

I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort. As our Nation continues to grow older, this problem will continue to grow worse, and the current system must change to meet these needs.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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TIME HAS COME TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES OF LONG-TERM CARE

(By Sens. Bill Nelson and Tammy Baldwin)

As Congress embarks on a new venture to create a bipartisan budget that would strengthen the economic security of families and reduce the deficit without shortchanging our future, it's our hope that both parties will also work together to find viable ways to help families pay for long-term care.

With the aging of the baby boomers, our country finds itself in the midst of one of the most dramatic demographic shifts in our history. And, as the aging population grows, so too will the long-term-care needs of many in our society.

Providing assistance to family members who can no longer care for themselves can be taxing for all involved.

In fact, the Senate Special Committee on Aging held a hearing last month to examine a myriad of challenges facing seniors today, and found many were unprepared.

So, later this year, we're going to hold another hearing to see what we can do to help. Some of the things we're going to look at include the possibility of expanding Medicare to cover long-term care, and other various ways to possibly make private long-term care coverage more affordable for those who need it.

Currently, about 12 million Americans have long-term-care needs—a number that's rising rapidly. While most receive care from family and friends, an increasing number depend on costly in-home care or end up in assisted living facilities or nursing homes, where the median annual costs range from \$40,000 to \$80,000, respectively.

Most middle-class families in this country simply can't afford the expense of providing long-term care for a loved one. And there are few viable options available to help them pay for the services they would need. Medicare and most traditional health insurance plans don't cover long-term-care expenses. And while private long-term-care insurance is available, most people don't have it because they see long-term care as something they'll never need.

In fact, according to a recent study from the SCAN Foundation, most Americans have done little or nothing to prepare for their future long-term-care needs. This is despite research that shows that 70 percent of people 65 or older will eventually need some form of assistance.

Clearly, our current system of providing long-term care is unsustainable. And, that's why we shouldn't wait much longer to address it.

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, with November being National Adoption Month and this Saturday being National Adoption Day, I would like to take a moment to highlight the issue of adoption—an issue that is near and dear to my heart. Earlier this month Senator LANDRIEU and I introduced our annual National Adoption Day and Month Resolution which was agreed to on November 13 by unanimous consent.

The importance of family in the growth and development of a child can never be overstated. There are millions of children worldwide who are growing up without the love and support of a family. It is my hope that through National Adoption Day and our work on the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, we can one day make the dream of every child having a permanent and loving family a reality.

Like Senator LANDRIEU, I have seen first-hand the many blessings that come from the adoption of a child. My daughter Molly adopted my granddaughter, Zegita Marie, from an orphanage in Ethiopia. Z-girl, as I like to call her, is such a smart and confident young girl and I know it is because of the support and love of her family she is able to thrive. More so, Z-girl has been a huge blessing to our family and one that I am forever grateful for.

National Adoption Month is about recognizing those who have made the sacrifices to make a child's life better, and encouraging those who are thinking about adopting to take that step and make a real difference in a child's life. In that spirit, I want to take a moment to recognize a young woman that has taken the step to be a difference in a child's life. As many of my colleagues know, each October the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute hosts its annual Angels in Adoption Gala here in Washington. Every year Senators and Representatives nominate an individual or a family who has made a significant difference in the area of adoption and foster care, and I have had the honor of nominating individuals from my home State of Oklahoma. Unfortunately, circumstances did not allow my nominee, Kate Arnold of Oklahoma City, to come to the event, so I would like to take a moment to recognize her and share her wonderful story.

In 2003, Kate Arnold was volunteering at a San Francisco Bay Area home for teenage mothers when she met Miriam, a mother to 2 boys. Over the course of years Kate developed a relationship with Miriam, her boys, and a daughter born during that time. Kate became a constant presence in their lives, frequently taking the children out for the day or overnight, while Miriam struggled to care for them.

In March of 2011, Child Protective Services removed Miriam's children from her care and over the next several months Miriam continued her struggle with addiction. In October of that year, a social worker asked her to name who her children should go to if she lost them permanently. Miriam named Kate.

At the time Kate was here in D.C. attending Georgetown University School of Medicine. However, she did not let that stop her and immediately petitioned Georgetown for the ability to complete her fourth year of medical school in California so that she could become the children's foster parent and begin adoption proceedings.

In July 2012, Kate returned to California and by August the children were living with her. This year she graduated from Georgetown and the family moved to Oklahoma City so Kate could begin her residency at the University of Oklahoma.

Kate reflects the spirit of National Adoption Month and Day, not only in her decision to foster and adopt Miriam's children but also through years of prior work and commitment to the foster care community. Kate is a great example of what one person can do to become a blessing to the millions of children throughout the world that are in need of a family. I hope that others will join Senator LANDRIEU and myself this month of November and recognize the great need that exists for families to open their arms to children, both here in the United States and abroad, and take the leap of faith that will change a child's life.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JON E. ZUFELT

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and pay tribute to Dr. Jon E. Zufelt for his exceptional contributions to the Nation as he retires after 30 years of service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Dr. Zufelt's dedication as a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory has resulted in the transfer of knowledge on a global scale.

