

the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

That wasn't right.

And so my legislation sought to fix it and restore access to these life-saving medicines for children's hospitals. Without this fix, children's hospitals across the country will be faced with higher drug costs. I introduced this legislation with the support of several of my Republican colleagues. And I know that my Democratic colleagues support the intent of my legislation too.

Unfortunately, and despite passage in the House, the Senate has not passed legislation to correct this flaw in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

But I am hopeful that the Senate will take action soon. I continue to work with my colleagues on the Senate Finance Committee and with Senate leadership to ensure that the Senate acts swiftly to correct this error in the Federal health care reform bill.

As my colleagues are aware, access to orphan drugs are critically important to children, many of whom, if they are ill, suffer from rare diseases or conditions. Orphan drugs, by definition, are designed and developed to help and treat diseases or conditions that affect fewer than 200,000 people, many of whom are children. On a daily basis, the Children's Hospital of Boston uses most of the 347 medicines that are designated orphan drugs.

I will say again that my legislation has the support of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle. And I have this support because fixing this provision and restoring access to life-saving medicines is the right thing to do.

My legislation restores and protects the ability for children's hospitals to access those outpatient medicines through the 340B drug discount program authorized in the Public Health Services Act. Access to this program and the corresponding discount saves the Children's Hospital of Boston nearly \$3 million annually, but more importantly, Children's Hospital of Boston is able to save lives as a result. Hospitals and doctors at children's hospitals are able to access life-saving medicines, children live better lives, and families are given peace of mind.

Passing my bill quickly is the right thing to do and I encourage my colleagues in the Senate to act swiftly to enact my legislation to ensure that children's hospitals can once again receive discounted pricing on these life-saving medicines.

There is no cause for delay. The House has passed this restorative language twice already. The Senate needs to do the same. And we should do so before the end of this year.

I believe quick passage is possible—quick passage should be possible—because of the support and efforts that I have seen demonstrated by my fellow Senators.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COLORADO RAPIDS SOCCER TEAM

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, today I congratulate and honor the tenacious play of the Colorado Rapids soccer team, that recently fought their way to victory over F.C. Dallas in the MLS Cup. This was truly a come-from-behind victory. The Rapids struggled against F.C. Dallas in two games earlier this season, and in the championship game, Dallas scored first, early in the first half. But as they had done throughout the playoffs, the Rapids relied on their character, concentration, and grit and came back in the championship game to win 2 to 1 in overtime.

This is the first MLS Cup championship victory in Colorado Rapids history. And it is a testament to the resiliency of the team. From the creativity of our strikers to the concentration of our goalkeeper, our side showed that they have what it takes to win, again and again. The Rapids have proudly represented our State and the Colorado ideal that hard work and determination pay off. That is a lesson I am proud to share with my three daughters, all of whom play soccer. The Rapids have proven that we have world-class teams and world-class fans in Colorado. I am proud to support the Colorado Rapids and again congratulate them on this remarkable accomplishment.●

TRIBUTE TO DOMINIC CALABRO

• Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Dominic Calabro of Tallahassee, FL, who is in his 30th year of public service with Florida TaxWatch, a nonpartisan, nonprofit government watchdog and research institute that has served the taxpayers for decades in my home State of Florida. The group has been chaired for the past 2 years by the distinguished leadership of David A. Smith of Jacksonville, FL.

Florida TaxWatch first hired Mr. Calabro in 1980 as a senior research analyst. His hard work and dedication was quickly recognized, as he was promoted to executive director in 1982 and CEO in 1986. Mr. Calabro has guided the growth of TaxWatch into a dynamic, influential organization dedicated to improving government productivity and taxpayer value through research and civic engagement. Approximately 70 percent of TaxWatch's recommendations have been adopted by Florida's government, saving billions of dollars for Florida taxpayers.

Under Mr. Calabro's leadership, Florida TaxWatch has grown from an organization with a membership of approximately 30 and annual revenues of approximately \$64,000 to a statewide organization boasting a membership of nearly 1,000 individuals and organizations and revenues that have grown more than twentyfold to over \$1,500,000.

In addition to identifying and working to improve government spending in the public interest, Mr. Calabro and TaxWatch are the key players in the annual Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards, a nationally unique public-private partnership that recognizes and rewards exceptional Florida state employees whose innovative work measurably increases productivity and saves taxpayer money. Mr. Calabro has received numerous honors and awards, including being named by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 1994.

Mr. Calabro has been supported in all of his endeavors by his loving wife of 31 years, Debbie. They are devoted to their four children, Diana, Dominic, Christina, and Danny.

