

homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 99, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

(e) APPLICATION OF LIFETIME AGGREGATE LIMITS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the provisions of section 2711 of the Public Health Service Act (as added by section 1001) that relate to lifetime limits shall apply to grandfathered health plans (including group health plans and individual health insurance coverage), except as provided for in paragraph (2).

(2) PHASE-OUT.—A grandfathered health plan—

(A) may not apply a lifetime limit that is less than \$5,000,000 during the first two plan years beginning after the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) may not apply a lifetime limit that is less than \$10,000,000 during the third and fourth plan years beginning after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(C) shall not apply any lifetime limit for plans years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Lia Lopez, an intern in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of consideration of H.R. 3590.

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

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 3590

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote order with respect to the Lautenberg and Dorgan amendments to H.R. 3590 be reversed to Dorgan and then Lautenberg.

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

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 224, S. 1755.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1755) to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1755) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1755

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 “Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Nearly 700,000 amateur radio operators in the United States are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service.

(2) Amateur Radio Service operators provide, on a volunteer basis, a valuable public sector service to their communities, their States, and to the Nation, especially in the area of national and international disaster communications.

(3) Emergency and disaster relief communications services by volunteer Amateur Radio Service operators have consistently and reliably been provided before, during, and after floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, forest fires, earthquakes, blizzards, train accidents, chemical spills and other disasters. These communications services include services in connection with significant examples, such as—

(A) hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Hugo, and Andrew;

(B) the relief effort at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon following the 2001 terrorist attacks; and

(C) the Oklahoma City bombing in April 1995.

(4) Amateur Radio Service has formal agreements for the provision of volunteer emergency communications activities with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Weather Service, the National Communications System, and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, as well as with disaster relief agencies, including the American National Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

(5) Section 1 of the joint resolution entitled “Joint Resolution to recognize the achievements of radio amateurs, and to establish support for such amateurs as national policy”, approved October 22, 1994 (Public Law 103-408), included a finding that stated: “Reasonable accommodation should be made for the effective operation of amateur radio from residences, private vehicles and public areas, and the regulation at all levels of government should facilitate and encourage amateur radio operations as a public benefit.”.

(6) Section 1805(c) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 757(c)) directs the Regional Emergency Communications Coordinating Working Group of the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate their activities with ham and amateur radio operators among the 11 other emergency organizations such as ambulance services, law enforcement, and others.

(7) Amateur Radio Service, at no cost to taxpayers, provides a fertile ground for technical self-training in modern telecommunications, electronic technology, and emergency communications techniques and protocols.

(8) There is a strong Federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio Service stations, and that performance must be given—

(A) support at all levels of government; and

(B) protection against unreasonable regulation and impediments to the provision of the valuable communications provided by such stations.

SEC. 3. STUDY OF ENHANCED USES OF AMATEUR RADIO IN EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF COMMUNICATIONS AND FOR RELIEF OF RESTRICTIONS.

(a) AUTHORITY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

(1) undertake a study on the uses and capabilities of Amateur Radio Service communications in emergencies and disaster relief; and

(2) submit a report on the findings of the Secretary to Congress.

(b) SCOPE OF THE STUDY.—The study required by this section shall—

(1) include a review of the importance of amateur radio emergency communications in furtherance of homeland security missions relating to disasters, severe weather, and other threats to lives and property in the United States, as well as recommendations for—

(A) enhancements in the voluntary deployment of amateur radio licensees in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts; and

(B) improved integration of amateur radio operators in planning and furtherance of the Department of Homeland Security initiatives; and

(2)(A) identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, such as the effects of unreasonable or unnecessary private land use regulations on residential antenna installations; and

(B) make recommendations regarding such impediments for consideration by other Federal departments, agencies, and Congress.

(c) USE OF EXPERTISE AND INFORMATION.—In conducting the study required by this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall utilize the expertise of stakeholder entities and organizations, including the amateur radio, emergency response, and disaster communications communities.

CONVENING OF 2ND SESSION OF 111TH CONGRESS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.J. Res. 62, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 62) appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res 62) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

H.J. RES. 62

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second regular session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress shall begin at noon on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

HONORING BREAST CANCER
ADVOCATE STEFANIE SPIELMAN

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 375, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A Resolution (S. Res. 375) honoring the life and service of breast cancer advocate Stefanie Spielman.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. 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. 375) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 375

Whereas Stefanie Spielman, a tremendous advocate and a true champion for the cause of breast cancer research, passed away on November 19, 2009, after a decade-long battle with breast cancer;

Whereas despite her constant battle with her own illness, Stefanie showed grace and compassion for others, touching countless lives in Ohio and beyond;

Whereas Stefanie tirelessly advocated for additional research into the prevention and treatment of breast cancer, and along with her husband, Chris, founded the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Breast Cancer Research at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center—James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute shortly after her diagnosis;

Whereas Stefanie and Chris later established the Stefanie Spielman Fund for Patient Assistance, which to date has generated more than \$6,500,000 to help translate

laboratory discoveries into effective treatments for breast cancer patients;

Whereas Stefanie served as an active and vital member of the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute Foundation Board;

Whereas Stefanie was actively engaged in advocacy issues, including Ohio Mammography Day, which received the strong support of former Ohio First Lady Janet Voinovich and was designated by the Ohio General Assembly as the third Thursday in October;

Whereas in 2000, Stefanie and Chris established “Stefanie’s Champions” to honor one of the most important factors in cancer treatment—the loving and healing presence of a devoted caregiver;

Whereas Stefanie gave the first Champion award to her beloved husband after Chris put his professional football career on hold to care for her when she was first treated; and

Whereas Stefanie was a loving mother to her 4 children: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) acknowledges the outstanding achievements and profound impact of Stefanie Spielman in the fight against breast cancer;

(2) commends Stefanie for her commitment to caring for others suffering from breast cancer; and

(3) celebrates her life as a wife, mother, and advocate for breast cancer awareness, research, and treatment.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualification specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappoints the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Daniel Blumenthal of Maryland, for a term beginning January 1, 2010, and expiring December 31, 2011.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276n, as amended, appoints the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the U.S.-China interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: the Honorable CHRISTOPHER BOND of Missouri.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 15, 2009

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 15; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3590, the health care reform legislation, as provided for under the previous order.

Finally, I ask the Senate recess from 12:45 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons.

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

PROGRAM

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, Senators should expect a series of four rollcall votes to begin around 6 p.m. tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:15 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 10 a.m.