

SA 1990. Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1991. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1992. Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BURR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1993. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1994. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1995. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1996. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1997. Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1998. Mr. TESTER (for Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1348, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1982. Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin submitted an amendment intended to

be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. NO GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFFS.

None of the funds made available under this joint resolution may be used to make a Government contribution relating to enrollment in a health plan pursuant to section 1312(d)(3)(D) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(d)(3)(D)), as such Government contributions are not authorized under that Act.

SA 1983. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds in this resolution shall be made available for any government contribution provided for under section 8906 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to—

- (1) a Member of Congress;
- (2) Congressional staff (including all full-time and part-time employees employed by the official office of a Member of Congress (whether in Washington, DC or outside of Washington, DC), a standing, select or joint committee of Congress, or a leadership office of the House of Representatives or the Senate;

- (3) the President;
- (4) the Vice President; or
- (5) a political appointee.

(b) POLITICAL APPOINTEE.—In this section, the term “political appointee” means any individual who—

- (1) is employed in a position described under sections 5312 through 5316 of title 5, United States Code, (relating to the Executive Schedule);
- (2) is a limited term appointee, limited emergency appointee, or noncareer appointee in the Senior Executive Service, as defined under paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively, of section 3132(a) of title 5, United States Code; or
- (3) is employed in a position in the executive branch of the Government of a confidential or policy-determining character under schedule C of subpart C of part 213 of title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

SA 1984. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

TITLE \_\_\_\_—BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS  
SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. 01. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Biennial Appropriations Act”.

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. 02. REVISION OF TIMETABLE.

Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 631) is amended to read as follows:

“TIMETABLE

“SEC. 300. (a) TIMETABLE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The timetable with respect to the congressional budget process for any fiscal year is as follows:

“On or before:

- First Monday in February .....
- February 15 .....
- Not later than 6 weeks after President submits budget .....
- April 1 .....
- April 15 .....
- May 15 .....

- June 10 .....
- June 15 .....
- June 30 .....
- August 1 .....
- October 1 .....

“(2) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of any first session of Congress that begins in any year immediately following a leap year and dur-

Action to be completed:

- President submits his budget.
- Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
- Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
- Budget Committees report concurrent resolution on the budget.
- Congress completes action on concurrent resolution on the budget.
- Biennial appropriation bills and the defense appropriation bill may be considered in the House as provided in subsection (b).
- House Appropriations Committee reports last appropriation bill.
- Congress completes action on reconciliation legislation.
- House completes action on appropriation bills.
- Congress completes action on appropriation bills.
- Fiscal year begins.

ing which the term of a President (except a President who succeeds himself or herself) begins, the following dates shall supersede those set forth in subsection (a):

“First Session

Action to be completed:

- President submits his budget.
- Congressional Budget Office submits report to Budget Committees.
- Committees submit views and estimates to Budget Committees.
- Budget Committees report concurrent resolution on the biennial budget.
- Congress completes action on concurrent resolution on the biennial budget.
- Biennial appropriation bills may be considered in the House.
- Biennial appropriation bills and the defense appropriation bill may be considered in the House as provided in subsection (b).
- Congress completes action on biennial appropriations bills and reconciliation legislation.
- Biennium begins.

“On or before:

- First Monday in April .....
- April 15 .....
- April 20 .....
- May 15 .....
- June 1 .....
- July 1 .....
- July 20 .....

August 1 .....

October 1 .....

“(b) BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION BILLS AND DEFENSE APPROPRIATION BILL.—Appropriation bills shall be enacted as follows:

“(1) ODD-NUMBERED YEARS.—In odd-numbered years Congress shall consider pursuant to the budget process in this title and enact—

- “(A) an annual defense appropriation bill; and
- “(B) biennial appropriation bills for—
- “(i) Agriculture;
- “(ii) Transportation, HUD;
- “(iii) Interior, Environment;
- “(iv) Labor, HHS, Education; and

“(v) Military Construction, Veterans Affairs.

