

9902.64.53	Footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics and uppers of textile materials (provided for in subheading 6404.19.25, 6404.19.30, 6404.19.35, 6404.19.40, 6404.19.50, 6404.19.60, 6404.19.70, 6404.19.80, 6404.19.90, 6404.20.20, 6404.20.40 or 6404.20.60)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2012
9902.64.54	Footwear with uppers of leather or composition leather: For men (provided for in subheading 6405.10.00)	8.5%	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2012
9902.64.55	Other than tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like for women (provided for in subheading 6405.10.00)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2012
9902.64.56	Footwear with uppers of textile materials, other than with soles and uppers of wool felt (provided for in subheading 6405.20.30 or 6405.20.90)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2012
9902.64.57	Footwear of a type described in subheading 6405.90.90	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2012

SEC. 05. HAITI RELIEF ENHANCEMENT.

Section 213A of the Caribbean Basic Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (g) through (h) as (i) through (j), respectively; and

(2) by inserting the following after subsection (f):

“(g) SPECIAL RULE FOR FOOTWEAR.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Footwear that is the product or manufacture of Haiti and is imported directly from Haiti into the customs territory of the United States shall be accorded tariff treatment identical to the tariff treatment that is accorded under the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States Free Trade Agreement, as implemented by the United States, to footwear described in the same 8-digit subheading of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

“(2) REQUIREMENT.—Footwear qualifies for the treatment provided for under paragraph (1) if it satisfies the applicable rule of origin set out in Article 4.1 of the Dominican Republic-Central American-United States Free Trade Agreement.”.

SA 3424. Mrs. HAGAN (for herself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 268, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . CERTAIN CEILING FANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.84.14 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by striking “12/31/2009” and inserting “12/31/2012”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2010.

SA 3425. Mr. BYRD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 268, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. 602. CONTINUATION OF SOLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN HOSPITALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(D)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(vi) In the case of a hospital that is classified as a sole community hospital and is located within a State that has implemented a rate-setting program for regulation of hospital payments (in this clause referred to as the ‘existing hospital’), any relocation on or after January 1, 2010, of the facility of another hospital that is in operation as of such date to a site that is within 25 road miles of the existing hospital shall not be taken into account for purposes of determining whether the existing hospital shall continue to qualify for classification as a sole community hospital.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to hospitals for cost reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

SA 3426. Mr. REID (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 372, designating March 2010 as “National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month” and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research; as follows:

In paragraph (3) of the resolving clause, strike “Federal”.

SA 3427. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROTECTING MEDICARE.

Section 310(g) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 641(g)) is amended by inserting before the period the following: “or to the medicare program established by title XVIII of such Act”.

SA 3428. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title I, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT ALLOWABLE AGAINST ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B) of section 38(c)(4) is amended—

(1) by redesignating clauses (v) through (viii) as clauses (vi) through (ix), respectively, and

(2) by inserting after clause (iv) the following new clause:

“(v) the credit determined under section 45D to the extent that such credit is attributable to a qualified equity investment which is designated as such under subsection (b)(1)(C) of such section after the date of the enactment of the American Workers, State, and Business Relief Act of 2010.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to credits determined under section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act, and to carrybacks of such credits.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. INOUE. 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 March 4, 2010, at 2:30 p.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. INOUE. 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 March 4, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2010, to conduct a business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Childhood Obesity: Beginning the Dialogue on Reversing the Epidemic" on March 4, 2010. The hearing will commence at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2010, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Middle East Peace: Ground Truths, Challenges Ahead."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2010, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2010, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2010.

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

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS AND INTEGRATION

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Inte-

gration of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2010, at 1 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Next Big Disaster: Is the Private Sector Prepared?"

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2010, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Office Building.

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

NATIONAL AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 372, and we now proceed to that matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 372) designating March 2010 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that a Levin amendment which is at the desk and the resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table; that there be no intervening action or debate and any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 3426) was agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3426

(Purpose: To amend the resolving clause)

In paragraph (3) of the resolving clause, strike "Federal".

The resolution (S. Res. 372), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 372

Whereas autoimmune diseases are chronic, disabling diseases in which underlying defects in the immune system lead the body to attack its own organs and tissues;

Whereas autoimmune diseases can affect any part of the body, including the blood, blood vessels, muscles, nervous system, gastrointestinal tract, endocrine glands, and multiple organ systems, and can be life-threatening;

Whereas researchers have identified over 80 different autoimmune diseases, and suspect at least 40 additional diseases of qualifying as autoimmune diseases;

Whereas researchers have identified a close genetic relationship and a common pathway of disease that exists among autoimmune diseases, explaining the clustering of autoimmune diseases in individuals and families;

Whereas the family of autoimmune diseases is under-recognized, and poses a major health care challenge to the United States;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates that autoimmune diseases afflict up to 23,500,000 people in the United States, 75 percent of whom are women, and that the prevalence of autoimmune diseases is rising;

Whereas NIH estimates the annual direct health care costs associated with autoimmune diseases at more than \$100,000,000,000, with over 250,000 new diagnoses each year;

Whereas autoimmune diseases are among the top 10 leading causes of death in female children and adult women;

Whereas autoimmune diseases most often affect children and young adults, leading to a lifetime of disability;

Whereas diagnostic tests for most autoimmune diseases are not standardized, making autoimmune diseases very difficult to diagnose;

Whereas because autoimmune diseases are difficult to diagnose, treatment is often delayed, resulting in irreparable organ damage and unnecessary suffering;

Whereas the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies reported that the United States is behind other countries in research into immune system self-recognition, the cause of autoimmune diseases;

Whereas a study by the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association revealed that it takes the average patient with an autoimmune disease more than 4 years, and costs more than \$50,000, to get a correct diagnosis;

Whereas there is a significant need for more collaboration and cross-fertilization of basic autoimmune research;

Whereas there is a significant need for research focusing on the etiology of all autoimmune-related diseases, in order to increase understanding of the root causes of these diseases rather than treating the symptoms after the disease has already had its destructive effect;

Whereas the National Coalition of Autoimmune Patient Groups is a coalition of national organizations focused on autoimmune diseases, working to consolidate the voices of patients with autoimmune diseases and to promote increased education, awareness, and research into all aspects of autoimmune diseases through a collaborative approach; and

Whereas designating March 2010 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month" would help educate the public about autoimmune diseases and the need for research funding, accurate diagnosis, and effective treatments: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 2010 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month";

(2) supports the efforts of health care providers and autoimmune patient advocacy and education organizations to increase awareness of the causes of, and treatments for, autoimmune diseases; and

(3) supports the goal of increasing funding for aggressive research to learn the root