

amendments made by, this division or division B that are related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and section 552a of title 5, United States Code, on health insurance premiums and overall health care costs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question occurs on the amendment, as further modified.

The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, with the forbearance of my friend from Wyoming, I am pleased to tell the managers of the bill and all that we have reached agreement with Senators ENZI, KENNEDY, SNOWE, and KLOBUCHAR to preserve the important privacy protections of electronic health records in the bill. I think these changes will help ensure there are meaningful privacy protections for America's electronic health records in place. I know that is something both the Senator from Wyoming and I are interested in. This helps. I support the amendment, and I urge its immediate adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Vermont for his consideration, and I particularly thank the Senator from Minnesota, who is the subcommittee chair for information technology, who has played a very interesting role in this and has made some very good emphasis, and who understands what we are trying to do. So I thank her for all of her efforts too.

Mr. President, I ask for an immediate vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment, as further modified.

The amendment (No. 293), as further modified, was agreed to.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. BAUCUS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. BAUCUS. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 98 WITHDRAWN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw amendment No. 98.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate convenes on Saturday, February 7, the following be the order: that the Collins and Nelson of Nebraska amendment be called up, the reading be waived; that cloture be filed on the amendment, and that the mandatory quorum be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that no further amendments or motions be in order for the duration of the consideration of H.R. 1; and that on Saturday, February 7, the time from 12 noon to 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that there be debate only with no amendments or motions in order; provided further that when the Senate reconvenes on Monday, February 9, the time from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. be divided and controlled in the same manner and that at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Reid for Collins and Nelson of Nebraska, among others, amendment; that if cloture is invoked on the amendment, then postcloture time run during any recess or adjournment of the Senate on Monday; and that all postcloture time be considered expired at 12 noon on Tuesday; that on Tuesday, February 10, after the Senate reconvenes, the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled as provided above; and that if a budget point of order is made against the amendment, then a motion to waive the applicable point of order be considered made; that if the waiver is successful, the amendment be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that if there is no point of order against the amendment, then adoption of the amendment be subject to a 60-vote threshold; the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Senate then proceed to a vote on passage of the bill; that upon passage, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees, with the ratio agreed upon by the leaders, with the above all without further intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I note 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 that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

TRIBUTE TO JOE BLANTON

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an out-

standing athlete from my home State of Kentucky, Joe Blanton, who was a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies 2008 World Series Championship team.

Blanton, who played baseball at Edmonson County High School in Brownsville, KY continued his baseball career in the Commonwealth by playing for the University of Kentucky. He was drafted by the Oakland Athletics after college and was traded to the Phillies during the All-Star break this past summer.

Recently, the Daily News in Bowling Green, KY, published an article detailing Mr. Blanton's journey and accomplishments. I will ask to have the full article printed in the RECORD.

I also ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joe Blanton for his accomplishments in the 2008 Major League Baseball postseason. Kentucky is proud of his success, and we look forward to seeing more of his prodigious athletic talent on the baseball diamond in the years ahead.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have the article to which I referred printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Daily News, Jan. 24, 2009]

BLANTON'S DAY IN BROWNSVILLE: EDMONSON COUNTY HONORS WORLD SERIES CHAMPION PITCHER

(By Micheal Compton)

It's been an offseason to remember for Joe Blanton.

Traded from the Oakland A's to the Philadelphia Phillies in July, Blanton became a key member of a Philadelphia team that celebrated its first World Series championship since 1980 by beating the Tampa Bay Rays in five games in October.

Blanton was honored Saturday at Edmonson County High School, where he pitched until 1998, getting his jersey retired in front of family, college coach and Edmonson County alum Keith Madison and several hundred fans.

Blanton, who signed autographs and took pictures with fans, said his participation in the fundraiser for the ECHS baseball program was his way of giving back to a community that gave him so much as a young man.

"This is kind of a little way that I hope I can help (the Edmonson County baseball program) a little bit, to make it easier on them and give them a few nice things here and there," Blanton said.