“(2) EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.—In even-numbered years Congress shall consider pursuant to the budget process in this title and enact—

“(A) an annual defense appropriation bill; and

“(B) biennial appropriation bills for—

“(i) Commerce, Justice, Science;

“(ii) Energy and Water;

“(iii) Homeland Security;

“(iv) Financial Services;

“(v) Legislative Branch; and

“(vi) State-Foreign Operations.”.

**SEC. 03. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF 1974.**

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 3 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 622) is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(1) The term ‘biennium’ means the period of 2 consecutive fiscal years beginning on October 1.”.

(b) **COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS.**—Section 302 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 633) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by—

(A) inserting after “for the first fiscal year of the resolution,” the following: “and for appropriations for each fiscal year in the biennium and for the first fiscal year of the resolution for defense.”;

(B) striking “for that period of fiscal years” and inserting “for all fiscal years covered by the resolution”; and

(C) inserting after “for the fiscal year of that resolution” the following: “for defense and for each fiscal year in the biennium”;

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting after “budget year” the following: “for defense and the biennium”; and

(3) in subsection (f)(2)(A), by—

(A) inserting after “the first fiscal year” and inserting “or each fiscal year of the biennium”; and

(B) striking “the total of fiscal years” and inserting “the total of all fiscal years covered by the resolution”.

**SEC. 04. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE.**

(a) **DEFINITION.**—Section 1101 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(3) ‘biennium’ has the meaning given to such term in paragraph (11) of section 3 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622(11)).”.

(b) **BUDGET CONTENTS AND SUBMISSION TO THE CONGRESS.**—

(1) **EXPENDITURES.**—Section 1105(a)(5) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted and the 4 fiscal years after that year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium for which the budget is submitted and in the succeeding 4 fiscal years”.

(2) **RECEIPTS.**—Section 1105(a)(6) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year for which the budget is submitted and the 4 fiscal years after that year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium for which the budget is submitted and in the succeeding 4 years”.

(3) **BALANCE STATEMENTS.**—Section 1105(a)(9)(C) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”.

(4) **FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.**—Section 1105(a)(12) of title 31, United States Code, is amended in subparagraph (A), by striking “the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”.

(5) **ALLOWANCES.**—Section 1105(a)(13) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”.

(6) **ALLOWANCES FOR UNCONTROLLED EXPENDITURES.**—Section 1105(a)(14) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “that year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium for which the budget is submitted”.

(7) **TAX EXPENDITURES.**—Section 1105(a)(16) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by

striking “the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium”.

(8) **FUTURE YEARS.**—Section 1105(a)(17) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “the fiscal year following the fiscal year” and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium following the biennium”;

(B) by striking “that following fiscal year” and inserting “each such fiscal year”; and

(C) by striking “fiscal year before the fiscal year” and inserting “biennium before the biennium”.

(9) **PRIOR YEAR OUTLAYS.**—Section 1105(a)(18) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “the prior fiscal year” and inserting “each of the 2 most recently completed fiscal years.”;

(B) by striking “for that year” and inserting “with respect to those fiscal years”; and

(C) by striking “in that year” and inserting “in those fiscal years”.

(10) **PRIOR YEAR RECEIPTS.**—Section 1105(a)(19) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “the prior fiscal year” and inserting “each of the 2 most recently completed fiscal years”;

(B) by striking “for that year” and inserting “with respect to those fiscal years”; and

(C) by striking “in that year” each place it appears and inserting “in those fiscal years”.

(c) **ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OF LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES.**—Section 1105(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “each year” and inserting “each even-numbered year”.

(d) **RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEET ESTIMATED DEFICIENCIES.**—Section 1105(c) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “the fiscal year for” the first place it appears and inserting “each fiscal year in the biennium for”;

(2) by striking “the fiscal year for” the second place it appears and inserting “each fiscal year of the biennium, as the case may be, for”; and

(3) by striking “for that year” and inserting “for each fiscal year of the biennium”.

