

EC-2106. A communication from the Acting Director, Human Resources Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and the Designation of an Acting Officer for the Position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs & Intergovernmental Affairs, received on April 11, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2107. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines (Order No. 587-R, Docket RM 96-1-024)" received on April 11, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2108. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application Procedures (1004-AD34)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2109. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; California" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2110. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraflufen-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL 7300-9)" received on April 23, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2111. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL 7304-4)" received on April 23, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2112. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "a-Hydro-w-Hydroxypoly (oxyethylene) C8-C18-Alkyl Ether Citrates, Poly (oxyethylene) content is 4-12 moles Tolerance Exemption (FRL 7290-8)" received on April 23, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2113. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mefenpyr-Diethyl; Pesticide Tolerance (FRL 7297-9)" received on April 23, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2114. A communication from the Director, Office of the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a Designation of an Acting Officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, received on April 11, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2115. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single Employer Plans; allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2116. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Animal Drugs; Phenylbutazone; Extralabel Animal Drug Use; Order of Prohibition; CORRECTION (Doc. No. 03N-0024)" to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2117. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Labeling Requirements for Systemic Antibacterial Drug Products Intended for Human Use; CORRECTION (RIN 0910-AB78) (Doc. No. 00N-1463)" received on April 16, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2118. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program, Final Rule" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2119. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unemployment Insurance Program Letter 22-87, Change 2" received on April 22, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2120. A communication from the Acting Assistant General, Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rehabilitative Engineering Research Centers Program" received on April 28, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of May 1, 2003, the following reports of committees were submitted on May 2, 2003:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 824. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-41).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 753. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the modernization of the United States Tax Court, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-42).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. REID:

S. 986. A bill to designate Colombia under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act in order to make nationals of Colombia eligible for temporary protected status under such section; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 987. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for national standardized payment amounts for inpatient hospital services furnished under the Medicare program and to make other rural health care improvements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 988. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for a job training grant pilot program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 989. A bill to provide death and disability benefits for aerial firefighters who work on a contract basis for a public agency and suffer death or disability in the line of duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 990. A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Challenge Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 991. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work at certain Medicare providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 992. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provision taxing policyholder dividends of mutual life insurance companies and to repeal the policyholders surplus account provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 993. A bill to amend the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. MILLER):

S. 994. A bill to protect human health and the environment from the release of hazardous substances by acts of terrorism; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 995. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve certain child nutritional programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 113

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S. 113, a bill to exclude United States persons from the definition of "foreign power" under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 relating to international terrorism.

S. 146

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) were added as

cosponsors of S. 146, a bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

S. 215

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to authorize funding assistance for the States for the discharge of homeland security activities by the National Guard.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 271, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding of bonds originally issued to finance governmental facilities used for essential governmental functions.

S. 349

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 401

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase to parity with other surviving spouses the basic annuity that is provided under the uniformed services Survivor Benefit Plan for surviving spouses who are at least 62 years of age; and for other purposes.

S. 445

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 445, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service.

S. 447

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 447, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to preserve the educational status and financial resources of military personnel called to active duty.

S. 493

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Illi-

nois (Mr. FITZGERALD) were added as cosponsors of S. 518, a bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy.

S. 564

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 564, a bill to facilitate the deployment of wireless telecommunications networks in order to further the availability of the Emergency Alert System, and for other purposes.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financings to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 605

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 605, a bill to extend waivers under the temporary assistance to needy families program through the end of fiscal year 2008.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

S. 716

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 716, a bill to amend the Federal Power Act to improve the electricity transmission system of the United States.

S. 774

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the use of completed contract method of accounting in the case of certain long-

term naval vessel construction contracts.

S. 786

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 786, a bill to amend the temporary assistance to needy families program under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide grants for transitional jobs programs, and for other purposes.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, 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.

S. 838

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) were added as cosponsors of S. 838, a bill to waive the limitation on the use of funds appropriated for the Homeland Security Grant Program.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 903

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 903, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers in renewal communities to qualify for the renewal community employment credit by employing residents of certain other renewal communities.

S. 922

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 922, a bill to change the requirements for naturalization through service in the Armed Forces of the United States, to extend naturalization benefits to members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, to extend posthumous benefits to surviving spouses, children, and parents, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S.

950, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to require enhanced disclosures of employee stock options, to require a study on the economic impact of broad-based employee stock option plans, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 4

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S. CON. RES. 25

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 25, a concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS—MAY 1, 2003

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 971. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 971

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 "Medicaid Community-Based Attendant Services and Supports Act of 2003".