Edmonson County coach Clint Clark said Saturday's event has been in the works since August. But once Blanton won the World Series with the Phillies in October, the process sped up.

"What Joseph means to this community, words can't describe," Clark said. "By bringing him home and honoring Joseph and having (former University of Kentucky) coach Madison back to be a part of it, we wanted to be able to bring back the tradition here at Edmonson County."

2008 was a year of highs and lows for Blanton, culminating in a World Series performance that included one of the most memorable moments in baseball history.

"It's been a ride," Blanton said. "When you get traded, it is definitely weird. It always shocks you a little bit. I didn't know anybody (in Philadelphia), any of the coaches, but it seemed to work out pretty good for me."

Blanton started the season 5-12 with the A's, but during the All-Star break he was traded from the organization that drafted him in the first round in 2002. In joining the Phillies, Blanton was thrust into the National League pennant race.

Blanton went 4-0 in 13 starts for Philadelphia, helping the Phillies win the NL's East Division. He pitched the decisive Game 4 in the NL Division Series against Milwaukee, allowing one run and five hits in six innings against a Brewers' lineup that included former Greenwood High School star Corey Hart.

"That was awesome getting to face somebody from the area—somebody I got to play with in summer ball," Blanton said. "We played together with the Kentucky Colonels. That's real nice to see somebody else from here have success like he has had the last couple of years."

Blanton got a no decision in his lone NL Championship Series start against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He saved his best game for last, going six innings and allowing two runs in a 10-2 victory that helped the Phillies take a 3-1 lead in the World Series.

But it was Blanton's fifth-inning at-bat that will forever be remembered—a solo home run to left field that Blanton said was his first since 1999, when he played for Franklin-Simpson High School. Blanton's shot was the first World Series home run by a pitcher in 34 years.

"It's what you dream about as a kid when you're in the backyard playing Wiffleball with your buddies or your dad is throwing you batting practice," Blanton said. "You are always taking that last swing like it's Game 7 of the World Series. Mine wasn't Game 7, but it couldn't have been much better if it was. I think other than maybe throwing a no-hitter or something, I wouldn't trade it for anything else."

Three nights later, Blanton charged the mound with his teammates, celebrating a world title.

"It still gives me chills just thinking about it," Blanton said. "There's really not another feeling like it in sports. It's the ultimate team accomplishment. Just having the dogpile on the field, knowing no one in baseball is better than you, it is really hard to put into words. It feels good to be able to accomplish that."

While the World Series title was a life-altering experience, Blanton insists he hasn't changed.

"I'm still the same," Blanton said. "I think if anything changed, it's getting (to the World Series) made me respect it a lot more. I played with a guy, Jamie Moyer, who I think last year was his 22nd year in the majors and that was his first World Series. That shows you how hard it can be to make it and win it."

And Blanton, who recently signed a one-year, \$5.475 million deal with Philadelphia, is determined to work just as hard to help the Phillies defend their title.

"I feel like we have a great team coming back," Blanton said. "We have a solid lineup and a great bullpen. I feel like we have a great starting staff and all the components that it takes to win. We're not a one-dimensional team, and we have a great clubhouse and coaching staff on top of it."

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the Committee on Indian Affairs Rules of Procedure. There being

no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Rule 1. The Standing Rules of the Senate, Senate Resolution 4, and the provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, to the extent the provisions of such Act are applicable to the Committee on Indian Affairs and supplemented by these rules, are adopted as the rules of the Committee.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Rule 2. The Committee shall meet on Thursdays while the Congress is in session for the purpose of conducting business, unless for the convenience of the Members, the Chairman shall set some other day for a meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman as he may deem necessary.

OPEN HEARINGS AND MEETINGS

Rule 3. Hearings and business meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public except when the Chairman by a majority vote orders a closed hearing or meeting.

HEARING PROCEDURE

Rule 4(a). Public notice, including notice to Members of the Committee, shall be given of the date, place and subject matter of any hearing to be held by the Committee at least one week in advance of such hearing unless the Chairman of the Committee, with the concurrence of the Vice Chairman, determines that the hearing is non-controversial or that special circumstances require expedited procedures and a majority of the Committee Members attending concurs. In no case shall a hearing be conducted with less than 24 hours' notice.