As a research hydraulic engineer, Dr. Zufelt's career focused on solving tough problems in cold regions hydraulics and hydrology, ice jam processes, erosion and bank protection, ice mitigation, permafrost dynamics, seasonal water quality issues, environmental remediation, and Arctic coastal processes affecting military lands. Dr. Zufelt spent his entire 30-year career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, culminating in the management of the Anchorage Office of the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, primarily in support of projects in Alaska.

Dr. Zufelt came to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April of 1983 as a civil engineer working in Vicksburg, MS. Later that year, he began working for the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, NH, and then the project office located in Anchorage, AK, in 2001.

Dr. Zufelt is a leader in cold regions engineering issues in Alaska and beyond. He is often sought out by universities, technical societies, and journals for his affiliation and technical expertise. Throughout his career, Dr. Zufelt has served for many years on multiple professional society committees and working groups, which include the American Society of Civil Engineers,

the U.S. Permafrost Association, the Alaska Chapter of the American Water Resources Association, the Interagency Hydrology Committee of Alaska, and the Alaska Governor's Sub-Cabinet on Climate Change. These professional organizations have acknowledged Dr. Zufelt's contributions with multiple awards, including the 2006 Alaska Engineer of the Year Award by the Joint Engineering Societies of Alaska. Dr. Zufelt was also awarded the 2005 American Society of Civil Engineers CAN-AM Civil Engineering Amity Award for his work in river ice hydraulics and ice engineering through research, teaching, and dedication to professional relationships between engineers in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Zufelt has made significant contributions to the scientific and engineering communities through editorships, professional society participation, and university teaching. He has served as the conference chair and proceedings editor for the American Society of Civil Engineers—International Conference on Cold Regions Engineering; the conference cochair of the American Water Resources Association—Alaska Section; a technical committee chair and co-editor of the proceedings of the American Society of Civil Engineers—International Conference on Cold Regions Engineering; and the chair of the 2009 University of Alaska Anchorage workshop entitled, "Climate Change Impacts on Defense Assets in Alaska." Since 2001, Dr. Zufelt has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage, teaching at least one graduate-level engineering course each academic year. For 2 years, Dr. Zufelt served as the acting U.S. Army Alaska/Alaskan Command Science Advisor providing onsite technical advice and quick reaction solutions to technical problems. The European Command and Northern Command have also sought Dr. Zufelt's expertise.

Dr. Zufelt has more than 90 technical publications. His articles are published in a diversity of conference proceedings, technical reports, and journals, including the International Conference on Permafrost, International Symposium on Cold Regions Development, Journal of Environmental Engineering and Science, Workshop on Ice Covered Rivers, and the Proceedings of the ASCE World Water and Environmental Resources Congress.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Dr. Zufelt for his 30 years of leadership, expertise, and service to our Nation. I wish the best to him and his family as they begin this next stage in their lives.●

WESTONE LOGISTICS

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, so many of our Nation's small businesses started with nothing more than an idea and the determination to see that idea grow; to see a need and fill it. From a small backyard or garage, small busi-

nesses can become the providers of a local solution. From humble beginnings, companies grow and expand to reach new customers and broader regions. I rise today to recognize WestOne Logistics, a small business in my home State of Idaho that has quickly grown from that small, family business into one of the region's leading providers of third-party relocation services.

Founded 8 years ago by Kendra Keim, WestOne Logistics saw the need for highly efficient and reliable logistical services in our region and has striven to provide superior service to local companies. A woman-owned, family-run business, WestOne Logistics is a third-party logistics provider that works with companies to provide part or all of their supply chain management and relocation. This company exemplifies the problem solving and can-do attitude so characteristic of Idaho's small business culture. The team at WestOne Logistics, through efficiency and customization, continues to grow and expand their services. Even through the depths of this recent economic recession, the team at WestOne Logistics has seen an incredible increase in business, growing over 200 percent in revenues in the past 5 years. It is encouraging to see this level of growth in the small businesses of my home State, despite the tumultuous economic landscape.

With an eye for specifics and adaptability for new, specialized products, WestOne Logistics is able to accommodate environment sensitive products in the largest common warehouse in the State of Idaho. Their facilities offer 108,000 square feet of secured, fully sprinkled, climate-controlled space with an additional 70,000 square feet of food-grade warehouse storage space.

Not only is this team dedicated to hard work and quality in their company but they also are active in their community and are always looking for ways to give back. For example, 22 of their 35 total employees are Red Cross "ready when the time comes" certified in order to respond to local crises through a corporate partnership program.

WestOne Logistics is another prime example of the hard work and dedication of the small businesses of my home State. It is imperative to our national economy that businesses such as these continue to grow and thrive. I congratulate the team at WestOne Logistics on their success and wish them the best in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1545. An act to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:56 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:

S. 252. An act to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, and for other purposes.

S. 1545. An act to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs.

H.R. 1848. An act to ensure that the Federal Aviation Administration advances the safety of small airplanes, and the continued development of the general aviation industry, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3204. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to human drug compounding and drug supply chain security, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1737. A bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1752. A bill to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3631. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3632. A communication from the Chief, Administrative Law Division, Central Intelligence Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2013; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-3633. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Global Strategic Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the utilization of a contribution to the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3634. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a semiannual report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3635. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition