

potentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Nominee: Timothy M. Broas

Post: U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self \$2400, 3/2/09, Friends of Byron Dorgan; \$2400, 3/31/09, Patrick Murphy for Congress; \$500, 9/17/09, Friends of Patrick Kennedy Inc; \$500, 10/27/09, Campaign for Our Country; \$15200, 2/3/10, Democratic National Committee; \$1000, 2/28/10, John Kerry for Senate; \$1000, 6/22/10, John Kerry for Senate; \$500, 6/22/10, Friends of Schumer; \$15200, 7/30/10, Democratic National Committee; \$2400, 8/9/10, Bennet for Colorado; -\$25, 8/16/10, Democratic National Committee; \$1000, 9/30/10, Alexi for Illinois; \$1000, 9/30/10, Perriello for Congress; \$2400, 10/25/10, Patrick Murphy for Congress; \$2800, 12/22/10, John Kerry for Senate; \$35800, 4/8/11, Obama Victory Fund; \$30800, 4/8/11, Democratic National Committee, via The Obama Victory Fund; \$5000, 4/8/11, Obama for America; \$2500, 5/2/11, Kaine for Virginia; \$1000, 5/14/11, Campaign for Our Country 2012; \$2500, 5/12/11, Klobuchar for Minnesota; \$1500, 5/25/11, Montanans for Tester; \$2500, 6/17/11, Seth Warren for Senate; \$2500, 11/30/11, Kaine for Virginia; \$1000, 3/6/12, Friends of John Delaney; \$2500, 3/27/12, Andrei for Arizona; \$1000, 3/28/12, Elizabeth for MA Inc.; \$1000, 3/29/12, Hoyer's Majority Fund; \$2500, 3/28/12, Joseph Kennedy III for Congress; \$30,800, 3/31/12, Obama Victory Fund; \$30,800, 3/31/12, Democratic National Committee, via The Obama Victory Fund; \$1000, 04/01/13, Common Ground PAC; \$1000, 02/04/13, Ed Markey for US Senate; \$4000, 06/05/13, Common Ground PAC; \$500, 07/16/13, Udall for Colorado.

2. Spouse: Julie McAree Broas: \$2500, 10/17/12, Obama Victory Fund 2012; \$2500, 10/17/12; Obama for America via Obama Victory Fund 2012.

3. Children: Emily Broas: \$2500, 10/12/11, Obama for America, via Obama Victory Fund 2012; \$2500, 10/17/12; Obama for America via Obama Victory Fund 2012.

Allison Broas: \$2500, 10/17/12; Obama for America via Obama Victory Fund 2012.

Madeline Broas: \$2500, 10/17/12, Obama for America, via Obama Victory Fund 2012.

4. Parents: None.

5. Grandparents: None.

6. Brothers and Spouses: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: None.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1927. A bill to protect information relating to consumers, to require notice of security breaches, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. FLAKE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1928. A bill to require the Government Accountability Office to study the expenses incurred by the Pentagon to meet its renewable energy and energy efficiency mandates; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. 1929. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the State of Alaska certain land for the purpose of building a road between the community of King Cove and the all-weather airport in Cold Bay, Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1930. A bill to repeal the annual adjustment of retired pay and retainer pay amounts for retired members of the Armed Forces under age 62, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. COATS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. 1931. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1932. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare Better Care Program to provide integrated care for Medicare beneficiaries with chronic conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1933. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1934. A bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse back to Teton County, Wyoming; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 646

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1204, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1358

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1648

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1648, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Memorial Day.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1706, a bill to amend the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to issue prospective guidance clarifying the employment status of individuals for purposes of employment taxes and to prevent retroactive assessments with respect to such clarifications.

S. 1719

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1719, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

S. 1778

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1778, a bill to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not counted as full-time employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1827

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1827, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service and defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare.

S. 1844

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1844, a bill to restore full military retirement benefits by closing corporate tax loopholes.

S. 1869

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1869, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S. 1896

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1896, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend

the new markets tax credit and provide designated allocations for areas impacted by a decline in manufacturing.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1902, a bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002.

S. RES. 323

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 323, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on maintaining the current annual adjustment in retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62.

S. RES. 330

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 330, a resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of "Smoking and Health: Report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the United States" and the significant progress in reducing the public health burden of tobacco use, and supporting an end to tobacco-related death and disease.

STATEMENT ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1932. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare Better Care Program to provide integrated care for Medicare beneficiaries with chronic conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to show my strong support for

the Medicare Program with the introduction of the Better Care, Lower Cost Act with my colleague, Senator ISAKSON.

The Medicare Program, treasured by millions of Americans today, is now dominated by cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and other chronic conditions. It is time for reform that offers seniors with chronic health challenges better quality, more affordable health care.

Fortunately, there are several pioneering health care leaders already paving the way to reform. The bipartisan legislation we are offering is designed to remove the government's shackles on innovation so that the types of successful approaches discussed by health care leaders here this morning become the norm rather than the exception.

The good news is that when the Senate Finance Committee recently approved legislation to fix Medicare's broken system of reimbursing doctors, the bill locked in specific incentives to move away from fee-for-service medicine. As part of its markup, the Senate Finance Committee added the foundation for improving chronic care for seniors: reforms that guarantee many more seniors access to individual care plans tailored to their unique needs.

The Better Care, Lower Cost Act builds on that progress and introduces a bold new concept in Medicare: the idea that chronic care should come first. Here are a few things the legislation does to promote this idea:

First, the legislation creates the Better Care Program, allowing health practices to create better care practices and health plans to become better health plans that care for patients with teams led by nurses, doctors, and physician assistants that must adhere to the highest quality standards. These innovators will receive one payment for their collective efforts to meet the chronic health needs of the seniors enrolled. This will give providers the flexibility to deliver the right care at the right time in the right place.

Second, because most seniors lack access to coordinated, chronic care services today, the legislation sets aside the limiting Federal mandates—like the "attribution rule"—that prevent these teams from actively reaching out to the seniors who would benefit most from specialized chronic care. Our legislation also changes Federal law so that participating practices and plans are able to reward seniors who participate in the Better Care Program by lowering their out-of-pocket costs when they work with their health care team.

Third, this bill recognizes that seniors with chronic conditions live all over the country and sets out a plan for bringing providers and plans to every nook and cranny of America. And for those seniors and providers in rural or underserved areas, the legislation uses telemedicine and other technologies as resources to help to closely monitor and manage chronic conditions.