

I want to close by referring to a final chart that illustrates the winners and losers under the Reid bill.

What we see here is that there is a group of Americans who clearly benefit under the bill from the government subsidy for health insurance.

This group, however, is relatively small—about 7 percent of Americans.

There is another much larger group of Americans who are seeing their taxes go up. This group is not benefiting from the government subsidy.

Also, there is another group of taxpayers who are generally unaffected.

But, JCT tells us that this group may be affected by other tax increases like the cap on FSAs or the individual mandate penalty tax.

The bottom-line is this. My Democratic friends (1) cannot say that all taxpayers receive a tax cut and (2) cannot say that the Reid bill does not raise taxes on middle-income Americans.

JCT tells us differently.

No one can dispute the data.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 36 on the motion, motion to waive section 403(a) of S. Con. Res. 13, 111th Congress, re: Sanders amendment No. 3353 as modified; rollcall No. 37 on the motion to table, motion to table Bunning amendment No. 3360; rollcall vote No. 38 on the motion to table, motion to table Bunning amendment No. 3361; and rollcall vote No. 39 on the motion, motion to waive Budget Act points of order re: Baucus amendment No. 3336.

Had I been present I would have voted "nay" for rollcall vote No. 36; "nay" for rollcall vote No. 37; "nay" for rollcall vote No. 38; and "nay" for rollcall vote No. 39 and ask that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect that.

I yield the floor and 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 President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 3406, 3349 AND 3346, AS MODIFIED, EN BLOC

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the Senate to consider en bloc the following amendments with no amendments in order to the amendments; that once the amendments have been reported by number, and modified, if applicable, the amendments be agreed to en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc: amendment No. 3406, amendment No. 3349, and that the amendment No. 3346 be modified with the changes at the desk.

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

The amendments were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3406

(Purpose: To make technical changes)

On page 91, line 13, strike "\$354,000,000" and insert "\$560,000,000".

On page 92, line 19, strike "February" and insert "March".

On page 92, after line 20, add the following: (3) EFFECTIVE DATE FOR LOAN GUARANTEES.—The amendment made by paragraph (2) shall take effect on February 27, 2010.

AMENDMENT NO. 3349

(Purpose: To clarify the effective date of section 244)

On page 73, line 21, after the second period insert the following: "The amendment made by this section shall be considered to have taken effect on February 28, 2010."

AMENDMENT NO. 3346, AS MODIFIED

(Purpose: To improve title V)

On page 161, line 13, strike "SEC. 501." and insert "SEC. 500."

On page 166, line 24, strike "March 1, 2010" and insert "May 1, 2010".

On page 169, line 3, strike "February 28, 2010" and insert "March 28, 2010".

On page 169, line 18, strike "May 3, 2010" and insert "July 1, 2010".

On page 184, line 2, strike "February 28, 2010" and insert "March 28, 2010".

On page 233, line 5, strike "February 28, 2010" and insert "March 28, 2010".

On page 234, lines 1 and 2, strike "February 28, 2010" and insert "March 28, 2010".

On page 234, lines 3 and 4, strike "March 1, 2010" and insert "March 29, 2010".

On page 234, line 23, strike "180 days" and insert "210 days".

On page 244, lines 16 and 17, strike "180 days" and insert "210 days".

On page 245, line 19, strike "180 days" and insert "210 days".

On page 267, strike lines 5 through 16, and insert the following:

SEC. 537. EFFECTIVE DATE; NONINFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT.

(a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Unless specifically provided otherwise, this title, and the amendments made by this title, shall take effect on February 27, 2010, and with the exception of the reference in subsection (b), all references to the date of enactment of this Act shall be deemed to refer to February 27, 2010, unless otherwise specified.

(b) NONINFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT.—The secondary transmission of a performance or display of a work embodied in a primary transmission is not an infringement of copyright if it was made by a satellite carrier on or after February 27, 2010, and prior to enactment of this Act, and was in compliance with the law as in existence on February 27, 2010.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. I now ask we proceed to 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.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

STAFF SERGEANT JOHN A. REINERS

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and heroic service of SSG John A. Reiners. Sergeant Reiners, a member of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO, died on February 13, 2010. Sergeant Reiners was

serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when he was killed by an improvised explosive device that detonated while he was on patrol. He was 24 years old.