(e) **CAPITAL INVESTMENT ANALYSIS.**—Section 1105(e)(1) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “ensuing fiscal year” and inserting “biennium to which such budget relates”.

**SEC. 05. TWO-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS; TITLE AND STYLE OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTS.**

Section 105 of title 1, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 105. Title and style of appropriations Acts**

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

“(1) **NONDEFENSE.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the style and title of all Acts making appropriations for the support of the Government shall be as follows: ‘An Act making appropriations (here insert the object) for each fiscal year in the biennium of fiscal years (here insert the fiscal years of the biennium).’

“(2) **DEFENSE.**—The style and title of Acts making appropriations for the support of defense shall be as follows: ‘An Act making appropriations for defense for fiscal year (here insert the fiscal year).’

“(3) **AMOUNTS.**—All Acts making regular appropriations for the support of the Government shall specify the amount of appropriations provided for each fiscal year in such period.

“(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘biennium’ has the same meaning as in section 3(11) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 622(11)); and

“(2) Acts described in subsection (a)(1) shall be considered as provided in section

300(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 631(b)).”.

**SEC. 06. MULTYEAR AUTHORIZATIONS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Title III of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**“AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS**

**“SEC. 316. (a) POINT OF ORDER.**—It shall not be in order in the House of Representatives or the Senate to consider—

“(1) any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that authorizes appropriations for a period of less than 2 fiscal years, unless the program, project, or activity for which the appropriations are authorized will require no further appropriations and will be completed or terminated after the appropriations have been expended; and

“(2) in any odd-numbered year, any authorization or revenue bill or joint resolution until Congress completes action on the biennial budget resolution, all regular biennial appropriations bills, and all reconciliation bills.

**“(b) APPLICABILITY.**—In the Senate, subsection (a) shall not apply to—

“(1) defense;

“(2) any measure that is privileged for consideration pursuant to a rule or statute;

“(3) any matter considered in Executive Session; or

“(4) an appropriations measure or reconciliation bill.”.

(b) **AMENDMENT TO TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by adding after the item relating to section 315 the following new item:

“Sec. 316. Authorizations of appropriations.”.

**SEC. 07. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In each year that the activities of an agency are not required to be funded pursuant to section 300(b) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the committee of the House and the Senate with legislative jurisdiction over that agency shall hold a joint oversight hearing with the corresponding subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations of their respective House with jurisdiction over the agency.

(b) **HEARING.**—The hearing required by subsection (a) shall review—

(1) the mission of the agency;

(2) the impact of biennial budgeting on agency efficiency;

(3) the cost savings associated with biennial budgeting;

(4) new programs created in the off year of the agency budget; and

(5) programs that were terminated in the off year of the agency budget.

**SEC. 08. REPORT ON TWO-YEAR FISCAL PERIOD.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this title, the Director of OMB shall—

(1) determine the impact and feasibility of changing the definition of a fiscal year and the budget process based on that definition to a 2-year fiscal period with a biennial budget process based on the 2-year period; and

(2) report the findings of the study to the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

**SEC. 09. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Except as provided in section 7, this title and the amendments made by this title shall take effect on January 1, 2015, and shall apply to budget resolutions and appropriations for the biennium beginning with fiscal year 2016.

**SA 1985.** Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr.

RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**TITLE —ONE PERCENT SPENDING REDUCTION**

**SEC. 01. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “One Percent Spending Reduction Act of 2013”.

**SEC. 02. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The fiscal crisis faced by the Federal Government demands immediate action.

(2) The dramatic growth in spending and debt in recent years threatens our economic and national security:

(A) Federal spending has grown from 18 percent of GDP in 2001 to nearly 23 percent of GDP in 2012.

(B) Total Federal debt exceeds \$16,000,000,000,000 and is projected to increase each year over the next 10 years.

(C) Without action, the Federal Government will continue to run massive deficits in the next decade and total Federal debt will rise to approximately \$25,000,000,000,000 by 2023.

