

“(aa) not less than 15; and
 “(bb) not greater than the State resident cap increase.

“(II) QUALIFYING HOSPITAL.—In this clause, the term ‘qualifying hospital’ means a hospital located in an eligible State that the Secretary determines should receive an increase under this clause in the otherwise applicable limit on the total number of full-time equivalent residents in the field of allopathic or osteopathic medicine.

“(III) ELIGIBLE STATE.—In this clause, the term ‘eligible State’ means a State for which the National median medical resident ratio exceeds the State medical resident ratio.

“(IV) STATE RESIDENT CAP INCREASE.—In this clause, the term ‘State resident cap increase’ means, with respect to a State, $\frac{1}{4}$ of the product of—

“(aa) the difference between the National median medical resident ratio and the State medical resident ratio; and

“(bb) the State population (as determined for purposes of subclause (VI)).

“(V) NATIONAL MEDIAN MEDICAL RESIDENT RATIO.—In this clause, the term ‘National median medical resident ratio’ means the median of all State medical resident ratios.

“(VI) STATE MEDICAL RESIDENT RATIO.—In this clause, the term ‘State medical resident ratio’ means, with respect to any State, the ratio of full-time equivalent residents in the State in approved medical residency training programs as of the date of the enactment of this clause to the population of the State as of such date, as determined by the Secretary.

“(VII) STATE.—In this clause, the term ‘State’ means a State and the District of Columbia.

“(VIII) CONSIDERATIONS IN DETERMINING RESIDENT CAP INCREASES.—In determining whether a hospital is a qualifying hospital, and how much of an increase in the resident cap a qualifying hospital shall receive under subclause (I), the Secretary shall take into consideration the demonstrated likelihood of the hospital filling resident positions that would be made available as a result of such increase within the first 3 cost reporting periods beginning on or after the date that is 16 months after the date of the enactment of this clause. The Secretary shall also take into consideration whether the new resident positions will be in primary care, preventive medicine, or geriatrics programs.”

(b) INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(x) Clause (iii) of subsection (h)(4)(F) shall apply to clause (v) in the same manner and for the same period as such clause (iii) applies to clause (i) of such subsection.”

SA 4981. Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3101, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . TREATMENT OF CERTAIN CANCER HOSPITALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)(v)—

(A) by striking “or” at the end of subclause (II); and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(IV) a hospital that is a nonprofit corporation, the sole member of which is affiliated with a university that has been the recipient of a cancer center support grant from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health, and which sole member (or its predecessors or such university) was recognized as a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health as of April 20, 1983, if the hospital’s articles of incorporation specify that at least 50 percent of its total discharges have a principal finding of neoplastic disease (as defined in subparagraph (E)) and if, of December 31, 2005, the hospital was licensed for less than 150 acute care beds, or

“(V) a hospital (aa) that the Secretary has determined to be, at any time on or before December 31, 2011, a hospital involved extensively in treatment for, or research on, cancer, (bb) that is (as of the date of such determination) a free-standing facility, (cc)(aaa) for which the hospital’s predecessor provider entity was University Hospitals of Cleveland with medicare provider number 36-0137, or (bbb) received the designation on June 10, 2003, as the official cancer institute of its State;”

(2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting after clause (v) the following new clause:

“(vi) a hospital that—

“(I) is located in a State that as of December 31, 2006, had only one center under section 414 of the Public Health Service Act that has been designated by the National Cancer Institute as a comprehensive center currently serving all 21 counties in the most densely populated State in the nation (U.S. Census estimate for 2005: 8,717,925 persons; 1,134.5 persons per square mile), serving more than 70,000 patient visits annually;

“(II) as of December 31, 2006, served as the teaching and clinical care, research and training hospital for the Center described in subclause (II), providing significant financial and operational support to such Center;

“(III) as of December 31, 2006, served as a core and essential element in such Center which conducts more than 130 clinical trial activities, national cooperative group studies, investigator-initiated and peer review studies and has received as of 2005 at least \$93,000,000 in research grant awards;

“(IV) as of December 31, 2006, includes dedicated patient care units organized primarily for the treatment of and research on cancer with approximately 125 beds, 75 percent of which are dedicated to cancer patients, and contains a radiation oncology department as well as specialized emergency services for oncology patients; and

“(V) as of December 31, 2004, is identified as the focus of the Center’s inpatient activities in the Center’s application as a NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center and shares the NCI comprehensive cancer designation with the Center;”

(3) in subparagraph (E)—

(A) by striking “subclauses (II) and (III)” and inserting “subclauses (II), (III), and (IV);” and

(B) by inserting “and subparagraph (B)(vi)” after “subparagraph (B)(v)”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATES; PAYMENTS.—

(1) APPLICATION TO COST REPORTING PERIODS.—

(A) Any classification by reason of section 1886(d)(1)(B)(vi) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(1)(B)(vi)), as inserted by subsection (a), shall apply to cost reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

(B) The provisions of section 1886(d)(1)(B)(v)(IV) of the Social Security

Act, as added by subsection (a), shall take effect on January 1, 2008.

