

Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

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

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. SPECTER. I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing entitled, "Investing in Young Children Pays Dividends: The Economic Case for Early Care and Education", in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing on the relationship between doctors and the drug industry.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY, AND WATER QUALITY

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "Protecting Water Quality at America's Beaches."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that two members of my staff, Jared Najvar and Crystal Y'Barbo, be given the privilege of the floor through July 1, 2007.

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

Mr. NELSON of Florida. I ask unanimous consent that my staffers, Neal Higgins and Matt Nosanchuk, be allowed to stay on the floor of the Senate throughout the duration of the debate over S. 1639, the immigration bill.

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

EXTENDING TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to S. 1701.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1701) to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on 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 bill (S. 1701) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1701

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (TMA) AND ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2007.

Section 401 of division B of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-432) is amended—

(1) by striking "June 30" and inserting "September 30"; and

(2) by striking "third quarter" each place it appears and inserting "fourth quarter".

SEC. 2. SUNSET OF THE LIMITED CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT PROVISION FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM.

Section 1851(e)(2)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-21(e)(2)(E)), as added by section 206(a) of division B of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking "2007 or 2008" and inserting "the period beginning on January 1, 2007, and ending on July 31, 2007,"; and

(2) in clause (iii)—

(A) in the heading, by striking "YEAR" and inserting "THE APPLICABLE PERIOD"; and

(B) by striking "the year" and inserting "the period described in such clause".

SEC. 3. OFFSETTING ADJUSTMENT IN MEDICARE ADVANTAGE STABILIZATION FUND.

Section 1858(e)(2)(A)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-27a(e)(2)(A)(i)), as amended by 301 of division B of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, is amended by striking "the Fund during the period" and all that follows and inserting "the Fund—

"(I) during 2012, \$1,600,000,000; and

"(II) during 2013, 1,790,000,000.".

Mr. REID. I compliment Senators BAUCUS and GRASSLEY for getting this done. We were running out of time.

COMMENDING THE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 259, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 259) commending the Oregon State University baseball team for winning the 2007 College World Series.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, just about a year ago, Senator SMITH and I came down to the floor of the Senate to take a few moments to talk about the Oregon State University baseball team,

which had just won its first College World Series national championship out in Omaha, NE.

I can't tell you how happy I am to be standing here on the floor of the Senate 1 year later to applaud the team's defense of that title.

This is a tough, determined baseball team. When most folks counted them out, they didn't give up. After finishing 6th in the Pac-10, they squeaked their way into the post-season and never looked back.

On the road and at home, the Oregon State squad was virtually unstoppable, winning their last 10 games. In fact, the team trailed in just one of the 45 innings it played in Omaha and it was the first team to ever win 4 College World Series games by 6 or more runs.

The Beavers are the first back-to-back champions since Louisiana State University accomplished the feat back in 1996-97 and the first "cold-weather" state repeat champions ever.

It is a proud day for the players and coaches on the Oregon State team. It is a proud day for the University. And it is a proud day for all Oregonians.

Today, with Senator SMITH as my co-sponsor, I have therefore submitted a resolution commending the Oregon State University baseball team for winning the 2007 College World Series.

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 259) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 259

Whereas on June 24, 2007, the Oregon State University baseball team won the 2007 College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska after defeating California State University, Fullerton by a score of 3 to 2; Arizona State University by a score of 12 to 6; University of California, Irvine by a score of 7 to 1; and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the championship by scores of 11 to 4 and 9 to 3;

Whereas this is the second consecutive College World Series championship Oregon State University has won, making the University the first repeat College World Series champion in a decade;

Whereas the success of the team was a direct result of the skill, intensity, and resolve of every player on the Oregon State University baseball team, including Erik Ammon, Darwin Barney, Hunter Beaty, Scotty Berke, Reed Brown, Brian Budrow, Mitch Canham, Bryn Card, Brett Casey, Jackson Evans, Kyle Foster, Drew George, Mark Grbavac, Chad Hegdahl, Chris Hopkins, Koa Kahalehoe, Greg Keim, Blake Keitzman, Josh Keller, Eddie Kunz, Joey Lakowski, Lonnie Lechelt, Jordan Lennerton, Mike Lissman, Anton Maxwell, Jake McCormick, Chad Nading, Jason Ogata, Ryan Ortiz, Joe Paterson, Tyrell Poggemeyer, Joe Pratt, Jorge Reyes, Scott Santachi, Kraig Sitton, Alex Sogard, Dale Solomon, Michael Stutes, Daniel Turpen, John Wallace, Braden Wells, and Joey Wong;

Whereas freshman pitcher Jorge Reyes was recognized as the Most Outstanding Player of the 2007 College World Series tournament;

Whereas Darwin Barney, Mitch Canham, Mike Liessman, Jorge Reyes, Scott Santschi, and Joey Wong were named to the 2007 All-College World Series tournament team; and

Whereas the 2007 College World Series victory of the Oregon State University baseball team ended a terrific season in which the team compiled a record of 49 wins to 18 losses: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Oregon State University baseball team, Head Coach Pat Casey and his coaching staff, Athletic Director Bob DeCarolis, and Oregon State University President Edward John Ray on their tremendous accomplishment in defending their 2007 College World Series championship title; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of Oregon State University.

REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF PAPERS—S. 1612

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate request the return of papers on the bill S. 1612 from the House of Representatives. I further ask consent that upon compliance with this request, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make corrections in the engrossment of this bill.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand adjourned following the remarks, for 28 minutes or thereabouts, or however much time the distinguished Senator from Alabama has left under the order before this body. When he finishes, we would adjourn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, what is the plan for debate time in the morning prior to the cloture vote? I have been involved in the debate and would like to be involved in having some opportunity to speak in the morning prior to the vote, if that would be appropriate.

Mr. REID. I would say through the Chair, the time is equally divided between Senator KENNEDY and Senator SPECTER. Whatever time the Senator would request, I am sure one of those Senators might yield him time.

Mr. SESSIONS. How does that happen when they both agree on this bill?

Mr. REID. As I understand it, it is automatic, an hour before cloture.

Mr. SESSIONS. They both agreed. That is the problem. Is there any time set aside for the opposition?

Mr. REID. I think the Senator raises a valid point there. It is for the proponents of the resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. I ask for 10 minutes.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent out of Senator SPECTER's time and Senator KENNEDY's time, you have 10 minutes. How is that?

Mr. SESSIONS. That will be fine.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if we wait, we are going to check to see if time has been allocated yet.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, what I had requested is that the Senator from Alabama would be recognized for 10 minutes; five minutes would come from the time of Senator KENNEDY, 5 minutes from that of Senator SPECTER, and I would further say the last 20 minutes of the debate wouldn't count against any of this time. The first 10 minutes would be for Senator MCCONNELL, if he so chooses and, if I so choose, I would have the last 10 minutes, right before the vote. That is additional time. That doesn't count against the time we have allocated here earlier.

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

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, is it now appropriate that I utilize a few of the minutes I have remaining—I am not going to use them all—before we adjourn? Is that what we agreed to?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has 28 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama is recognized for 28 minutes.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, this has been a very important day, a day that was pretty contentious. The procedural mechanism that the Majority Leader had invoked to control the debate in the Senate had its wheels come off today. The plan by the group, the grand bargainers and the leadership, was to push through a controlled series of 27 or so amendments today. The plan was to vote on this controlled group of hand picked amendments, mostly by motions to table, today. Had they voted on all of these amendments today we would have heard claims about the full and fair amendment process that had taken place this week—even though it was all just a show—no amendment would have gotten a vote unless the Majority Leader had approved it. My amendments, Senator CORNYN's amendments, and amendments by Senators DOLE, VITTER, COBURN, and DEMINT would not have gotten votes.

Well, the Baucus amendment was part of their plan but a surprise happened, it was not tabled. As a result, that amendment remained alive and the majority leader had the plan that had been so carefully constructed, almost to the degree of the Normandy invasion, come to a halt. So we are now no longer voting and debating tonight. But we will be getting ready for a key vote in the morning. So I would say to

anyone who might be listening, tomorrow morning is a very important vote. I believe a number of Senators who voted yesterday to move forward on this bill, some of the 64 who did, may not be for the legislation tomorrow.

I firmly believe that as the legislation and debate has gone along this week, more people have seen the fatal flaws that are in the legislation. I think we are going to see an erosion of the support tomorrow. I would say to my colleagues, let's end this tomorrow. Let's have this bill come down tomorrow. Let's not invoke cloture. Let's not continue to move forward on this bill because the legislation cannot be fixed in its present form.

I have had some people ask me, JEFF, why can't you compromise on this legislation? Why can't a compromise be reached? Well, I would just say that if you are trying to fix a leaky bucket, you can't compromise to fix the bucket by fixing four holes in the bucket and leaving six more holes in the bucket. Under that compromise, all of the water is still going to leak out.

The problem with the immigration bill currently before the Senate, and I have seen this problem repeatedly in the immigration realm, is that when we come up with provisions and concepts that would actually work, ones that would restore lawfulness to the immigration system, we pull back, we compromise too much. In my own mind, it has been like trying to jump across a 10-foot cavern, but only jumping 9 feet. You still fall to the bottom. You do not get across, you do not achieve your goal.

Until we complete some of the currently inadequate enforcement provisions, until we draft a bill that will create a legal system that will actually work, compromising about this or that matter is not going to amount to much.

The bill, I do believe, as I have indicated before, is only going to reduce illegal immigration by a net 13 percent over the next 20 years. That number comes straight from the Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate on this bill, which they released June 4th, I did not make it up. Our own Congressional Budget Office, has told the Senate that we can expect to have an additional 8.7 million people illegally in our country after this bill becomes law.

That is not what we had been promised by the grand bargainers that brought this bill back to the floor. That is not what they are claiming will happen. They have promised us that this bill will secure the border. I assume that they mean they believe this bill will end illegal immigration. Well, it just simply will not secure the border and end or even substantially reduce illegal immigration. The Congressional Budget Office has told us it will not. In the beginning, I analyzed the bill and my staff worked on it, and we did not believe it would be an effective enforcement mechanism. The Congressional Budget Office has now also concluded that the bill will not fulfil the