

health insurance for their families because they are less likely to work for a firm that offers insurance, and if such insurance is offered, it is often too costly for lower income workers to purchase.

(8) In 1993, 61 percent of uninsured children were in families with at least one parent working full time for the entire year the child was uninsured, and about 57 percent of uninsured children had a family income at or below 150 percent of the Federal poverty level.

(9) If Congress eliminates the Federal guarantee of Medicaid, an estimated 4,900,000 children may lose their guarantee of health care coverage, and those same children may be added to the currently projected 12,600,000 children who will be uninsured by the year 2002.

(10) Studies have shown that uninsured children are less likely than insured children to receive needed health and preventive care, which can affect their health status adversely throughout their lives, with such children less likely to have routine doctor visits, receive care for injuries, and have a regular source of medical care.

(11) The families of uninsured children are more likely to take the children to an emergency room than to a private physician or health maintenance organization.

(12) Children without health insurance are less likely to be appropriately immunized or receive other preventive care for childhood illnesses.

(13) Ensuring the health of children clearly increases their chances to become productive members of society and averts more serious or more expensive health conditions later in life, and ensuring that all pregnant women receive competent prenatal care also saves social costs.

(14) Although the United States has made great improvements in health care coverage through the Medicaid program, it is still the only developed nation that does not ensure that all of its children and pregnant women have health care coverage.

(15) The United States should not accept a status quo in which children in many neighborhoods are more likely to have access to drugs and guns than to doctors, or accept a status quo in which health care is ensured for all prisoners but not for all children.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that the issue of adequate health care for our mothers and children is important to the future of the United States, and in consideration of the importance of such issue, the Senate should pass health care legislation in the 105th Congress that will ensure health care coverage for all of the United States's pregnant women and children.

DORGAN (AND FRIST) AMENDMENT NO. 3688

Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. DORGAN, for himself and Mr. FRIST) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1028, supra; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:
SEC. 3. ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION INFORMATION INCLUDED WITH INCOME TAX REFUND PAYMENTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall include with any payment of a refund of individual income tax made during the period beginning on February 1, 1997, and ending on June 30, 1997, a copy of the document described in subsection (b).

(b) **TEXT OF DOCUMENT.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall, after consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and organizations promoting organ and tissue (including eye) donation, prepare a docu-

ment suitable for inclusion with individual income tax refund payments which—

- (1) encourages organ and tissue donation;
- (2) includes a detachable organ and tissue donor card; and
- (3) urges recipients to—
 - (A) sign the organ and tissue donor card;
 - (B) discuss organ and tissue donation with family members and tell family members about the recipient's desire to be an organ and tissue donor if the occasion arises; and
 - (C) encourage family members to request or authorize organ and tissue donation if the occasion arises.

WELLSTONE AMENDMENT NO. 3689

Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. WELLSTONE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1028, supra; as follows:

On page 9, line 13 insert after evidence of insurability "(including conditions arising out of acts of domestic violence);".

HELMS (AND KASSEBAUM) AMENDMENT NO. 3690

Mrs. KASSEBAUM (for Mr. HELMS, for himself and Mrs. KASSEBAUM) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1028, supra; as follows:

Amend Title III—Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 302(a) by striking "two part study" on line 19, and inserting "three-part study" and adding Section 302(d):

"(d) **EVALUATION OF ACCESS AND CHOICE.**—Not later than June 1, 1998, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit to the appropriate Committees of Congress a report concerning—

(1) an evaluation of the extent to which patients have direct access to, and choice of, health care provider, including specialty providers, within a network of providers, as well as the opportunity to utilize providers outside of the network, under the various types of coverage offered under the provisions of this Act;

(2) an evaluation of the cost to the insurer of providing out-of-network access to providers, and the feasibility of providing out-of-network access in all health plans offered under provisions of this Act.

(3) an evaluation of the percent of premium dollar utilized for medical care and administration of the various types of coverage offered, including coverage which permits out-of-network access and choice of provider, under provisions of this Act.

BURNS (AND HARKIN) AMENDMENT NO. 3691

Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1028, supra; as follows:

On Page 71, line 19, add the following:
"SEC. 302.5. REIMBURSEMENT OF TELEMEDICINE.

The Health Care Financing Administration is directed to complete their ongoing study of reimbursement of all telemedicine services and submit a report to Congress with a proposal for reimbursement of fee-for-service medicine by March 1, 1997. The report shall utilize data compiled from the current demonstration projects already under review and gather data from other ongoing telemedicine networks. This report shall include an analysis of the cost of services provided via telemedicine.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of

the Senate and the public that the hearing previously scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management on S. 1401, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Amendments Act of 1995 on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 2, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

In addition to S. 1401, we will receive testimony on S. 1194, to amend the Mining and Mineral Policy Act of 1970 to promote the research, identification, assessment, and exploration of marine mineral resources.

Those wishing to testify or who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please call Michael Flannigan of the subcommittee staff at 202-224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 1996, to receive testimony in executive session to mark up S. 1635, the Defend America Act of 1996—National Missile Defense—and to discuss markup.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 18, 1996, to markup a resolution to authorize the committee to conduct an investigation of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association and related matters, amend the committee's rules to facilitate the investigation and related public hearings, and to authorize the issuance of subpoenas.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be allowed to meet during the Thursday, April 18, 1996, session of the Senate for the purpose of conducting a hearing on spectrum use and management.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on