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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2732. Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. BURR, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COATS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 963, to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF REDUCTIONS MADE BY BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2013.

(a) REPEALS.—

(1) ADJUSTMENT OF RETIREMENT PAY.—Section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 is repealed as of the date of the enactment of such Act.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Title X of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2014 (division C of Public Law 113-76) is hereby repealed.

(b) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIRED TO CLAIM THE REFUNDABLE PORTION OF THE CHILD TAX CREDIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(e) IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), no credit shall be allowed under this section to a taxpayer with respect to any qualifying child unless the taxpayer includes the name and taxpayer identification number of such qualifying child on the return of tax for the taxable year.

“(2) REFUNDABLE PORTION.—Subsection (d)(1) shall not apply to any taxpayer with respect to any qualifying child unless the taxpayer includes the name and social security number of such qualifying child on the return of tax for the taxable year.”.

(2) OMISSION TREATED AS MATHEMATICAL OR CLERICAL ERROR.—Subparagraph (I) of section 6213(g)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(I) an omission of a correct TIN under section 24(e)(1) (relating to child tax credit) or a correct Social Security number required under section 24(e)(2) (relating to refundable portion of child tax credit), to be included on a return.”.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on February 12, 2014 at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on the “Bipartisan Support for Improving U.S. Elections: An Overview from the Presidential Commission on Election Administration.”

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Lynden

Armstrong at the Rules and Administration Committee (202) 224-6352.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet at 10:30 a.m., on February 12, 2014, to conduct a business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas Hicks and Myrna Perez to be members of the Election Assistance Commission.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Lynden Armstrong at the Rules and Administration Committee at (202) 224-6352.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on February 13, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled From Poverty to Opportunity: How a Fair Minimum Wage Will Help Working Families Succeed.”

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Sarah Cupp of the committee staff on (202) 224-5363.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Elizabeth Lievens and David Pope, interns in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of today.

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

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Chris Sweitzer, a military fellow in the office of Senator PRYOR, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the calendar year.

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

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate the letter of resignation of Senator MAX BAUCUS of Montana dated Thursday, February 6, 2014.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the letters relating to the resignation of the Senator from Montana, MAX BAUCUS, be printed in the RECORD.

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

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, February 6, 2014.

Governor STEVE BULLOCK,
Montana State Capitol,
Helena, MT.

DEAR GOVERNOR BULLOCK: In order to assume the responsibility of serving as the United States Ambassador to China, I write to resign my seat in the United States Senate effective upon my appointment as Ambassador. Representing the people of Montana for 40 years has been the honor of a lifetime. I am grateful for the trust Montanans have bestowed on me and the opportunity to contribute to our great state and nation.

Respectfully,

MAX BAUCUS.

FEBRUARY 7, 2014.

Hon. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.,
President of the Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN: In accordance with my letter of February 6, 2014 to Governor Bullock, this is to clarify that my resignation as United States Senator became effective at the close of business on February 6, 2014.

Sincerely,

MAX BAUCUS.

PROVIDING FOR EXTENSION OF ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTION

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 954 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 954) to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014.

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

Mr. BEGICH. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read for a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 954) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 954

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF ENFORCEMENT INSTRUCTION ON SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTPATIENT THERAPEUTIC SERVICES IN CRITICAL ACCESS AND SMALL RURAL HOSPITALS THROUGH 2014.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall continue to apply through calendar year 2014 the enforcement instruction described in the notice of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services entitled “Enforcement Instruction on Supervision Requirements for Outpatient Therapeutic Services in Critical Access and Small Rural Hospitals for CY 2013”, dated November 1, 2012 (providing for an exception to the restatement and clarification under the final rule-making changes to the Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system and calendar year 2009 payment rates (published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2008, 73 Fed. Reg. 68702 through 68704) with respect to requirements for direct supervision by physicians for therapeutic hospital outpatient services).

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAYO CLINIC

Mr. BEGICH. I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 339 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A resolution (S. Res. 339) commemorating the 150th anniversary of Mayo Clinic.

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

Mr. BEGICH. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 339) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of Monday, January 27, 2014, under "Submitted Resolutions."

READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 24, following the prayer and pledge; further, that Senator KING be recognized to deliver the address.

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

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 10, 2014, appoints the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 24, 2014.

