

money and dance for 46 hours straight at the Bryce Jordan Center as part of THON, bringing energy and excitement to the campus for THON's mission to conquer cancer and raise awareness about the disease;

Whereas all THON activities support the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, which funds cancer research and provides financial and emotional support to pediatric cancer patients and their families;

Whereas in each year since 1977, when the 2 organizations first became affiliated, THON has been the single largest donor to the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital;

Whereas THON has raised more than \$113,000,000 in total for the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital;

Whereas in 2014, THON set a new fundraising record of \$13,343,517.33, besting the previous record of \$12,374,034.46, which was set in 2013;

Whereas THON has helped more than 3,300 families through the Four Diamonds Fund, is helping to build a new Pediatric Cancer Pavilion at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, and has supported life-saving pediatric cancer research that has increased the survival rates for some pediatric cancers to nearly 90 percent; and

Whereas THON has inspired similar events and organizations across the United States, including at high schools and institutions of higher education, and continues to encourage students across the United States to volunteer and stay involved in great charitable causes in their community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon ("THON") on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital; and

(2) commends the Pennsylvania State University students, volunteers, and supporting organizations for their hard work in putting together another record-breaking THON.

SENATE RESOLUTION 380—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY

Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 380

Whereas the Take Our Daughters To Work program was created in New York City as a response to research that showed that, by the 8th grade, many girls were dropping out of school, had low self-esteem, and lacked confidence;

Whereas in 2003, the name of the program was changed to "Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work" so that boys who face many of the same challenges as girls could also be involved in the program;

Whereas the mission of the program, to develop "innovative strategies that empower girls and boys to overcome societal barriers to reach their full potential", now fully reflects the addition of boys;

Whereas the Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Foundation, a nonprofit organization, has grown to be one of the largest public awareness campaigns, with more than 37,400,000 participants annually in more than 3,000,000 organizations and workplaces in every State;

Whereas in 2007, the Take Our Daughters To Work program transitioned to Elizabeth

City, North Carolina, became known as the Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Foundation, and received national recognition for the dedication of the Foundation to future generations;

Whereas every year, mayors, governors, and other private and public officials sign proclamations and lend their support to Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day;

Whereas the fame of the Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work program has spread overseas, with requests and inquiries being made from around the world on how to operate the program;

Whereas 2014 marks the 21st anniversary of the Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work program;

Whereas Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day will be observed on Thursday, April 24, 2014; and

Whereas Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day is intended to continue helping millions of girls and boys on an annual basis through experienced activities and events to examine their opportunities and strive to reach their fullest potential: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the goals of introducing our daughters and sons to the workplace; and

(2) commends all participants of Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day for their ongoing contributions to education, and for the vital role the participants play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 381—CONGRATULATING THE ATHLETES FROM THE UNITED STATES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2014 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES AS MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. HATCH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 381

Whereas the 2014 Olympic Winter Games were held in Sochi, Russia from February 7, 2014, to February 23, 2014;

Whereas 230 Olympians competed on behalf of Team USA in Sochi, Russia;

Whereas members of Team USA earned 28 medals in total for the United States, including 9 gold medals, 7 silver medals, and 12 bronze medals;

Whereas Mikaela Shiffrin became the youngest woman ever to win the gold medal in the Women's Slalom;

Whereas Joss Christensen, Gus Kenworthy, and Nicholas Goepper swept the podium in the Men's Ski Slopestyle;

Whereas Erin Hamlin won the United States' first-ever medal in the Women's Singles Luge;

Whereas Lindsey Van, Jessica Jerome, and Sarah Hendrickson became the first American women to compete in ski jumping in an Olympic Winter Games;

Whereas Ted Ligety became the first American man to win the gold medal in the Giant Slalom, and became the first American man to win 2 gold medals in Alpine Skiing;

Whereas Meryl Davis and Charlie White won the United States' first-ever gold medal in Ice Dancing;

Whereas the people of the United States stand united in respect and admiration for Olympians, and the athletic accomplishments, sportsmanship, and dedication of

those athletes to excellence in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games;

Whereas the many accomplishments of Team USA Olympians would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many others, including the United States Olympic Committee, the relevant United States national governing bodies, and the many administrators, coaches, and family members who provided critical support for the athletes;

Whereas David Wise and Maddie Bowman both won the United States' first-ever gold medals in the events of Men and Women's Freestyle Skiing Halfpipe;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate extends sincere congratulations for the accomplishments and gratitude for the sacrifices of all athletes throughout the United States on the United States Olympic Team and to everyone who supported the efforts of those athletes at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2809. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BURR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2810. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2811. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2812. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2813. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2814. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2815. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2816. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2817. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2818. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2819. Mr. SCOTT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2809. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. BURR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . SAFE CHILD CARE ACT.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Safe Child Care Act of 2014”.

