

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

on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "A More Efficient and Effective Government: Improving the Regulatory Framework."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 2:15 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 11 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Whistleblower Retaliation at the Hanford Nuclear Site."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Finding the Right Capital Regulations for Insurers."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Capt. James Holt, a Marine Corps fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of this legislative session.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 670, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to

reconsider be made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be made in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Travis D. Balch

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade of indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Brig. Gen. Michael E. Williamson

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of the Dental Corps and Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services, United States Army, and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 3036 and 3039(b):

To be major general

Col. Thomas R. Tempel, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. William T. Collins

Brig. Gen. James S. Hartsell

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Robert E. Schmidle, Jr.

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Jan E. Tighe

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1327 AIR FORCE nominations (13) beginning KATHRYN L. AASEN, and ending JOHN K. WALTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1329 AIR FORCE nominations (15) beginning DAVID M. BERTHE, and ending PAUL A. WILLINGHAM, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1330 AIR FORCE nominations (34) beginning AMY R. ASTONLASSITER, and ending AIMEE N. ZAKALUZNY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1332 AIR FORCE nominations (60) beginning ELIZABETH R. ANDERSONDOZE, and ending AARON T. YU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1335 AIR FORCE nominations (158) beginning WESLEY M. ABADIE, and ending SCOTT A. ZAKALUZNY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2014.

PN1387 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning WILLIAM E. DICKENS, JR., and ending RICHARD R. GIVEN, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 2014.

PN1388 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning KYLE WILLIAM BLASCH, and ending ANDREW T. MACCABE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 2014.

PN1389 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning LUAN TRAN LE, and ending DAVID C. SCHAEFER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 2014.

PN1390 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning CYNTHIA B. CAMP, and ending BRYAN M. WINTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 2014.

PN1391 AIR FORCE nominations (9) beginning LAURA I. FERNANDEZ, and ending ALBERT C. REES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 2014.

PN1392 AIR FORCE nominations (10) beginning DIANE M. DOTY, and ending EDWARD D. RONNEBAUM, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 2014.

PN1393 AIR FORCE nominations (15) beginning RICHARD L. ALLEN, and ending SANDRA R. VOLDEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 2014.

PN1394 AIR FORCE nominations (180) beginning CONNIE L. ALGE, and ending KENNETH E. YEE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 2014.

IN THE ARMY

PN1395 ARMY nomination of Sun Y. Kim, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 30, 2014.

PN1406 ARMY nomination of William T. Monacci, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 6, 2014.

PN1407 ARMY nomination of Glennie Z. Kertes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 6, 2014.

PN1408 ARMY nomination of Charles A. Williams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 6, 2014.

PN1409 ARMY nominations (3) beginning ROGER J. BELBEL, and ending YVES P. LEBLANC, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 6, 2014.

PN1423 ARMY nomination of Michael E. Cannon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 10, 2014.

PN1424 ARMY nomination of Aizenhawar J. Marrogi, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 10, 2014.

PN1425 ARMY nominations (2) beginning THOMAS E. BYRNE, and ending JAMES H.