Mr. BEGICH. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1963, the military retirement pay restoration bill, postcloture;

that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; and, finally, that all time during adjournment and recess count postcloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1963.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. BEGICH. Senator-designate WALSH from Montana will be sworn in at 12:15 p.m. tomorrow. Senators will be notified when the next vote is scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:38 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ROBERT O. WORK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE ASHTON B. CARTER, RESIGNED.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

MARK GREEN, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CASSANDRA Q. BUTTS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

MATTHEW T. MCGUIRE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, VICE IAN HODDY SOLOMON, TERM EXPIRED.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED:

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS ONE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

MARK L. DRIVER, OF COLORADO
LAWRENCE RUBEN, OF MARYLAND
TODD M. SORENSON, OF TEXAS
SHERYL A. STUMBRAS, OF FLORIDA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

MONICA MCQUEARY AZIMI, OF FLORIDA
DAVID A. BRUNS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ANNA MARY COBURN, OF VIRGINIA
MATTHEW EVAN COHEN, OF CALIFORNIA
ANNE MARIE DEL CASTILLO, OF FLORIDA
JAMES J. DOBSON, OF MARYLAND
KRISTINE ANN HERRMANN-DELUCA, OF PENNSYLVANIA
DAVID ISAO HOFFMAN, OF CALIFORNIA
BRIONI E. JAMES, OF WASHINGTON
BENJAMIN D. KAUFFELD, OF VIRGINIA
MARK A. KERR, OF FLORIDA
KENT ADAMS LARSON, OF VIRGINIA
WENDY S. MARSHALL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
STACIE E. MARTIN, OF NEW YORK
PAUL G. McDERMOTT, OF CALIFORNIA
TATIA L'KAE MILLER, OF NEW YORK
SAM F. NASSIF, OF TEXAS
JOHN R. PASCH, OF MAINE
JULIA BECKER RICHARDS, OF TEXAS
PETER RILEY, OF MASSACHUSETTS

HEATHER ANN SCHLIDGE, OF VIRGINIA
JAIDEV SINGH, OF WASHINGTON
ZERIC KAY SMITH, OF NEW YORK
LEWIS J. TATEM, OF VIRGINIA
W. DAVID YOUNG II, OF NEW YORK

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

MICHELLE BAHK, OF NEW YORK
LAURA MARIE BUTLER BERGER, OF OHIO
SUSAN BETSY BRUCKNER, OF CONNECTICUT
SCOTT CAMERON, OF CALIFORNIA
SUSAN L. CHEUNG, OF PENNSYLVANIA
SUSAN CHUWA EASLEY, OF TEXAS
ERICKA ERSLAND, OF FLORIDA
BRIAN G. FINK, OF MICHIGAN
CHITAHKA N. FLOORE, OF COLORADO
MARTY D. GEORGE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TIMOTHY HART, OF VIRGINIA
DANIEL E. HARTER, OF VIRGINIA
BLAIR ANDREW KING, OF MARYLAND
TALY S. LIND, OF NEW YORK
HANNAH MALONEY, OF OHIO
CLARE DAVINA MASSON, OF WISCONSIN
ELIZABETH MENDENHALL, OF PENNSYLVANIA
JUANA MORALES, OF FLORIDA
MEGHAN WATKINS TIERNEY NALBO, OF VIRGINIA
JESSICA PEARCE, OF MARYLAND
LESLIE CARL PETERSEN, OF VIRGINIA
TIMOTHY PRUETT, OF TEXAS
SONJAI REYNOLDS COOPER, OF MARYLAND
AARON H. RUBLE, OF CALIFORNIA
EDUARDO SANTOS, OF FLORIDA
DANIEL CURTIS SWIFT, OF VIRGINIA
RYAN M. WEDDLE, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JAMES B. WHITAKER, OF VIRGINIA
AMY FRANCESCA WIELKOSZEWSKI, OF ARIZONA
KARL WILLIAM WURSTER, OF WASHINGTON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION INTO AND WITHIN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

SCOTT S. SINDELAR, OF MINNESOTA

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

JEANNE F. BAILEY, OF ILLINOIS
CLAY M. HAMILTON, OF TEXAS
KATHERINE C. NISHIURA, OF FLORIDA
BOBBY GENE RICHEY, JR., OF TEXAS
CHRISTINE M. SLOOP, OF OREGON

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 INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. ANTHONY G. CRUTCHFIELD

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 TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

MICHAEL E. CANNON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

AIZENHAWAR J. MARROGI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

THOMAS E. BYRNE
JAMES H. CHANG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

CHRISTOPHER D. COULSON
JACKIE A. HUBER
JAMES NUGENT, JR.
FREDERICK D. PASLEY