

Whereas a Mathematica Policy study found that, for each fiscal year, total expenditures for Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes comprise 32.7 percent of the Medicare budget;

Whereas according to the CDC, diabetes was the seventh leading cause of death in 2007 and contributed to the deaths of over 230,000 Americans in 2005;

Whereas there is not yet a cure for diabetes;

Whereas there are proven means to reduce the incidence of, and delay the onset of, type 2 diabetes;

Whereas with the proper management and treatment, people with diabetes live healthy, productive lives; and

Whereas American Diabetes Month is celebrated in November: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month, including—

(A) encouraging the people of the United States to fight diabetes through public awareness about prevention and treatment options; and

(B) increasing education about the disease;

(2) recognizes the importance of early detection of diabetes, awareness of the symptoms of diabetes, and the risk factors that often lead to the development of diabetes, including—

(A) being over the age of 45;

(B) having a specific racial and ethnic background;

(C) being overweight;

(D) having a low level of physical activity level;

(E) having high blood pressure; and

(F) having a family history of diabetes or a history of diabetes during pregnancy; and

(3) supports decreasing the prevalence of type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes in the United States through increased research, treatment, and prevention.

SENATE RESOLUTION 677—TO EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING AND THE INCEPTION OF RECYCLING ON THE NATIONAL MALL

Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. RES. 677

Whereas, since 1997, communities across the United States have come together each year to celebrate and observe America Recycles Day on November 15th;

Whereas America Recycles Day, which is managed by the nonprofit organization Keep America Beautiful, is the only nationally recognized day dedicated solely to the promotion of recycling in the United States;

Whereas recycling is important to the sustainability of resources of the United States;

Whereas Americans throw away enough aluminum cans every month to rebuild the entire commercial air fleet of the United States;

Whereas the United States should encourage the establishment of recycling programs and services;

Whereas the National Mall is one of the most recognized and popular national parks in the United States and, as such, can serve as a model for recycling in parks and public places across the United States;

Whereas a study conducted in 2010 assessed that of the 1,200 tons of waste collected annually on the National Mall, about half is recyclable;

Whereas the National Park Service oversees activities on the National Mall and recognized a need to be a leader in encouraging recycling in our Nation's capital;

Whereas the National Park Foundation is the charitable partner of the National Park Service and administers programs to fund park conservation and restoration efforts, foster youth engagement, promote citizenship, and preserve history;

Whereas the Trust for the National Mall is a nonprofit organization started to help beautify and refurbish the facilities and grounds of the National Mall by raising funds from individuals, groups, and corporations with a common goal of keeping the capital city of the United States beautiful for more than 30,000,000 visitors each year;

Whereas The Coca-Cola Company, a private company, has created a subsidiary company, Coca-Cola Recycling, with the goal of recapturing the equivalent of 100 percent of the packaging placed in the North American marketplace by Coca-Cola products;

Whereas effective public-private partnerships, such as the partnership among the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation, the Trust for the National Mall, and The Coca-Cola Company, have allowed a comprehensive recycling plan to be implemented on the National Mall; and

Whereas the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation, the Trust for the National Mall, and The Coca-Cola Company have been working together to install recycling infrastructure on the National Mall since July 2010, allowing the National Park Service to implement a permanent recycling program on the National Mall in November 2010: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the importance of observing America Recycles Day; and

(2) commends the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation, the Trust for the National Mall, and The Coca-Cola Company for—

(A) establishing and promoting recycling on the National Mall; and

(B) providing an excellent example for government agencies and corporate citizens to follow in making recycling possible in public places across the United States.

NOTICE OF HEARING

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ARTICLES AGAINST JUDGE G. THOMAS PORTEOUS, JR.

Mrs. McCASKILL. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Impeachment Trial Committee on the Articles Against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. will meet on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. to conduct an executive business meeting.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Erin Johnson at 202-228-4133.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joel Murray, Kia Hamadanichy, Caitlin DuBois, and Krista Maier of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Russell Sloan, a fellow in the office of Senator

PRYOR, be granted floor privileges for the week of November 15 through November 19, 2010.