(D) Interest payments on this debt will soon rise to the point where balancing the budget as a matter of policy is beyond the reach of Congress.

(3) Due to recent tax hikes, Federal revenues are scheduled to rise to approximately 19 percent of GDP, a full percentage point above the average of about 18 percent of GDP over the past 40 years.

(4) Absent reform, the growth of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other health-related spending will overwhelm all other Federal programs and consume all projected tax revenues.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to address the fiscal crisis by—

(1) acting quickly to balance the Federal budget and eliminate the parade of deficits and ballooning interest payments;

(2) achieving balance by reducing spending one percent per year until spending equals projected long-term revenues; and

(3) reforming entitlement programs to ensure long-term fiscal stability and balance.

**SEC. 03. ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPENDING CAPS.**

(a) OUTLAY CAPS.—The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by inserting after section 253 the following new section:

**“SEC. 253A. ESTABLISHING OUTLAY CAPS.**

“(a) OUTLAY CAPS.—In this section, the term ‘outlay cap’ means:

“(1) FISCAL YEAR 2014.—For fiscal year 2014, the aggregate outlays (less net interest payments) for fiscal year 2014 shall be \$3,233,000,000,000, less one percent.

“(2) FISCAL YEAR 2015.—For fiscal year 2015, the aggregate outlays (less net interest payments) for fiscal year 2015 shall be the amount computed under paragraph (1), less one percent.

“(3) FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—(A) For fiscal year 2016 and each subsequent fiscal year, the aggregate outlays shall be 19 percent of the gross domestic product for that fiscal year as estimated by OMB prior to March of the previous fiscal year.

“(B) Notwithstanding paragraph (A), for any fiscal year beginning with fiscal year

2017, the aggregate projected outlays may not be less than the aggregate projected outlays for the preceding fiscal year.

“(b) SEQUESTRATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—

“(A) EXCESS SPENDING.—Not later than 45 calendar days after the beginning of a fiscal year, OMB shall conduct a sequestration to eliminate the excess outlay amount.

“(B) DEFINITIONS.—

“(i) For fiscal years 2014 and 2015 and for purposes of this subsection, the term ‘excess outlay amount’ means the amount by which total projected Federal outlays (less net interest payments) for a fiscal year exceeds the outlay cap for that fiscal year.

“(ii) For fiscal year 2016 and in subsequent fiscal years and for purposes of this subsection, the term ‘excess outlay amount’ means the amount by which total projected Federal outlays for a fiscal year exceeds the outlay cap for that fiscal year.

“(2) SEQUESTRATION.—

“(A) On August 15 of each year, CBO shall issue a sequestration preview report as described in section 254(c)(4).

“(B) On August 20 of each year, OMB shall issue a sequestration preview report as described in section 254(c)(4).

“(C) On October 31 of each year, OMB shall issue its final sequestration report as described in section 254(f)(3). It shall be accompanied by a Presidential order detailing uniform spending reductions equal to the excess outlay amount as defined in this section.

“(D) The reductions shall generally follow the process set forth in sections 253 and 254, except as provided in this section.

“(3) CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.—If the August 20 OMB report projects a sequestration, the Committees on Budget of the Senate and House of Representatives may report a resolution directing their committees to change the existing law to achieve the spending reductions outlined in the August 20 report necessary to meet the outlay limits.

“(c) NO EXEMPT PROGRAMS.—Section 255 and section 256 shall not apply to this section, except that payments for net interest (budget function 900) shall be exempt from the spending reductions under sequestration.

“(d) LOOK BACK.—If, after November 14, a bill resulting in outlays for the fiscal year in progress is enacted that causes excess outlays, the excess outlay amount for the next fiscal year shall be increased by the amount or amounts of that breach.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO BBEDCA.—

(1) SEQUESTRATION PREVIEW REPORTS.—Section 254(c)(4) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended to read as follows:

“(4) OUTLAY CAP SEQUESTRATION REPORTS.—The preview reports shall set forth for the budget year estimates for the following:

“(A)(i) For each of budget years 2014 and 2015: the aggregate projected outlays (less net interest payments), less one percent.

