

SA 223. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:

SEC. ____ . ENDING UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS TO JOBLESS MILLIONAIRES AND BILLIONAIRES.

(a) **PROHIBITION.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Federal funds may be used to make payments of unemployment compensation (including such compensation under the Federal-State Extended Compensation Act of 1970 and the emergency unemployment compensation program under title IV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008) in a year to an individual whose resources in the preceding year were equal to or greater than \$1,000,000. For purposes of the preceding sentence, with respect to a year, an individual's resources shall be determined in the same manner as a subsidy eligible individual's resources are determined for the year under section 1860D-14(a)(3)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-114(a)(3)(E)).

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The prohibition under subsection (a) shall apply to weeks of unemployment beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 224. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:

TITLE VI—PATIENTS' FREEDOM TO CHOOSE

SEC. 601. REPEAL OF DISTRIBUTIONS FOR MEDICINE QUALIFIED ONLY IF FOR PRESCRIBED DRUG OR INSULIN.

Section 9003 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) and the amendments made by such section are repealed; and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be applied as if such section, and amendments, had never been enacted.

SEC. 602. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON HEALTH FLEXIBLE SPENDING ARRANGEMENTS UNDER CAFETERIA PLANS.

Sections 9005 and 10902 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) and section 1403 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152) and the amendments made by such sections are repealed.

SA 225. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . CREDIT REFORM ACT TREATMENT OF THE PURCHASE OF PRIVATE STOCK, EQUITY, OR CAPITAL.

Section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a(5)) is amended by inserting at the end the following:

“(G) The cost of the purchase of stock, equity, capital, or debt instruments, or the option to purchase any such assets, of a private or publicly-traded company or any enterprise under the conservatorship of the Federal Government shall be determined on a fair value basis according to Financial Ac-

counting Standards No. 157 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board.”.

SA 226. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PAYGO AND TRUST FUNDS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Any increase in revenues or reduced spending in a Federal trust fund resulting from a bill, amendment, resolution, motion, or conference report shall—

(1) not be counted for purposes of offsetting revenues, receipts, or discretionary spending under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 or the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010; and

(2) only be used for the purposes of the Federal trust as provided by law.

(b) **INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS.**—Nothing in this section shall impact intergovernmental lending from a Federal trust fund to annual government operations.

SA 227. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . EMERGENCY DESIGNATIONS.

Section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-139) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) **PROCEDURE IN THE SENATE AND VOTE REQUIREMENT.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—When the Senate is considering a PAYGO Act, any provision making an emergency designation shall be stricken from the measure and may not be offered as an amendment from the floor unless a waiver is offered and agreed to.

“(B) **SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEALS.**—

“(i) **WAIVER.**—Subparagraph (A) may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.

“(ii) **APPEALS.**—Appeals in the Senate from the decisions of the Chair relating to any provision of this subsection shall be limited to 1 hour, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the appellant and the manager of the bill or joint resolution, as the case may be. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this subsection.

“(C) **WAIVER PETITION.**—Prior to making a motion to waive under this paragraph, a Senator shall file a petition—

“(i) signed by 16 members requesting the waiver;

“(ii) with a Member of both the majority and minority signing; and

“(iii) stating that the spending is an emergency as described in subparagraph (D).

“(D) **EMERGENCY SPENDING.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of this subparagraph, spending is emergency spending if the spending is—

“(I) necessary, essential, or vital (not merely useful or beneficial);

“(II) sudden, quickly coming into being, and not building up over time;

“(III) an urgent, pressing, and compelling need requiring immediate action;

“(IV) subject to clause (ii), unforeseen, unpredictable, and unanticipated; and

“(V) not permanent, temporary in nature.

“(ii) **UNFORESEEN.**—An emergency that is part of an aggregate level of anticipated emergencies, particularly when normally estimated in advance, is not unforeseen.”.

SA 228. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 4, line 9, strike “2019” and insert “2023”.