(b). Each witness who is to appear before the Committee shall submit his or her testimony by way of electronic mail at least 48 hours in advance of a hearing, in a format determined by the Committee and sent to an electronic mail address specified by the Committee.

(c). Each Member shall be limited to five (5) minutes of questioning of any witness until such time as all Members attending who so desire have had an opportunity to question the witness unless the Committee shall decide otherwise.

(d). The Chairman and Vice Chairman or the ranking Majority and Minority Members present at the hearing may each appoint one Committee staff member to question each witness. Such staff member may question the witness only after all Members present have completed their questioning of the witness or at such time as the Chairman and Vice Chairman or the Ranking Majority and Minority Members present may agree.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Rule 5(a). A legislative measure or subject shall be included in the agenda of the next following business meeting of the Committee if a written request by a Member for consideration of such measure or subject has been filed with the Chairman of the Committee at least one week prior to such meeting. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to limit the authority of the Chairman of the Committee to include legislative measures or subjects on the Committee agenda in the absence of such request.

(b). Notice of, and the agenda for, any business meeting of the Committee shall be provided to each Member and made available to the public at least two days prior to such meeting, and no new items may be added after the agenda published except by the approval of a majority of the Members of the Committee. The notice and agenda of any business meeting may be provided to the Members by electronic mail, provided that a

paper copy will be provided to any Member upon request. The Clerk shall promptly notify absent members of any action taken by the Committee on matters not included in the published agenda.

(c). Any bill or resolution to be considered by the Committee shall be filed with the Clerk of the Committee not less than 48 hours in advance of the Committee meeting. Any amendment(s) to legislation to be considered shall be filed with the Clerk not less than 24 hours in advance. This rule may be waived by the Chairman with the concurrence of the Vice Chairman.

QUORUM

Rule 6(a). Except as provided in subsection (b), a majority of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Committee. Consistent with Senate rules, a quorum is presumed to be present unless the absence of a quorum is noted by a Member.

(b). One Member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting a hearing or taking testimony on any measure before the Committee.

VOTING

Rule 7(a). A recorded vote of the Members shall be taken upon the request of any Member.

(b). A measure may be reported from the Committee unless an objection is made by a member, in which case a recorded vote by the Members shall be required.

(c). Proxy voting shall be permitted on all matters, except that proxies may not be counted for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum. Unless further limited, a proxy shall be exercised only for the date for which it is given and upon the terms published in the agenda for that date.

SWORN TESTIMONY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Rule 8. Witnesses in Committee hearings may be required to give testimony under oath whenever the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Committee deems it to be necessary. At any hearing to confirm a Presidential nomination, the testimony of the nominee, and at the request of any Member, any other witness shall be under oath. Every nominee shall submit a financial statement, on forms to be perfected by the Committee, which shall be sworn to by the nominee as to its completeness and accuracy. All such statements shall be made public by the Committee unless the Committee, in executive session, determines that special circumstances require a full or partial exception to this rule. Members of the Committee are urged to make public a complete disclosure of their financial interests on forms to be perfected by the Committee in the manner required in the case of Presidential nominees.

CONFIDENTIAL TESTIMONY

Rule 9. No confidential testimony taken by, or confidential material presented to the Committee or any report of the proceedings of a closed Committee hearing or business meeting shall be made public in whole or in part, or by way of summary, unless authorized by a majority of the Members of the Committee at a business meeting called for the purpose of making such a determination.

DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS

Rule 10. Any person whose name is mentioned or who is specifically identified in, or who believes that testimony or other evidence presented at, an open Committee hearing tends to defame him or her or otherwise adversely affect his or her reputation may file with the Committee for its consideration and action a sworn statement of facts relevant to such testimony of evidence.

BROADCASTING OR HEARINGS OR MEETINGS

Rule 11. Any meeting or hearing by the Committee which is open to the public may