“(ii) For budget year 2016 and each subsequent budget year: the estimated gross domestic product (GDP) for that budget year.

“(B) The amount of reductions required under section 253A.

“(C) The sequestration percentage necessary to achieve the required reduction under section 253A.”.

(2) FINAL SEQUESTRATION REPORTS.—Section 254(f) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by inserting at the end the following:

“(6) OUTLAY CAPS SEQUESTRATION REPORTS.—The final reports shall contain all the information required in the outlay cap sequestration preview reports. In addition, these reports shall contain, for the budget year, for each account to be sequestered, estimates of the baseline level of sequestrable

budgetary resources and resulting outlays and the amount of budgetary sources to be sequestered and result in outlay reductions. The reports shall also contain estimates of the effects on outlays on the sequestration of each outyear for direct spending programs.”.

(c) ENFORCEMENT.—Title III of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding after section 315 the following:

**“SEC. 316. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.**

“(a) OUTLAY CAPS.—It shall not be in order in the House of Representatives or the Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, or conference report that includes any provision that would cause the most recently reported, current outlay cap set forth in section 253A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to be breached.

“(b) WAIVER OR SUSPENSION.—

“(1) IN THE SENATE.—The provisions of this section may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.

“(2) IN THE HOUSE.—The provisions of this section may be waived or suspended in the House of Representatives only by a rule or order proposing only to waive such provisions by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members, duly chosen and sworn.

“(c) POINT OF ORDER PROTECTION.—In the House, it shall not be in order to consider a rule or order that waives the application of paragraph (2) of subsection (b).

“(d) MOTION TO SUSPEND.—It shall not be in order for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the application of this section under clause 1 of rule XV.”.

**SEC. 04. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

The table of contents set forth in—

(1) section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 315 the following new item:

“Sec. 316. Enforcement procedures.”;

and

(2) section 250(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 253 the following new item:

“Sec. 253A. Establishing outlay caps.”.

**SEC. 05. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This title and the amendments made by it shall apply to fiscal year 2014 and subsequent fiscal years, including any reports and calculations required for implementation in fiscal year 2014.

**SA 1986.** Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. . EFFECT OF OMB REPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE STANDARD SETTING BODY.**

The Office of Management and Budget determination with respect to the Standard Setting Body (527-00-5377) pursuant to section 302 of Public Law 112-25 shall have no force or effect.

**SA 1987.** Mr. PORTMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. END GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS ACT.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “End Government Shutdowns Act”.

(b) **AUTOMATIC CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1310 the following new section:

**“§ 1311. Continuing appropriations**

“(a)(1) If any appropriation measure for a fiscal year is not enacted before the beginning of such fiscal year or a joint resolution making continuing appropriations is not in effect, there are appropriated such sums as may be necessary to continue any program, project, or activity for which funds were provided in the preceding fiscal year—

“(A) in the corresponding appropriation Act for such preceding fiscal year, taking into account any sequestration that was implemented; or

“(B) if the corresponding appropriation bill for such preceding fiscal year did not become law, then in a joint resolution making continuing appropriations for such preceding fiscal year, taking into account any sequestration that was implemented.

“(2) Appropriations and funds made available, and authority granted, for a program, project, or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be at a rate of operations not in excess of the lower of—

“(A) 100 percent of the rate of operations provided for in the regular appropriation Act providing for such program, project, or activity for the preceding fiscal year, taking into account any sequestration that was implemented;

“(B) in the absence of such an Act, 100 percent of the rate of operations provided for such program, project, or activity pursuant to a joint resolution making continuing appropriations for such preceding fiscal year, taking into account any sequestration that was implemented; or

“(C) 100 percent of the annualized rate of operations provided for in the most recently enacted joint resolution making continuing appropriations for part of that fiscal year or any funding levels established under the provisions of this Act;

for the period of 120 days. After the first 120 day period during which this subsection is in effect for that fiscal year, the applicable rate of operations shall be reduced by 1 percentage point. For each subsequent 90 day period during which this subsection is in effect for that fiscal year, the applicable rate of operations shall be reduced by 1 percentage point. The 90-day period reductions shall continue beyond the last day of that fiscal year until the new appropriation has been enacted.