(2) BASE TARGET AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding subsection (b)(3)(E) of section 1886 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww), in the case of a hospital described in subsection (d)(1)(B)(vi) of such section, as inserted by subsection (a)—

(A) the hospital shall be permitted to resubmit the 2006 Medicare 2552 cost report incorporating a cancer hospital sub-provider number and to apply the Medicare ratio-of-cost-to-charge settlement methodology for outpatient cancer services; and

(B) the hospital’s target amount under subsection (b)(3)(E)(i) of such section for the first cost reporting period beginning on or after January 1, 2006, shall be the allowable operating costs of inpatient hospital services (referred to in subclause (I) of such subsection) for such first cost reporting period.

(3) DEADLINE FOR PAYMENTS.—Any payments owed to a hospital as a result of this subsection for periods occurring before the date of the enactment of this Act shall be made expeditiously, but in no event later than 1 year after such date of enactment.

(c) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN HOSPITALS.—

(1) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—The provisions of section 412.22(e) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply to a hospital described in section 1886(d)(1)(B)(v)(V) of the Social Security Act, as added by subsection (a).

(2) APPLICATION TO COST REPORTING PERIODS.—If the Secretary makes a determination that a hospital is described in section 1886(d)(1)(B)(v)(V) of the Social Security Act, as added by subsection (a), such determination shall apply as of the first cost reporting period beginning on or after the date of such determination.

(3) BASE PERIOD.—Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1886(b)(3)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(E)) or any other provision of law, the base cost reporting period for purposes of determining the target amount for any hospital for which a determination described in paragraph (2) has been made shall be the first full 12-month cost reporting period beginning on or after the date of such determination.

(4) RULE.—A hospital described in subclause (V) of section 1886(b)(1)(B)(v) of the Social Security Act, as added by subsection (a), shall not qualify as a hospital described in such subclause for any cost reporting period in which less than 50 percent of its total discharges have a principal finding of neoplastic disease. With respect to the first cost reporting period for which a determination described in paragraph (2) has been made, the Secretary shall accept a self-certification by the hospital, which shall be applicable to such first cost reporting period, that the hospital intends to have total discharges during such first cost reporting period of which 50 percent or more have a principal finding of neoplastic disease.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2008 at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Condition of Our Nation’s Infrastructure: Perspectives From Mayors.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct an executive business meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MAN-
AGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FED-
ERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECUR-
ITY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Addressing the U.S.-Pakistan Strategic Relationship."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator STEVENS, I ask unani-

mous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Rebecca Gilman, Jessica Kazmierczak, Kate Williams, and Kevin Simpson.

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

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT
AGREEMENT—H.R. 6049

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to H.R. 6049 occur on Monday, June 16, at 5:30 p.m., and that following morning business on Monday, the Senate resume the motion to proceed with all time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees, with the 20 minutes immediately prior to the vote controlled between the majority and Republican leaders, with the majority leader controlling the final 10 minutes, and that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

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

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 592, 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. 592) commending the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 592) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 592

Whereas May 18, 2008, marks the 75th anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Authority;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority was created by Congress in 1933 to improve navigation along the Tennessee River, reduce the risk of flood damage, provide electric power, and promote agricultural and industrial development in the region;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 (16 U.S.C. 831 et seq.) was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on May 18, 1933;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority continues to serve the Tennessee Valley, providing reliable and affordable electricity, managing the Tennessee River system, and stimulating economic growth;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority provides more electricity than any other public utility in the Nation and has competitive rates and reliable transmission;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority is expanding its environmental policy to increase its renewable energy sources, improve energy efficiency, and provide clean energy in the Tennessee Valley region;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority continues to reduce power plant emissions and is working to further improve air quality for the health of individuals in the Tennessee Valley region;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority is a leader in the nuclear power industry, with multi-site nuclear power operations that provide approximately 30 percent of the Tennessee Valley Authority's power supply;

Whereas, as part of NuStart Energy Consortium, the Tennessee Valley Authority submitted one of the first combined operating license applications for a new nuclear power plant in 30 years;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority's integrated management of the Tennessee River system provides a wide range of benefits that include providing electrical power, reducing floods, facilitating freight transportation, improving water quality and supply, enhancing recreation, and protecting public land;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority builds business and community partnerships that foster economic prosperity, helping companies and communities attract investments that bring good jobs to the Tennessee Valley region and keep them there; and

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority no longer receives appropriations to help fund its activities in navigation, flood control, environmental research, and land management, because the Tennessee Valley Authority pays for all its activities through power sales and issuing bonds: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary;

(2) recognizes the Tennessee Valley Authority for its long and proud history of service in the areas of energy, the environment, and economic development in a service area that includes 7 States;

(3) honors the accomplishments of the Board of Directors, retirees, staff, and supporters of the Tennessee Valley Authority who were instrumental during the Tennessee Valley Authority's first 75 years; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Bill Sansom, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Tom Kilgore, for appropriate display.

HONORING THE DETROIT RED
WINGS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 593, submitted earlier today by Senator LEVIN.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 593) honoring the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 2008 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship.

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am delighted to submit this resolution today, along with my Michigan colleague, Senator STABENOW, congratulating the Detroit Red Wings on a