



H.R. 1014 – Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 1014 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Lois Capps (D-CA) on February 13, 2007. The Committee on Energy and Commerce ordered the bill to be reported, as amended, by voice vote on September 17, 2008.

H.R. 1014 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 1014 requires an application for the approval of or investigation of a drug, device, or biological product to include information concerning sex, race, and ethnicity and any related differences in safety and effectiveness. This information must be made public via the Internet. This Act does not affect the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to enforce regulations not referenced in this legislation.

The bill requires the Secretary to require that all non-identifiable patient safety work products reported to a database stratified by sex. The Secretary must also report to Congress on women's access to care for stroke, heart disease, and cardiovascular diseases.

H.R. 1014 must develop an educational campaign regarding heart disease, stroke, and cardiovascular diseases in older women.

Finally, this bill extends the Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN) program and authorizes \$37 million for 2009, \$38.9 million for 2010, \$40.8 million for 2011, \$42.8 million for 2012, and \$45 million for 2013.

BACKGROUND

The Center for Disease Control's WISEWOMAN program provides low-income, under- or uninsured women with knowledge, skills, and opportunities to improve diet, physical activity, and other lifestyle behaviors to prevent, delay and control cardiovascular and other chronic diseases. The WISEWOMAN program is administered through CDC's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (DHDSP) and funds 21 programs, which operate on the local level in states and tribal organizations.

According to the CDC, cardiovascular disease is the top killer in the United States, and 79.4 million Americans have some form of the disease. Women represent 53 percent of deaths from cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease includes stroke, high blood pressure, congestive heart failure, birth heart defects, and hardening of the blood vessels.

Before Bernadette Healy became Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 1991, drug testing focused almost exclusively on men and did not account for differing effects of drugs on men and women. This legislation seeks to continue to stratify the effect of health products based on gender, race, and ethnicity.

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The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has not produced a cost estimate for H.R. 1014 as of September 18, 2008.

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