

BAUCUS (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. REID)) to the bill H.R. 5297, to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 128, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

SEC. 1704. SMALL BUSINESS LOAN GUARANTEE ENHANCEMENT EXTENSIONS.

(a) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for an additional amount for “Small Business Administration—Business Loans Program Account”, \$480,000,000, to remain available through December 31, 2010, for the cost of—

(1) fee reductions and eliminations under section 501 of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 151), as amended by this section; and

(2) loan guarantees under section 502 of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 152), as amended by this section. Such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

(b) EXTENSION OF PROGRAMS.—

(1) FEES.—Section 501 of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 151) is amended by striking “September 30, 2010” each place it appears and inserting “December 31, 2010”.

(2) LOAN GUARANTEES.—Section 502(f) of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 153) is amended by striking “May 31, 2010” and inserting “December 31, 2010”.

(c) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated for an additional amount, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for administrative expenses to carry out sections 501 and 502 of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, which may be transferred and merged with the appropriation for “Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses”.

(d) USE OF STIMULUS FUNDS TO OFFSET SPENDING.—Notwithstanding section 5 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 116), \$485,000,000 is rescinded on a pro rata basis, by account, from unobligated amounts appropriated or made available under division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 116) (other than under title X of division A of such Act) in order to offset the increase in spending resulting from subsections (a) and (c) of this section. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall report to each congressional committee the amounts rescinded under this subsection within the jurisdiction of such committee.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public

that a business meeting scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, previously announced for July 15th, has been rescheduled and will not be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider pending legislation.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler or Amanda Kelly.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. KAUFMAN. 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 July 15, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Choosing to Work During Retirement and the Impact on Social Security.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing entitled “The New START Treaty: Maintaining a Safe, Secure and Effective Nuclear Arsenal.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2010, at 4 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Nominations.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2010, at 2 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2010, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, “Preventing and Recovering Government Payment Errors.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. KAUFMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “The Federal Government’s Role in Empowering Americans to Make Informed Financial Decisions.”

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be given to Linda Hoffa, a detailee in my office, for the remainder of this Congress.

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

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for 2010 second quarter Mass Mailings is Monday, July 26, 2010. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states “none.”

Mass mailing registrations, or negative reports, should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-7116.

The Public Records office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Public Records office.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT
AGREEMENT—H.R. 4213

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, the Senate resume consideration of the House message to company H.R. 4213; that the motion to reconsider be agreed to and the Senate then proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4213, with amendment No. 4425.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TAX CONVENTION WITH MALTA

PROTOCOL AMENDING TAX
CONVENTION WITH NEW ZEALAND

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 3 and 4, treaty documents 111-1 and 111-3; that the treaties be considered as having advanced through the various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification; that any committee reservations and declarations be agreed to as applicable; that any statements be printed in the RECORD; further, that when the votes on the resolutions of ratification are taken, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask for a division vote on each of the resolutions of ratification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A division vote has been requested. On treaty document 111-1, all those in favor stand and be counted.

All those opposed stand and be counted.

On a division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification on treaty document 111-1 is agreed to.

The question is now on treaty document 111-3. All those in favor stand and be counted.

All those opposed stand and be counted.

Two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification is agreed to.

Under the previous order, the motions to reconsider are considered made and laid upon the table en bloc.

The resolutions of ratification are as follows:

The Senate approved the following treaties on the Executive Calendar:

Tax Convention with Malta (Treaty Doc. 111-1)

TEXT OF RESOLUTION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATIFICATION:

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

SECTION 1. SENATE ADVICE AND CONSENT SUBJECT TO A DECLARATION

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Malta for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on August 8, 2008, at Valletta (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 111-1), subject to the declaration of section 2.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration:

The Convention is self-executing.

Protocol Amending Tax Convention with New Zealand (Treaty Doc. 111-3)

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The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration:

The Protocol is self-executing.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

MEASURE READ FIRST TIME—H.R.
5712

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 5712 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

The clerk will read the title of the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5712) to provide for certain clarifications and extensions under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The clerk will call the roll.

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

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 19,
2010

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 19; that following the prayer and the 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, following any leader remarks, the Senate then proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 5297, the small business jobs bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, there will be no rollcall votes during Monday's session of the Senate. Senators should expect the next vote to occur at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20. That vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture with respect to H.R. 4213, which extends unemployment benefits through November.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
JULY 19, 2010, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:33 p.m., adjourned until Monday, July 19, 2010, at 2 p.m.