(b) **BACKGROUND CHECKS.**—Section 231 of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13041) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (b)(3)” and inserting “paragraph (3)”; and

(B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4);

(2) by moving paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) to subsection (a), and inserting them after paragraph (1) of that subsection;

(3) in subsection (a)(3), as redesignated by paragraph (2) of this subsection, by striking “subsection (a)(1)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”; and

(4) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) A background check required by subsection (a) shall be initiated through the personnel programs of the applicable Federal agencies.

“(2) A background check for a child care staff member under subsection (a) shall include—

“(A) a search, including a fingerprint check, of the State criminal registry or repository in—

“(i) the State where the child care staff member resides; and

“(ii) each State where the child care staff member previously resided during the longer of—

“(I) the 10-year period ending on the date on which the background check is initiated; or

“(II) the period beginning on the date on which the child care staff member attained 18 years of age and ending on the date on which the background check is initiated;

“(B) a search of State-based child abuse and neglect registries and databases in—

“(i) the State where the child care staff member resides; and

“(ii) each State where the child care staff member previously resided during the longer of—

“(I) the 10-year period ending on the date on which the background check is initiated; or

“(II) the period beginning on the date on which the child care staff member attained 18 years of age and ending on the date on which the background check is initiated;

“(C) a search of the National Crime Information Center database;

“(D) a Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint check using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System;

“(E) a search of the National Sex Offender Registry established under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.); and

“(F) a search of the State sex offender registry established under that Act in—

“(i) the State where the child care staff member resides; and

“(ii) each State where the child care staff member previously resided during the longer of—

“(I) the 10-year period ending on the date on which the background check is initiated; or

“(II) the period beginning on the date on which the child care staff member attained 18 years of age and ending on the date on which the background check is initiated.

“(3) A child care staff member shall be ineligible for employment by a child care provider if such individual—

“(A) refuses to consent to the background check described in subsection (a);

“(B) makes a false statement in connection with such background check;

“(C) is registered, or is required to be registered, on a State sex offender registry or the National Sex Offender Registry established under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006; or

“(D) has been convicted of a felony consisting of—

“(i) murder, as described in section 1111 of title 18, United States Code;

“(ii) child abuse or neglect;

“(iii) a crime against children, including child pornography;

“(iv) spousal abuse;

“(v) a crime involving rape or sexual assault;

“(vi) kidnapping;

“(vii) arson;

“(viii) physical assault or battery; or

“(ix) subject to paragraph (5)(D), a drug-related offense committed during the preceding 5 years.

“(4)(A) A child care provider covered by paragraph (3) shall submit a request, to the appropriate State agency designated by a State, for a background check described in subsection (a), for each child care staff member (including prospective child care staff members) of the provider.

“(B) In the case of an individual who is hired as a child care staff member before the date of enactment of the Safe Child Care Act of 2014, the provider shall submit such a request—

“(i) prior to the last day of the second full fiscal year after that date of enactment; and

“(ii) not less often than once during each 5-year period following the first submission date under this subparagraph for that staff member.

“(C) In the case of an individual who is a prospective child care staff member on or after that date of enactment, the provider shall submit such a request—

“(i) prior to the date the individual becomes a child care staff member of the provider; and

“(ii) not less often than once during each 5-year period following the first submission date under this subparagraph for that staff member.

“(5)(A) The State shall—

“(i) carry out the request of a child care provider for a background check described in subsection (a) as expeditiously as possible; and

“(ii) in accordance with subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, provide the results of the background check to—

“(I) the child care provider; and

“(II) the current or prospective child care staff member for whom the background check is conducted.