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.

TITLE I—ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAID PLAN BENEFIT

Sec. 101. Coverage of community-based attendant services and supports under the medicaid program.

Sec. 102. Enhanced FMAP for ongoing activities of early coverage States that enhance and promote the use of community-based attendant services and supports.

Sec. 103. Increased Federal participation for certain expenditures.

TITLE II—PROMOTION OF SYSTEMS CHANGE AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Sec. 201. Grants to promote systems change and capacity building.

Sec. 202. Demonstration project to enhance coordination of care under the medicare and medicaid programs for non-elderly dual eligible individuals.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Long-term services and supports provided under the medicaid program established under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) must meet the ability and life choices of individuals with disabilities and older Americans, including the choice to live in one's own home or with one's own family and to become a productive member of the community.

(2) Research on the provision of long-term services and supports under the medicaid program (conducted by and on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services) has revealed a significant funding bias toward institutional care. Only about 27 percent of long term care funds expended under the medicaid program, and only about 9 percent of all funds expended under that program, pay for services and supports in home and community-based settings.

(3) In the case of medicaid beneficiaries who need long term care, the only long-term care service currently guaranteed by Federal law in every State is nursing home care. Only 27 States have adopted the benefit option of providing personal care services under the medicaid program. Although every State has chosen to provide certain services under home and community-based waivers, these services are unevenly available within and across States, and reach a small percentage of eligible individuals. In fiscal year 2000, only 3 States spent 50 percent or more of their medicaid long term care funds under the medicaid program on home and community-based care.

(4) Despite the funding bias and the uneven distribution of home and community-based services, 2½ times more people are served in home and community-based settings than in institutional settings.

(5) The goals of the Nation properly include providing families of children with disabilities, working-age adults with disabilities, and older Americans with—

(A) a meaningful choice of receiving long-term services and supports in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs;

(B) the greatest possible control over the services received and, therefore, their own lives and futures; and

(C) quality services that maximize independence in the home and community, including in the workplace.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are the following:

(1) To reform the medicaid program established under title XIX of the Social Security

Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) to provide equal access to community-based attendant services and supports.

(2) To provide financial assistance to States as they reform their long-term care systems to provide comprehensive statewide long-term services and supports, including community-based attendant services and supports that provide consumer choice and direction, in the most integrated setting appropriate.

TITLE I—ESTABLISHMENT OF MEDICAID PLAN BENEFIT

SEC. 101. COVERAGE OF COMMUNITY-BASED ATTENDANT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

(a) MANDATORY COVERAGE.—Section 1902(a)(10)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(D)) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(i)" after "(D)";

(2) by adding "and" after the semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(ii) subject to section 1935, for the inclusion of community-based attendant services and supports for any individual who—

"(I) is eligible for medical assistance under the State plan;

"(II) with respect to whom there has been a determination that the individual requires the level of care provided in a nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (whether or not coverage of such intermediate care facility is provided under the State plan); and

"(III) who chooses to receive such services and supports;"

(b) COMMUNITY-BASED ATTENDANT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) is amended—

(A) by redesignating section 1935 as section 1936; and

(B) by inserting after section 1934 the following:

"COMMUNITY-BASED ATTENDANT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

"SEC. 1935. (a) REQUIRED COVERAGE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1, 2007, a State shall provide through a plan amendment for the inclusion of community-based attendant services and supports (as defined in subsection (g)(1)) for individuals described in section 1902(a)(10)(D)(ii) in accordance with this section.

"(2) ENHANCED FMAP AND ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EARLIER COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding section 1905(b), during the period that begins on or after October 1, 2003, and ends on September 30, 2007, in the case of a State with an approved plan amendment under this section during that period that also satisfies the requirements of subsection (c) the Federal medical assistance percentage shall be equal to the enhanced FMAP described in section 2105(b) with respect to medical assistance in the form of community-based attendant services and supports provided to individuals described in section 1902(a)(10)(D)(ii) in accordance with this section.

"(b) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BENEFIT.—In order for a State plan amendment to be approved under this section, a State shall provide the Secretary with the following assurances:

"(1) ASSURANCE OF DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION COLLABORATION.—That the State has developed and shall implement the provision of community-based attendant services and supports under the State plan through active collaboration with—

"(A) individuals with disabilities;

"(B) elderly individuals;

"(C) representatives of such individuals; and