amount equal to the school's proportionate share of the canceled portion, as determined by the Secretary.

“(e) REVIEW BY SECRETARY.—At the request of the individual involved, the Secretary may review any determination by a school of pharmacy under subsection (c)(6)(B).

“(f) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—The Secretary may make awards of grants or contracts to qualifying schools of pharmacy for the purpose of assisting such schools in acquiring and installing computer-based systems to provide pharmaceutical education. Education provided through such systems may be graduate education, professional education, or continuing education. The computer-based systems may be designed to provide on-site education, or education at remote sites (commonly referred to as distance learning), or both.

“(g) REQUIREMENT REGARDING EDUCATION IN PRACTICE OF PHARMACY.—With respect to the school of pharmacy involved, the Secretary shall ensure that programs and activities carried out with Federal funds provided under this section have the goal of educating students to become licensed pharmacists, or the goal of providing for faculty to recruit, retain, and educate students to become licensed pharmacists.

“(h) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

“(1) SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.—the term ‘school of pharmacy’ means a college or school of pharmacy (as defined in section 799B) that, in providing clinical experience for students, requires that the students serve in a clinical rotation in which pharmacist services (as defined in section 331(a)(3)(E)) are provided at or for—

“(A) a medical facility that serves a substantial number of individuals who reside in or are members of a medically underserved community (as so defined);

“(B) an entity described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (L) of section 340B(a)(4) (relating to the definition of covered entity);

“(C) a health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs or of any of the Armed Forces of the United States;

“(D) a health care facility of the Bureau of Prisons;

“(E) a health care facility operated by, or with funds received from, the Indian Health Service; or

“(F) a disproportionate share hospital under section 1923 of the Social Security Act.

“(2) PHARMACIST SERVICES.—The term ‘pharmacist services’ includes drug therapy management services furnished by a pharmacist, individually or on behalf of a pharmacy provider, and such services and supplies furnished incident to the pharmacist's drug therapy management services, that the pharmacist is legally authorized to perform (in the State in which the individual performs such services) in accordance with State law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided for by State law).

“(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2007.”

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the committee-reported amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1806), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

#### NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES MONTH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 388 and that

we now proceed to the consideration of that matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 388) expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 388) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

#### NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES MONTH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 139 and that the Senate now proceed to this matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 139) expressing the sense of Congress that there should be established a National Minority Health and Health Disparities Month, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 139) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 139

Whereas in 2000, the Surgeon General announced a goal of eliminating, by 2010, health disparities experienced by racial and ethnic minorities in health access and outcome in 6 areas: infant mortality, cancer screening, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus infection, and immunizations;

Whereas despite notable progress in the overall health of the Nation there are continuing health disparities in the burden of illness and death experienced by African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders, compared to the population of the United States as a whole;