A native of Lakeland, FL, Sergeant Reiners and his family moved to Fort Carson in 2009 when he was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division. Sergeant Reiners joined the Army in July 2004. He served bravely during two tours in Iraq, before being deployed to Afghanistan in November of last year.

During 5½ years of service, Sergeant Reiners distinguished himself through his courage, dedication to duty, and willingness to take on any challenge—no matter how dangerous. Commanders recognized his extraordinary bravery and talent, bestowing on Sergeant Reiners numerous awards and medals, including the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. He also attended Ranger School in 2007, where he earned the prestigious Ranger Tab.

Sergeant Reiners worked on the front lines of battle, patrolling the most dangerous areas of Zhari district in Kandahar. He is remembered by those who knew him as a consummate professional with an unending commitment to excellence. His friends recall Sergeant Reiners saying that Army boot camp was too easy. Most of all, they remember his devotion to his wife, his son, and his country.

Mark Twain once said, "The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." Sergeant Reiners' service was in keeping with this sentiment—by selflessly putting country first, he lived life to the fullest. He lived without fear.

At substantial personal risk, he braved the chaos of combat zones throughout Afghanistan. And though his fate on the battlefield was uncertain, he pushed forward, protecting America's citizens, her safety, and the freedoms we hold dear. For his service and the lives he touched, Sergeant Reiners will forever be remembered as one of our country's bravest.

To Sergeant Reiners' mother Ronna, his father Gregory, his wife Casey, his son Lex, and all his friends and family—I cannot imagine the sorrow you must be feeling. I hope that, in time, the pain of your loss will be eased by your pride in John's service and by your knowledge that his country will never forget him. We are humbled by his service and his sacrifice.

LAS VEGAS ASIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the beginning of an exciting chapter for the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce. For more than 20 years, this group of entrepreneurial southern Nevadans has worked together to provide resources

and promote economic growth in the Asian community. Today, they will install the first woman to be president of their esteemed organization. Vida Chan Lin steps into this role—respected by her peers and energized by her passion for furthering the goals of the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce.

While this leadership role is a new opportunity for Ms. Lin, her lifetime of experience has prepared her to take on this role. As a child, she was exposed to running a business as she saw firsthand the daily challenges and joys in the restaurants her family owned. She then found great satisfaction in the insurance industry where she continued to exceed expectations and eventually start her own company.

Ms. Lin has always balanced her business drive and success with her commitment to community service. She has been an instrumental force behind the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce for many years. Her ability to bring people together, develop innovative programming, and mentor young leaders has helped ensure the long-term success of the Asian Chamber well beyond just her tenure.

She has been recognized by countless organizations for her business acumen and her heartfelt commitment to public service. I am proud to congratulate Vida Lin on this special day, and I wish her great success in the coming term of her presidency.

49TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 49th anniversary.

Since the Peace Corps' inception in 1961, nearly 200,000 Americans have volunteered to live and work in developing countries around the globe in an effort to help provide stability and progress.

Through aiding in education, community development, business development, health awareness and food security, these volunteers are improving lives and communities and making them better places to live and thrive.

It is this selfless dedication to helping people and communities help themselves that has strengthened ties between America and the world.

I am proud to say that 155 Georgians are serving as volunteers with the Peace Corps, including a former staffer of mine, Rebecca Riccitello, who is working in Ghana.

My home State of Georgia has a long history with the Peace Corps. Former U.S. Senator Paul Coverdell of Georgia devoted much of his time to the Peace Corps, and served as its director in the late eighties. During his tenure, the World Wise Schools Program was founded, which connects students in the United States with Peace Corps volunteers around the world.