Mr. Calabro is also a driving force for improvements in public education. He is on the Board of Advisors for Florida State University's Graduate School of Social Work. Mr. Calabro also serves on the Florida Education Foundation and Communities in Schools of Florida.

Many Florida TaxWatch recommendations have served as the impetus for important changes to Florida budgetary and taxation policy, including the Taxpayers Bill of Rights of 1992, the Government Performance Accountability Act of 1994, the complete phase-out of the Intangibles Tax, and a recent Government Cost Savings Task Force that so far has saved the state nearly \$3 billion to weather the current economic climate.

I congratulate Mr. Calabro on his 30 years of service with Florida TaxWatch, and to wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.●

REMEMBERING FATHER ALLEN NOVOTNY

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, on October 27th the Gonzaga College High School and Jesuit community lost a leader and dear friend. Father Allen Novotny served as the president of the oldest private high school in Washington, DC, and led the charge to modernize the school's aging facilities. When I moved my family to Washington, DC, I knew that under the leadership of Father Novotny, my two sons would receive the best education possible at Gonzaga. The school, which is known for its motto "Men for Others" encourages students to participate in service projects throughout DC, the country, and the world. During his 16 years at Gonzaga, Father Novotny increased the funding and variety of these essential service projects that gave thousands of young men the opportunity to grow in their faith and serve those in need.

Allen Paul Novotny was born in Baltimore in 1952 and received his education at the Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Baltimore and then Loyola High School in Towson. He entered the Society of Jesus at the Novitiate of St.

Isaac Jogues in Wernersville, PA, in 1970, and received a degree in history from Fordham University in 1975. He then went on to teach history at his alma mater Loyola, and by 1989 had received three master's degrees in divinity, pastoral counseling, and business administration. These credentials along with Father Novotny's passion to provide a productive learning environment for the young men at Gonzaga resulted in a \$30 million campaign to renovate and expand the schools aging cafeteria, classrooms, gymnasium, and other facilities.

Along with his tireless efforts to improve the school structurally, Father Novotny also ensured the spiritual and educational improvement of the student body, parents, and faculty. With his calm demeanor and strong faith, he guided the school through times of national tragedy in 2001 when the September 11 attacks took the lives of family and friends in the Gonzaga community and again in 2002 during the Washington DC, sniper shootings. He also led the school to great educational and athletic triumphs. During his tenure, courses offered for college credit at Gonzaga significantly increased and Gonzaga's basketball program has consistently been nationally ranked.

Father Novotny had a very personal connection with his students, which I always admired as a parent. He constantly attended the games of Gonzaga's various sports teams and participated with the students in their service projects. In the weeks since his passing, there has been an outpouring of condolences from thousands of former and current students, parents, faculty, and friends who have shared their stories of the influence that Father Novotny had on their lives. Gonzaga will now have to search for a replacement to serve as the school's president, but we will never be able to replace in our hearts such a great leader, mentor, teacher, and friend. May he rest in peace.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:16 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4783) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile, and to extend the period from which such contributions for the relief victims of the earthquake in Haiti may be accelerated.

At 12:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5866. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requiring the Secretary of Energy to carry out initiatives to advance innovation in nuclear energy technologies, to make nuclear energy systems more competitive, to increase efficiency and safety of civilian nuclear power, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5953. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to display in each facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs a Women Veterans Bill of Rights and to display in each prosthetics and orthotics clinic of the Department an Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6398. An act to require the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to fully insure Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts.

H.R. 6411. An act to provide for the approval of the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

At 3:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 101. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

At 6:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6184. An act to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to extend and modify the program allowing the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the evaluation of permits, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1338. An act to require the accreditation of English language training programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1421. An act to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.

S. 3250. An act to provide for the training of Federal building personnel, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that that House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 323. Concurrent resolution supporting the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are

able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 75. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for an event marking the 50th anniversary of the inaugural address of President John F. Kennedy.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5283) to provide for adjustment of status for certain Haitian orphans paroled into the United States after the earthquake of January 12, 2010.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 6162. An act to provide research and development authority for alternative coinage materials to the Secretary of the Treasury, increase congressional oversight over coin production, and ensure the continuity of certain numismatic items.

H.R. 6166. An act to authorize the production of palladium bullion coins to provide affordable opportunities for investments in precious metals, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5866. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requiring the Secretary of Energy to carry out initiatives to advance innovation in nuclear energy technologies, to make nuclear energy systems more competitive, to increase efficiency and safety of civilian nuclear power, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5953. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to display in each facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs a Women Veterans Bill of Rights and to display in each prosthetics and orthotics clinic of the Department an Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6411. An act to provide for the approval of the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 323. Concurrent resolution supporting the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3991. A bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.