“(3) Appropriations and funds made available, and authority granted, for any fiscal year pursuant to this section for a program, project, or activity shall be available for the period beginning with the first day of a lapse in appropriations and ending with the date on which the applicable regular appropriation bill for such fiscal year becomes law (whether or not such law provides for such program, project, or activity) or a continuing resolution making appropriations becomes law, as the case may be.

“(b) An appropriation or funds made available, or authority granted, for a program, project, or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed with respect to the appropriation made or funds made available for the preceding fiscal year, or authority granted for such program, project, or activity under current law.

“(c) Expenditures made for a program, project, or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a regular appropriation bill or a joint resolution making continuing appropriations until the end of a fiscal year providing for such program, project, or activity for such period becomes law.

“(d) This section shall not apply to a program, project, or activity during a fiscal year if any other provision of law (other than an authorization of appropriations)—

“(1) makes an appropriation, makes funds available, or grants authority for such program, project, or activity to continue for such period; or

“(2) specifically provides that no appropriation shall be made, no funds shall be made available, or no authority shall be granted for such program, project, or activity to continue for such period.”.

(2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections of chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1310 the following new item:

“1311. Continuing appropriations.”.

(c) **CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section or an amendment made by this section shall be construed to replace any directions in statute relating to sequestration that are in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 1988.** Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS.**

Section 163 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Public Law 111-242), as amended by Public Law 111-322 and Public Law 112-175, is further amended in subsection (b), by striking “2013-2014” and inserting “2015-2016”.

**SA 1989.** Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. CONDITIONING PROVISION OF PREMIUM AND COST-SHARING SUBSIDIES UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT UPON CERTIFICATION THAT A PROGRAM TO VERIFY HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS FOR THOSE SUBSIDIES IS OPERATIONAL.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no premium tax credits shall be permitted under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no reductions in cost-sharing shall be permitted under section 1402 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18071) prior to the date on which the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services certifies to Congress that there is in place a program that successfully and consistently verifies, consistent with section 1411 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 18081), the household income and coverage requirements of individuals applying for such credits and cost-sharing reduction reductions.

**SA 1990.** Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an

amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 9 of title X of division A of the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (Public Law 113-2; 127 Stat. 34) is amended in the second proviso of the matter under the heading “EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM” under the heading “FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS” under the heading “FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION” by inserting “or in calendar year 2013 in the State of Colorado by flooding: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by Congress as being for emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)(i))” after “Sandy”.**

**SA 1991.** Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. (a)** Chapter 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subchapter E.

(b) Subsection (a) of section 4221 of such Code is amended by striking the last sentence.

(c) Paragraph (2) of section 6416(b) of such Code is amended by striking the last sentence.

(d) The table of subchapters for chapter 32 of such Code is amended by striking the item relating to subchapter E.

(e) The amendments made by this section shall apply to sales after December 31, 2013.

**SA 1992.** Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. BURR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. PARTICIPATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS OFFERED THROUGH EXCHANGES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1312(d)(3)(D) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(d)(3)(D)) is amended to read as follows:

“(D) No FEHBP ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—

“(i) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subparagraph—

“(I) the terms ‘annuitant’, ‘member of family’, and ‘former spouse’ have the meanings given those terms under section 8901 of title 5, United States Code; and

“(II) the term ‘Federal employee’—

“(aa) has the meaning given the term ‘employee’ under section 8901 of title 5, United States Code; and

“(bb) includes an officer or employee of the United States Postal Service or the Postal Regulatory Commission.