Peace Corps volunteers engage in real, meaningful work and truly make a difference in individual lives around

the world. I commend them for their efforts on our nation's behalf, and I am pleased to recognize the Peace Corps and all those who help the organization help others in America's name.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WIDMAN

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I offer my congratulations and warm regards to George Widman, the "Candy Man" of Grand Forks, on the momentous occasion of his 90th birthday.

Throughout his life, George Widman has been an example of what it means to be a great North Dakotan and a great American. Growing up in the Great Depression taught George the value of hard work, something he has never forgotten. To this day, George and his wife Betty work 6 days a week at Widman's Candy Store in downtown Grand Forks.

George demonstrated his lifelong patriotism through his service in World War II. During that war, he served as a naval A1C aviation mechanic on the USS *Bunker Hill* aircraft carrier from 1942 until it was hit by kamikazes in 1945. The ship suffered the loss of 346 men, but, miraculously, George survived.

After the war, George returned home to work in the family business. Sixty years later, Widman's Candy Store is best known for its Chippers—Red River Valley potato chips covered in delicious Red River Valley chocolate. They are truly a treat. They have become famous not only in North Dakota but in Washington, DC, with fans at the White House, in the office of the Vice President, at the Pentagon, and here in the Senate.

To me, the story that best defines George and Betty is how they responded to the 1997 flood that devastated the city of Grand Forks. After their store was destroyed by the floodwaters that took out most of Grand Forks, George offered Betty the opportunity to rebuild anywhere in the world. They chose Grand Forks.

Ten years ago, George said his secret to longevity was "lots of candy." Today, it is my pleasure and honor to wish George a wonderful 90th birthday. He is representative of the best of North Dakota, and he has my respect and admiration. I can never forget George's birthday, because it is my birthday too. Happy 90th, George, and here's to many more! •

TRIBUTE TO DORIS THOM

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I am very pleased to recognize the accomplishments of Doris Thom, a Wisconsinite from my hometown of Janesville who has blazed a trail for women's rights, and shown a tremendous commitment to public service, throughout her 90 years. I have known Doris for many years, and I greatly admire the

many contributions she has made to Janesville. She is a good friend who has shown outstanding leadership in her community. I am also grateful for the excellent work of her granddaughter Sara Thom-Agress, who worked in my Washington, DC, office.

Doris's life story is one of great determination and outstanding achievement. Working at Gilman Engineering in Janesville during World War II, she received the U.S. Army and Navy "E" for Excellence Award for her work to produce emergency landing gear for fighter planes, and served as the first woman on the Executive Committee for Machinists Local 1266.

Her life has been a series of firsts for women in Janesville, particularly during her years at the General Motors' Fisher Body Plant. There she served as the first woman committee member of United Auto Workers Local 95, and then the first woman to sit on the executive board of Local 95. She also opened doors for women at the plant when she filed a successful grievance after being denied a transfer from a traditionally female line at the plant to an all-male one. Her grievance resulted in all of the plant's jobs being open to women for the first time.

All the while, as Doris was breaking new ground for women in Janesville, she was raising a family and making countless other contributions to her community and her state. Among many other activities, Doris served on the Wisconsin Governor's Commission on the Status of Women from 1971 to 1975.

I am very pleased to recognize Doris's many achievements, and send her my warmest wishes as she celebrates her 90th birthday. I thank her for everything she has done for our shared hometown, and for women in Wisconsin and nationwide. •

RECOGNIZING THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to thank the director of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs and members of his staff for attending to the medical needs of MAJ James E. Gibson.

Back in January of this year, I received a letter from Mrs. Barbara-lea Gibson Wright of Bull Shoals, AR. Barbara wrote to me, soliciting help in extending her sincere gratitude to the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs for tending to the medical needs of her father with unfailing diligence until his unfortunate passing. Major Gibson was wounded in Omaha Beach back in 1944, and passed away at the age of 90 in 2009. Although he lost the use of his right arm, Army doctors and nurses brought him back from the brink of death on multiple occasions. Major Gibson eventually retired and was able to live a long and prosperous life with his wife and children thanks to the superior medical attention he