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

CONVENING OF FIRST SESSION OF THE 112TH CONGRESS

Mr. WYDEN. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S.J. Res. 40, introduced earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 40) appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred and Twelfth Congress.

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

Mr. WYDEN. I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 40) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 40

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first regular session of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress shall begin at noon Wednesday, January 5, 2011.

MAJORITY PARTY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 674, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 674) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

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

Mr. WYDEN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 674) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 674

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following committees for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Levin (Chairman), Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Reed,

Mr. Akaka, Mr. Nelson (Florida), Mr. Nelson (Nebraska), Mr. Bayh, Mr. Webb, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Udall (Colorado), Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Begich, Mr. Burriss, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Manchin, Mr. Coons.

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Conrad (Chairman), Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Nelson (Florida), Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Warner, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Begich, Mr. Manchin.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS: Mr. Kerry (Chairman), Mr. Dodd, Mr. Feingold, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Casey, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Shaheen, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Coons.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS: Mr. Harkin (Chairman), Mr. Dodd, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Hagan, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Franken, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Manchin.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: Mr. Lieberman (Chairman), Mr. Levin, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Carper, Mr. Pryor, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. McCaskill, Mr. Tester, Mr. Burriss, Mr. Coons.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Mr. Leahy (Chairman), Mr. Kohl, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Whitehouse, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Specter, Mr. Franken, Mr. Coons.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Schumer (Chairman), Mr. Inouye, Mr. Dodd, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Nelson (Nebraska), Mrs. Murray, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Udall (New Mexico), Mr. Warner, Mr. Manchin.

ORDER FOR FILING OF IMPEACHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Impeachment Committee be permitted to file their report with respect to the impeachment of Judge Porteus, notwithstanding adjournment of the Senate, on Tuesday, November 16, between the hours of 12 noon to 2 p.m.

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

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 111-8

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on November 15, 2010, by the President of the United States: Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg, Treaty Document No. 111-8. I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratifi-

cation, the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009. I also transmit for the information of the Senate the report of the Department of State, which includes an Overview of the proposed Protocol and related agreement.

The proposed Protocol and related agreement provide for more robust exchange of information between tax authorities in the two countries to facilitate the administration of each country's tax laws. They generally follow the current U.S. Model Income Tax Convention and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development standards for exchange of tax information.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the proposed Protocol and related agreement and give its advice and consent to their ratification.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 15, 2010.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 111-7

Mr. WYDEN. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on November 15, 2010, by the President of the United States: Tax Convention with Hungary, Treaty Document No. 111-7. I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification, the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the "proposed Convention") and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010. I also transmit for the information of the Senate the report of the Department of State, which includes an Overview of the proposed Convention and related agreement.

The proposed Convention and related agreement were negotiated to bring

U.S.-Hungary tax treaty relations into closer conformity with current U.S. tax treaty policies. For example, the proposed Convention contains comprehensive provisions designed to address "treaty shopping," which is the inappropriate use of a tax treaty by residents of a third country. The existing Convention with Hungary, signed in 1979, does not contain treaty shopping protections and, as a result, has been abused by third-country investors in recent years. For this reason, concluding the proposed Convention has been a top priority for the Department of the Treasury's tax treaty program.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the proposed Convention and related agreement and give its advice and consent to their ratification.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 15, 2010.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces the following appointments made pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement of September 29, 2010, by the President pro tempore and the majority leader during the adjournment of the Senate: Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 110-343, by the majority leader, the appointment of the Honorable EDWARD E. KAUFMAN of Delaware, vice Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, to the Congressional Oversight Panel on September 30, 2010; pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99-498, by the President pro tempore, the appointment of Sharon Wurm of Nevada, vice Clare Cotton of Massachusetts, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance on October 5, 2010.

The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110-343, appoints the following individual as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel: EDWARD E. KAUFMAN of Delaware, vice Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, as amended by Public Law 110-315, appoints the following individual to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Sharon Wurm of Nevada, vice Clare Cotton of Massachusetts.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17; that following the prayer and 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 that following any leader remarks the Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or