“(ii) **PARTICIPATION IN QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS.**—Notwithstanding chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, or any other provision of this title, on and after January 1, 2014—

“(I) a Federal employee shall be treated as a qualified individual eligible to enroll in a

qualified health plan offered through an Exchange in the State in which the Federal employee resides; and

“(II) a Federal employee and a member of the family or former spouse of a Federal employee shall not be eligible to be enrolled (other than as an annuitant or a member of the family or former spouse of an annuitant) in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

“(iii) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management, in cooperation with the Secretary, other appropriate Federal officials, Exchanges, and health plans, shall establish procedures to carry out this subparagraph.

“(II) NO GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION.—For an individual enrolled in a qualified health plan under this subparagraph, the Government may not make a contribution under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to such enrollment.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 8905—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “An employee” and inserting “Except as provided in section 8915, an employee”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking “(b) An annuitant” and all that follows through the end of paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(b) An annuitant—

“(1) who—

“(A) at the time he becomes an annuitant was enrolled in a health benefits plan under this chapter as an employee or enrolled in a qualified health plan under section 1312(d)(3)(D) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(d)(3)(D)) for a total period of not less than—

“(i) the 5 years of service immediately before retirement;

“(ii) the full period or periods of service between the last day of the first period, as prescribed by regulations of the Office of Personnel Management, in which he is eligible to enroll in the plan and the date on which he becomes an annuitant; or

“(iii) the full period or periods of service beginning with the enrollment which became effective before January 1, 1965, and ending with the date on which he becomes an annuitant;

whichever is shortest; and

“(B) if the annuitant becomes an annuitant on or after January 1, 2014, was enrolled in a health benefits plan under this chapter on December 31, 2013;

“(2) who is a member of the family of an employee who—

“(A) is enrolled in a qualified health plan under section 1312(d)(3)(D) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(d)(3)(D)); and

“(B) was enrolled in a health benefits plan under this chapter on December 31, 2013; or

“(3) who at the time he becomes an annuitant was enrolled in a health benefits plan under this chapter as a member of the family of an employee or an annuitant;”;

(ii) in the matter following paragraph (2), by striking “may continue his enrollment” and inserting “may enroll in a health benefits plan under this chapter”;

(C) in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “of an individual who is entitled, on the date of the dissolution of the marriage, to enroll in a health benefits plan under this chapter” after “A former spouse”; and

(D) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “who is otherwise eligible to enroll in a health benefits plan under this chapter and” after “An unenrolled employee”;

(2) in section 8905a(b)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) on the date on which the employee is separated from service, is eligible to enroll in a health benefits plan under this chapter; and”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

**“§ 8915. Termination of employee eligibility**

“Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, on and after January 1 2014—

“(1) an employee and a member of the family and a former spouse of an employee shall not be eligible to enroll in a health benefits plan under this chapter based on the status of the employee as an employee; and

“(2) no Government contribution for health benefits under this chapter shall be made on behalf of an employee or a member of the family or a former spouse of an employee.”;

(4) in the table of sections, by adding at the end the following:

“8915. Termination of employee eligibility.”.

(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act shall be construed to limit the eligibility of an individual for the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) or the TRICARE program under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code.

**SA 1993.** Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 1244(c)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (8 U.S.C. 1157 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) FISCAL YEAR 2014.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clauses (ii) through (iv), the total number of principal aliens who may be provided special immigrant status under this section during the first 3 months of fiscal year 2014 shall be 2,000.

“(ii) EMPLOYMENT PERIOD.—The 1-year period during which the principal alien is required to have been employed by or on behalf of the United States Government in Iraq under subsection (b)(1)(B) shall begin on or after March 20, 2003, and end on or before September 30, 2013.

“(iii) APPLICATION DEADLINE.—The principal alien seeking special immigrant status under this subparagraph shall apply to the Chief of Mission in accordance with subsection (b)(4) not later than December 31, 2013.

“(iv) APPLICATION DATE.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the date on which a principal alien is provided special immigrant status under this section is deemed to be the date on which the alien applied for such status.”.

**SA 1994.** Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which

was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 1244(c)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (8 U.S.C. 1157 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) FISCAL YEAR 2014.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), the total number of principal aliens who may be provided special immigrant status under this section during the first 3 months of fiscal year 2014 shall be the sum of—

“(I) the number of aliens described in subsection (b) whose application for special immigrant status under this section is pending on September 30, 2013; and

“(II) 2,000.

“(ii) EMPLOYMENT PERIOD.—The 1-year period during which the principal alien is required to have been employed by or on behalf of the United States Government in Iraq under subsection (b)(1)(B) shall begin on or after March 20, 2003, and end on or before September 30, 2013.

“(iii) APPLICATION DEADLINE.—The principal alien seeking special immigrant status under this subparagraph shall apply to the Chief of Mission in accordance with subsection (b)(4) not later than December 31, 2013.”.

**SA 1995.** Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 1244(c)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (8 U.S.C. 1157 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) FISCAL YEAR 2014.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), the total number of principal aliens who may be provided special immigrant status under this section during the first 3 months of fiscal year 2014 shall be the sum of—

“(I) the number of aliens described in subsection (b) whose application for special immigrant status under this section is pending on September 30, 2013; and

“(II) 2,000.

“(ii) EMPLOYMENT PERIOD.—The 1-year period during which the principal alien is required to have been employed by or on behalf of the United States Government in Iraq under subsection (b)(1)(B) shall begin on or after March 20, 2003, and end on or before September 30, 2013.

“(iii) APPLICATION DEADLINE.—The principal alien seeking special immigrant status under this subparagraph shall apply to the Chief of Mission in accordance with subsection (b)(4) not later than December 31, 2013.”.

**SA 1996.** Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_ . None of the funds made available by this Act shall be used for Federal participation in international climate

change events unless the United States offers an addendum to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change stating that anthropogenic climate change is a scientifically unproven theory.

**SA 1997.** Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act shall be used to promulgate or enforce regulations relating to greenhouse gas emissions from electric generating units.

**SA 1998.** Mr. TESTER (for Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1348, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

#### SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect as of October 1, 2013.

### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 26, 2013, at 10 a.m.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 26, 2013, at 2 p.m.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. 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 "Newborn Screening Saves Lives: The Past, Present, and Future of the Newborn Screening System" on September 26, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 26, 2013, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Outside the Box: Reforming and Renewing the Postal Service, Part II—Promoting a 21st Century Workforce."

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

#### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 26, 2013, 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.

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 26, 2013, at 2 p.m.

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

### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Bob Ross, a detailee from the Department of Agriculture to the Committee on Appropriations, and Mike Hallinan, a fellow in my personal office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the 113th Congress.

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

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Rita Culp, a detailee from the Environmental Protection Agency to the Committee on Appropriations, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the 113th Congress, and Tiffany Taylor, a detailee from the Department of the Interior to the Committee on Appropriations, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the first session of the 113th Congress.

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

### CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 196, S. 1348.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 1348) to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

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

Mr. TESTER. I ask unanimous consent that the Carper amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, and a motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 1998) was agreed to, as follows:

At the end, add the following:

#### SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect as of October 1, 2013.

The bill (S. 1348), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1348

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act of 2013".

#### SEC. 2. TERMINATION.

Section 108 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 808) is amended by striking "October 1, 2013" and inserting "October 1, 2018".

#### SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect as of October 1, 2013.

### NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 261, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 261) designating the week beginning September 23, 2013, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week."

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

Mr. TESTER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion 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. 261) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Resolutions Submitted.")

### SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 262, submitted earlier today by Senators DONNELLY and ISAKSON.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 262) supporting the goals and ideals of suicide prevention awareness.

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

#### SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, September is Suicide Prevention Month.