On page 4, line 17, strike “2019” and insert “2023”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Ms. LANDRIEU. 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 March 15, 2011, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Ms. LANDRIEU. 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 15, 2011, 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 INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2011, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “The Freedom of Information Act: Ensuring Transparency and Accountability in the Digital Age.”

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

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

Ms. LANDRIEU. 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 March 15, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Enhancing the President's Authority to Eliminate Wasteful Spending and Reduce the Budget Deficit."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following staff of the Finance Committee be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate: Andrew Fishburn, Eric Roberts, and Cindy Yang.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes its consideration of S. 493 tomorrow, Wednesday, March 16, the Senate proceed to votes in relation to the amendments listed: Nelson of Nebraska No. 182 and Snowe-Landrieu-Coburn No. 193; that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to each vote; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the votes, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

Further, I ask that following those votes, the next first-degree amendments in order be the following: Casey No. 216, Cornyn No. 186, Sanders No. 207, Paul No. 199, a Democratic amendment, and Hutchison No. 197.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. UDALL of Colorado). Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRATULATING THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 96 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 96) congratulating the Army Dental Corps on its 100th anniversary.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 96) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 96

Whereas, on March 3, 1911, Congress was the first to officially recognize dentistry as a distinct profession by establishing an Army Dental Service with commissioned officers, a seminal event for dentistry as well as for military history;

Whereas dental health is a critical component of military medical readiness;

Whereas, throughout history, the Army Dental Corps has preserved the strength of the Army by minimizing risk for and expediting treatment of dental emergencies;

Whereas the Army Dental Corps works continuously to improve the oral health of soldiers and their families by supporting individual and community prevention initiatives, good oral hygiene practices, and evidence-based treatment;

Whereas the Army Dental Corps endeavors to improve oral health world-wide by participating in the full spectrum of military and peacekeeping operations, serving as dental ambassadors through care rendered to United States and coalition military personnel during combat operations, and local national citizens in humanitarian operations;

Whereas the Army Dental Corps, in collaboration with national and international dental organizations, promotes synergy among all dental professionals;

Whereas the Army Dental Corps supports the mission of the Federal dental research program, and endorses improved dental technologies and therapies through research and adherence to sound scientific principles; and

Whereas the Army Dental Corps recognizes the importance of lifelong pursuit of continuing dental education, and executes this mission through specialty dental education and postgraduate residencies and fellowships for its members: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Army Dental Corps on its 100th anniversary;

(2) commends the Army Dental Corps for its work to improve the dental readiness of the Army, and the oral health of soldiers and their families;

(3) recognizes the thousands of dentists who have served in the Army Dental Corps over the last 100 years, providing dental care to millions of members of the Armed Forces and their families; and

(4) commends the Army Dental Corps for its efforts to keep America's soldiers healthy and the best fighting force in the world.

REAPPOINTMENT OF SHIRLEY ANN JACKSON AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE SMITHSONIAN BOARD OF REGENTS

APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN M. CASE AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE SMITHSONIAN BOARD OF REGENTS

REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT P. KOGOD AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE SMITHSONIAN BOARD OF REGENTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 7, 8, and 9, and the Senate proceed to their immediate consideration en bloc; that the joint resolutions be read three times and passed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolutions were ordered to a third reading, were read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 7

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Shirley Ann Jackson of New York, is filled by reappointment of the incumbent for a term of 6 years, effective May 6, 2011.

S.J. RES. 8

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the resignation of Phillip Frost of Florida is filled by the appointment of Stephen M. Case of Virginia. The appointment is for a term of 6 years, effective on the date of enactment of this joint resolution.

S.J. RES. 9

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Robert P. Kogod of the District of Columbia, is filled by reappointment of the incumbent for a term of 6 years, effective May 6, 2011.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.J. RES. 48

Mr. REID. Mr. President, H.J. Res. 48 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the measure by title for the first time.