“(B)(i) The State shall provide the results of a background check to a child care provider as required under subparagraph (A)(ii)(I) in a statement that—

“(I) indicates whether the current or prospective child care staff member for whom the background check is conducted is eligible or ineligible for employment by a child care provider; and

“(II) does not reveal any disqualifying crime or other related information regarding the current or prospective child care staff member.

“(ii) If a current or prospective child care staff member is ineligible for employment by a child care provider due to a background check described in subsection (a), the State shall provide the results of the background check to the current or prospective child

care staff member as required under subparagraph (A)(ii)(II) in a criminal background report that includes information relating to each disqualifying crime.

“(iii) A State—

“(I) may not publicly release or share the results of an individual background check described in subsection (a); and

“(II) may include the results of background checks described in subsection (a) in the development or dissemination of local or statewide data relating to background checks if the results are not individually identifiable.

“(C)(i) The State shall provide for a process by which a child care staff member (including a prospective child care staff member) may appeal the results of a background check required under subsection (a) to challenge the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in the criminal background report of the staff member.

“(ii) The State shall ensure that—

“(I) the appeals process is completed in a timely manner for each child care staff member;

“(II) each child care staff member is given notice of the opportunity to appeal; and

“(III) each child care staff member who wishes to challenge the accuracy or completeness of the information in the criminal background report of the child care staff member is given instructions about how to complete the appeals process.

“(D)(i) The State may allow for a review process through which the State may determine that a child care staff member (including a prospective child care staff member) disqualified for a crime specified in paragraph (3)(D)(ix) is eligible for employment by a child care provider, notwithstanding paragraph (3).

“(ii) The review process under this subparagraph shall be consistent with title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.).

“(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed to create a private right of action against a child care provider if the child care provider is in compliance with this section.

“(F) This section shall apply to each State that receives funding under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.).

“(6) Fees that the State may charge for the costs of conducting a background check as required by subsection (a) shall not exceed the actual costs to the State for the administration of such background checks.

“(7) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent a Federal agency from disqualifying an individual as a child care staff member based on a conviction of the individual for a crime not specifically listed in this subsection that bears upon the fitness of an individual to provide care for and have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children.

“(8) In this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘child care provider’ means an agency of the Federal Government, or a unit of or contractor with the Federal Government that is operating a facility, described in subsection (a); and

“(B) the term ‘child care staff member’ means an individual who is hired, or seeks to be hired, by a child care provider to be involved with the provision of child care services, as described in subsection (a).”; and

(5) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(C) **SUSPENSION PENDING DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASE.**—In the case of an incident in which an individual has been charged with an offense described in subsection (b)(3)(D) and the charge has not yet been disposed of, an employer may suspend an employee from having any contact with children while on the job until the case is resolved.”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1 of the second full fiscal year after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 2810. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. RIGHT START CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ACT OF 2014.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Right Start Child Care and Education Act of 2014”.

(b) **INCREASE IN EMPLOYER-PROVIDED CHILD CARE CREDIT.**—

(1) **INCREASE IN CREDITABLE PERCENTAGE OF CHILD CARE EXPENDITURES.**—Paragraph (1) of section 45F(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “25 percent” and inserting “35 percent”.

(2) **INCREASE IN CREDITABLE PERCENTAGE OF RESOURCE AND REFERRAL EXPENDITURES.**—Paragraph (2) of section 45F(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “10 percent” and inserting “20 percent”.

(3) **INCREASE IN MAXIMUM CREDIT.**—Subsection (b) of section 45F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “\$150,000” and inserting “\$225,000”.

(4) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

(c) **INCREASE IN DEPENDENT CARE CREDIT.**—

(1) **INCREASE IN INCOMES ELIGIBLE FOR FULL CREDIT.**—Paragraph (2) of section 21(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “\$15,000” and inserting “\$30,000”.

(2) **INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES ALLOWABLE.**—Paragraph (2) of section 21(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(A) by striking “35 percent” and inserting “50 percent”, and

(B) by striking “20 percent” and inserting “35 percent”.

(3) **INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMIT ON AMOUNT CREDITABLE.**—Subsection (c) of section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(A) by striking “\$3,000” in paragraph (1) and inserting “\$6,000”, and

(B) by striking “\$6,000” in paragraph (2) and inserting “\$12,000”.

