

“(C) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means—

“(i) the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate; and

“(ii) the Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Science and Technology of the House of Representatives.”.

SEC. 503. COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS.

Section 9 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(mm) COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR SBIR AND STTR PROGRAMS.—All funds awarded, appropriated, or otherwise made available in accordance with subsection (f) or (n) must be awarded pursuant to competitive and merit-based selection procedures.”.

CBO ESTIMATE OF THE STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO EFFECTS FOR THE SENATE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 6517, THE OMNIBUS TRADE ACT OF 2010, AS TRANSMITTED TO CBO ON DECEMBER 22, 2010

(Millions of dollars, by fiscal year)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2011–2015	2011–2020
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	122	115	25	5	–2,475	2,475	0	0	0	–717	–2208	–450

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Source: Congressional Budget Office and staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Mr. BROWN of OHIO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Brown amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed; the motions to reconsider be laid on 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 amendment (No. 4924) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today’s RECORD under “Text of Amendments.”)

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time. The bill (H.R. 6517), as amended, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, in light of the generosity of the Republican leader and the assistant majority leader, 30 seconds.

This agreement among Senator CASEY, Senator KYL, Senator MCCAIN, and me will make a difference in restoring TAA, trade adjustment, and the health care tax credit, in addition to the Andean trade references and some other things that will make a difference.

It will make a difference. It will mean that 50,000 people don’t lose their health insurance the first of the year. I am appreciative of all who have been part of this.

I will yield to Senator CASEY for a moment. I thank the leaders for their generosity.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I thank Senator BROWN, as well as Senators MCCAIN and KYL, for entering into this agreement. It extends this for a short period of time. It is important as it relates to manufacturing jobs in a State such as ours, where we have lost over 200,000 in less than a decade. I am sure that number corresponds to other

OMNIBUS TRADE ACT OF 2010

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I thank the Republican leader for his willingness to let us move on this UC.

I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6517, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6517) to extend trade adjustment assistance and certain trade preference programs, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, and for other purposes.

States’ losses. We are grateful for this extension. We have more work to do.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO BILLY PIPER

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, over the course of the last two decades I have had the honor of watching a very smart, but very green young man from Louisville grow into one of the finest people you could ever work with or call a friend.

There is almost no hat that Billy Piper has not worn in the 19 years he has worked in my office—from driver, to mailroom staffer, to legislative aide, to campaign worker, all the way up to chief of staff.

He’s done it all. And in the course of doing it all, he became indispensable to me. And that’s why it is so hard to say goodbye. But Billy has simply given too much of himself to leave without a proper send-off.

One of Billy’s defining traits is that he deflects praise. This morning I would like to deny him the chance.

A native of Louisville, Billy attended the Kentucky Country Day school and then moved to Virginia to attend the University of Richmond. He spent a semester here in Washington studying public policy and politics and did an internship with Senator LUGAR’s office, which he liked so much he decided to look for a permanent job on the Hill. And I would like to thank Senator LUGAR today for inspiring Billy to public service.

Billy was so eager to take a job in my office, in fact, that he agreed to be a driver even after he learned I had a stick shift—which he didn’t know how to drive. His knowledge of Washington, D.C., streets wasn’t that much better. But he decided the best way to learn

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

Mr. CONRAD. This is the Statement of Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation for H.R. 6517, as amended.

Total Budgetary Effects of H.R. 6517 for the 5-year Statutory PAYGO Scorecard: net decrease in the deficit of \$2.208 billion.

Total Budgetary Effects of H.R. 6517 for the 10-year Statutory PAYGO Scorecard: net decrease in the deficit of \$450 billion.

Also submitted for the RECORD as part of this statement is a table prepared by the Congressional Budget Office, which provides additional information on the budgetary effects of this act, as follows:

both was by driving around a U.S. Senator. Our first day on the road was a little rough. But ever since he mastered the clutch, Billy hasn’t made a misstep since. When he wasn’t driving, Billy sorted the mail that came into the office. And it didn’t take long for me to see this young man had a lot of potential, so I gave him more and more responsibility.

He became a legislative correspondent, handling military and foreign affairs. And in 1996 I asked him to be the finance director for my reelection campaign. Without hesitation, Billy left a secure position and his home for an extremely hard campaign job on the road. It wasn’t an easy job. And in any campaign, there’s no guarantee of victory. But Billy excelled at it, as usual, and at every task I’ve given him since.

Ask other members of my staff to describe Billy and they will tell you he’s not only a friend, but a teacher and a mentor.

Lots of people come to Capitol Hill with good intentions and wanting to do the right thing—but not all of them learn how to get things done. In my office, the road to mastery of any job usually ran through Billy Piper. First of all, Billy puts everyone at ease, from the college student applying for an internship to heads of state. He treats everyone the same, regardless of their station. He also refuses to take praise, and even if he does, he’s usually eager to deflect it onto the rest of the team. He’s also got a wicked sense of humor. It’s a regular part of the day to hear laughter peeling from Billy’s office.

Billy became the chief of staff in my personal office toward the end of 2002. And for the last 8 years, he has shown first-class leadership as the steady

hand at the wheel. He has shown extraordinarily sound judgment. He's always been ready to do whatever he was asked, whatever it took. Most of all, Billy knew who we all worked for: 4 million Kentuckians. For 8 years, Billy has been my right-hand man.

Two years ago, Billy was invaluable to me in my reelection campaign. Once again, he proved himself equal to any challenge. He was the one man who knew everything that was going on and what everyone else was doing. He was and is unflappable, steady, and always confident.

He gave it everything he had—and always with a smile on his face. And it wasn't easy for him, I know. With a young family at home, he sacrificed much. He's very fortunate that Holly's an understanding wife.

More than anyone else, Billy is responsible for fostering the feeling of family in my office. It's one of the things we'll miss most about him. He always made staff feel like they're more than just a group of people in an office. He's grown close to a lot of them over the years, and they all love him and admire him.

But as tough as this change is for me, I know it's as tough for Billy too. Here's a guy who went to the same school from kindergarten through the 12th grade, lived in the same house his whole childhood, and has had the same work e-mail address since we started using e-mail around here. But he is making this change for the right reason. When he announced his decision, Billy said, "I love this office, I love the Senate, and I love Kentucky . . . but I love my family more." And no one can begrudge him that.

So while this is a loss for me, my staff, my colleagues in the Senate, and the many people he's helped in Kentucky over the years, it is a gain for Billy's wife Holly, and their two little boys Billy and Tucker. And I wish the Piper family great happiness. I can hardly believe the man I am saying goodbye to is the same young man who stood for a high-school photo with me back in 1986.

Sadly, Billy's parents aren't here to share in Billy's sendoff from the Senate. But if you knew Bill and Ann Piper, you would not be surprised by the kind of person Billy is or the success he has become. And I know they would be bursting with pride if they were here today to see what their son's accomplished. It was the love of a strong family that started Billy off on the right track, and it is because of his love for his family today that we bid him farewell. You can't say Billy Piper's priorities aren't in the right place.

Before I finish, I would just like to read from an e-mail Billy sent to the entire staff on his last day—an e-mail that sums up the kind of guy Billy is. Here's what he wrote: "The great honor of my professional life has been being able to call myself a McTeamer for nearly 20 years. This is an experience I will treasure all the more because of

the wonderful friends I have made along the way. I am better for having known and worked with each of you. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do. I am in your debt."

Billy, as usual, you are generous with praise for everyone but yourself. But we're the ones who are thankful. We are the ones who are better for having known you. And the honor was all ours. Most of all, though, the honor was mine to stand alongside you through the years, as your mentor and your friend. I watched as you inspired others. You've inspired me. Thank you for your service and your friendship.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

SENATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, just as the majority leader started to leave the floor, I said to him, what an amazing 2 years. I just left an interview upstairs where a major network asked me: What do you think you have accomplished over the last 2 years?

I said to him: I can't speak for what happened 30 or 40 years ago in the Senate; I wasn't around. But I can tell you that in the 28 years I have been in the House and Senate, I have never seen a more amazing, productive session of Congress.

In the Senate, you had to put it into perspective. At the same time we were accomplishing these things, we were facing record numbers of filibusters—more obstacles than ever in history. Yet, when you look at the record that was written over the last 2 years in this Chamber and in the House of Representatives, working with the President, it is nothing short of amazing.

Allow me to go through my checklist here. I am sure others will question some things I put on the list and add some of their own particularly the Senator from Iowa, Senator HARKIN, who certainly is an inspiring leader on so many of these important issues.

First and foremost, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. That is what the President came to Washington to initiate to stop this recession and slow down the growth in unemployment. None of us is happy with the state of the economy, but it would have been dramatically worse had we not done that.

Two, Wall Street reform. We looked at the root causes of the recession and said we are going to change the law and add oversight and investigators to stop Wall Street from bringing us another recession some day in the future.

No. 3, the HIRE Act, a jobs package to encourage businesses to hire unemployed workers. We have been focusing on jobs since we got here, and we need to continue that focus.

No. 4 was a measure we passed in this lameduck session, the middle-class tax package, extending middle-class tax breaks for working families and lower income families, I might add, as well as others in the year to come so we can keep this economic growth moving in the right direction.

No. 5, credit card company regulations, long overdue. People complained about abuses by credit card companies, and we passed major regulatory reform.

No. 6, small business lending fund. The Small Business Credit and Jobs Act could provide up to \$300 billion in loans to small businesses across America that were having trouble finding money in the private sector. That could, I think, dramatically increase jobs from small businesses.

No. 7 occurred as part of our agenda in the lameduck session, the extension of unemployment insurance. Time and again we did it and then in the tax package we extended it for 13 months so that millions of Americans would have a basic check to buy with each week.

First-time home buyers tax credit is No. 8, which encourages more people to buy homes for the first time and it gave them a tax incentive to achieve that.

The next item I will mention is health care reform. Some would put it as No. 1. I certainly would put it as No. 1 or No. 2. This is the first President in almost 90 years to successfully tackle the challenge of the rising cost of health care and the need for basic reform. Sure, it is controversial, but as the provisions of this health care reform bill unfold and are implemented, they can bring us to a point where the cost of health care will come down and there will be more available to people who currently are not protected.

No. 10, the Children's Health Insurance Program. We reauthorized and expanded it. After two vetoes by the former President, this bill expanded health insurance coverage for over 4 million previously uninsured children.

No. 11—my hats off to the Senator from Iowa—food safety. There were times in the last week or two that it was a dead duck in the lameduck. Somehow or another, it found its wings and started to fly and was passed by both the House and the Senate.

I worked on this measure for 16 years. The Senator from Iowa brought it across the finish line with the kind of skills he has developed as a leader in the Senate. It is great to team up with him. People's lives will be saved and people spared serious illness because of this bill.

No. 12, child nutrition, a favorite of the First Lady. I thank Senator BLANCHE LINCOLN, who is leaving us, for her leadership on this issue. We are providing nutritious meals to hungry children and increasing the Federal reimbursement rate for school meals so local governments do not have to absorb the increased cost.

No. 13—here is an issue front and center in my career in the House and Senate—tobacco regulation. The bill we passed calls on the Food and Drug Administration to regulate the manufacture, sale, and promotion of tobacco products. The things we did in this bill, I say to Senator HARKIN, would have