

Calendar No. 437

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2491

To protect the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to reconciliation involving changes to the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2014

Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Protection
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

2 It is the sense of the Senate that—

3 (1) the eligibility age under the Medicare pro-
4 gram under title XVIII of the Social Security Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) should not be increased;
6 and

7 (2) the Medicare program should not be
8 privatized or turned into a voucher system.

9 **SEC. 3. RECONCILIATION INVOLVING CHANGES TO THE**
10 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

11 Section 313(b)(1) of the Congressional Budget and
12 Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 644(b)(1))
13 is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (E), by striking “and” at
15 the end;

16 (2) in subparagraph (F), by striking the period
17 and inserting “; and”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(G) a provision shall be considered extra-
20 neous if it eliminates or reduces guaranteed
21 benefits for individuals entitled to, or enrolled
22 for, benefits under the Medicare program under
23 title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42
24 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) or restricts eligibility for
25 such program.”.

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