(4) **CREDIT TO BE REFUNDABLE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(i) by redesignating section 21 as section 36D, and

(ii) by moving section 36D, as so redesignated, from subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 to the location immediately before section 37 in subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1.

(B) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**—

(i) Paragraph (1) of section 36D(a) of such Code (as redesignated by subparagraph (A)) is amended by striking “this chapter” and inserting “this subtitle”.

(ii) Paragraph (6) of section 35(g) of such Code is amended by striking “21(e)” and inserting “36D(e)”.

(iii) Paragraph (1) of section 36C(f) of such Code is amended by striking “21(e)” and inserting “36D(e)”.

(iv) Subparagraph (C) of section 129(a)(2) of such Code is amended by striking “section 21(e)” and inserting “section 36D(e)”.

(v) Paragraph (2) of section 129(b) of such Code is amended by striking “section 21(d)(2)” and inserting “section 36D(d)(2)”.

(vi) Paragraph (1) of section 129(e) of such Code is amended by striking “section 21(b)(2)” and inserting “section 36D(b)(2)”.

(vii) Subsection (e) of section 213 of such Code is amended by striking “section 21” and inserting “section 36D”.

(viii) Subparagraph (H) of section 6213(g)(2) of such Code is amended by striking “section 21” and inserting “section 36D”.

(ix) Subparagraph (L) of section 6213(g)(2) of such Code is amended by striking “section 21, 24, 32,” and inserting “section 24, 32, 36D,”.

(x) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting “36D,” after “36C,”.

(xi) The table of sections for subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 36C and inserting the following:

“Sec. 36D. Expenses for household and dependent care services necessary for gainful employment.”.

(xii) The table of sections for subpart A of such part IV is amended by striking the item relating to section 21.

(5) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

(d) **3-YEAR CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS HOLDING CHILD CARE-RELATED DEGREES WHO WORK IN LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25D the following new section: “**SEC. 25E. RIGHT START CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION CREDIT.**”

“(a) **ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.**—In the case of an individual who is an eligible child care provider for the taxable year, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year the amount of \$2,000.

“(b) **3-YEAR CREDIT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The credit allowable by subsection (a) for any taxable year to an individual shall be allowed for such year only if the individual elects the application of this section for such year.

“(2) **ELECTION.**—An election to have this section apply may not be made by an individual for any taxable year if such an election by such individual is in effect for any 3 prior taxable years.

“(c) **ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PROVIDER.**—For purposes of this section—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The term ‘eligible child care provider’ means, for any taxable year, any individual if—

“(A) as of the close of such taxable year, such individual holds a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education, child care, or a related degree and such degree was awarded by an eligible educational institution (as defined in section 25A(f)(2)), and

“(B) during such taxable year, such individual performs at least 1,200 hours of child care services at a facility if—

“(i) the principal use of the facility is to provide child care services,

“(ii) no more than 25 percent of the children receiving child care services at the facility are children (as defined in section 152(f) of the individual or such individual’s spouse, and

“(iii) the facility meets the requirements of all applicable laws and regulations of the State or local government in which it is located, including the licensing of the facility as a child care facility.

Subparagraph (B)(i) shall not apply to a facility which is the principal residence (with-

in the meaning of section 121) of the operator of the facility.

“(2) **CHILD CARE SERVICES.**—The term ‘child care services’ means child care and early childhood education.”.

(2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for such subpart A is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 25D the following new item:

“Sec. 25E. Right Start Child Care and Education Credit.”.

(3) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

(e) **INCREASE IN EXCLUSION FOR EMPLOYER-PROVIDED DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subparagraph (A) of section 129(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “\$5,000 (\$2,500)” and inserting “\$7,500 (\$3,750)”.

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

SA 2811. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 88, line 8, insert “, such as rural and remote areas” after “underserved areas”.

SA 2812. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. REVIEW OF FEDERAL EARLY LEARNING AND CARE PROGRAMS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the Secretary of Education, shall conduct an interdepartmental review of all early learning and care programs in order to—

(1) develop a plan for the elimination of duplicative and overlapping programs, as identified by the Government Accountability Office’s 2012 annual report (GAO-12-342SP); and

(2) make recommendations to Congress for streamlining all such programs.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education and the heads of all Federal agencies that administer Federal early learning and care programs, shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, a detailed report that outlines the efficiencies that can be achieved by, as well as specific recommendations for, eliminating duplication, overlap, and fragmentation among all Federal early learning and care programs.

SA 2813. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 82, lines 9 and 10, strike “to receive services under this subchapter while

their families” and insert “and children in foster care to receive services under this subchapter while their families (including foster families)”.

SA 2814. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 93, strike lines 3 and 4 and insert the following:

11432(g)(1)(J)(ii);

“(VII) State agencies and programs serving children in foster care and the foster families of such children; and

“(VIII) other Federal programs

SA 2815. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 98, strike line 15 and insert the following:

“(U) CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.—The plan shall include an assurance that and describe how the State will develop and implement strategies to increase the supply and improve the quality of child care provided under this subchapter for children in foster care with foster families who, notwithstanding section 658P, may or may not have a family income that exceeds 85 percent of the State median income for a family of the same size.”;

SA 2816. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 79, strike lines 18 through 22 and insert the following:

“(I) which may include the acquisition of course credit in postsecondary education or of a credential, aligned with the framework;

“(II) which, notwithstanding clause (v), shall require each child care provider described in clause (i) to ensure that, not later than September 30, 2021—

“(aa) each child care staff member providing direct services to children who was hired before that date has earned a degree, which may be an associate’s degree or a baccalaureate degree, in early childhood education or a closely related field; and

“(bb) on and after that date, the child care provider will hire only individuals who have earned that degree as staff members described in item (aa); and

“(III) which shall be accessible

SA 2817. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 136, strike line 15 and insert the following:

658L(b).

“(4) EVALUATION.—

“(A) RESERVATION.—The Secretary shall reserve not more than 1 percent of the amount appropriated under this subchapter for each fiscal year, to conduct the evaluation described in subparagraph (B).

“(B) QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall evaluate the quality and effectiveness of activities carried out under this subchapter, using scientifically valid research methodologies, in order to increase the understanding of State and local program administrators concerning the practices and strategies most likely to produce positive outcomes. The Secretary shall disseminate the key findings of the evaluation widely and promptly.”; and

SA 2818. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 98, strike line 15 and insert the following:

“(U) DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The plan shall demonstrate the manner in which the State will address the needs of children in child care services provided through programs authorized under this subchapter, including the need for safe child care, during the period before, during, and after a state of emergency declared by the Governor or a major disaster or emergency (as such terms are defined in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)).

“(ii) STATEWIDE CHILD CARE DISASTER PLAN.—Such plan shall include a statewide child care disaster plan for coordination of activities and collaboration, in the event of an emergency or disaster described in clause (i), among the State agency with jurisdiction over human services, the agency with jurisdiction over State emergency planning, the State lead agency, the State agency with jurisdiction over licensing of child care providers, the local resource and referral organizations, the State resource and referral system, and the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care as provided for under section 642B(b) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9837b(b)).

“(iii) DISASTER PLAN COMPONENTS.—The components of the disaster plan, for such an emergency or disaster, shall include—

“(I) guidelines for the continuation of child care services in the period following the emergency or disaster, including the provision of emergency and temporary child care services, and temporary operating standards for child care providers during that period;

“(II) evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, and lock-down procedures, and procedures for communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, and accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions; and

“(III) procedures for staff and volunteer training and practice drills.”.

SA 2819. Mr. SCOTT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 140, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 10A. PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Section 658Q of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858o) is amended—

(1) by inserting before “Nothing” the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) PARENTAL RIGHTS TO USE CHILD CARE CERTIFICATES.—Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed or applied in any manner—

“(1) that would favor or promote the use of grants and contracts over the use of child care certificates; or

“(2) that would disfavor or discourage the use of such certificates for the purchase of child care services, including those services provided by private or nonprofit entities, such as faith-based providers.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 2:15 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. 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 on March 11, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Access and Cost: What the U.S. Health Care System Can Learn from Other Countries.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 11, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Open Government and Freedom of Information: Reinvigorating the Freedom of Information Act for the Digital Age.”

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 2:00 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee