

Mandelowitz, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; Mr. Franz Leichter, of New York, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; Mr. John Thomas Korsmo, of North Dakota, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; and Mr. Randall Scott Kroszner, of Illinois, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisors.

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 for a hearing on "The National Immunization Program: Is it Prepared for the Public Health Challenges of the 21st Century?" during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 27, 2001, at 10 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 27, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 691, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe; H.R. 223, a bill to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the act; S. 1028, the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2001; S. 1451, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada for use as a shooting range; and S. 1240, the Timpanogos Interagency Land Exchange Act of 2001.

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

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Medal of Valor Review Board: David E. Demag, of Vermont, and Thomas J. Scotto, of New York.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Medal of Valor Review Board: Michael D. Branham, of Arizona, and Jimmy Houston, of Mississippi.

MEASURE INDEFINITELY
POSTPONED—S. RES. 39

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following calendar item be indefinitely postponed: Calendar No. 15, S. Res. 39.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST
TIME—S. 1732

Mr. REID. Madam President, it is my understanding that S. 1732, introduced earlier today by Senator DASCHLE, is at the desk, and I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1732) to provide incentives for an economic recovery and relief for victims of terrorism, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request on behalf of the Republicans.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

EXTENSION FOR COMPLIANCE
WITH HEALTH INSURANCE PORT-
ABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
ACT OF 1996

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1684 and that 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. 1684) to provide a 1-year extension of the date for compliance by certain covered entities with the administrative simplification standards for electronic transactions and code sets issued in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1684) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1684

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

SECTION 1. 1-YEAR EXTENSION OF DATE FOR COMPLIANCE BY CERTAIN COVERED ENTITIES WITH ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS AND CODE SETS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 1175(b)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42

U.S.C. 1320d-4(b)(1)(A)) and section 162.900 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations—

(1) a health care provider shall not be considered to be in noncompliance with the applicable requirements of subparts I through N of part 162 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations before October 16, 2003; and

(2) a health plan (other than a small health plan) or a health care clearinghouse shall not be considered to be in noncompliance with the applicable requirements of subparts I through R of part 162 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations before October 16, 2003.

(b) SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed—

(A) as modifying the October 16, 2003, date for compliance of small health plans with subparts I through R of part 162 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations; or

(B) as modifying—

(i) the April 14, 2003, date for compliance of a health care provider, a health plan (other than a small health plan), or a health care clearinghouse with subpart E of part 164 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations; or

(ii) the April 14, 2004, date for compliance of a small health plan with subpart E of part 164 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) APPLICABILITY OF PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS TO CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS PRIOR TO STANDARDS COMPLIANCE DATE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the period that begins on April 14, 2003, and ends on October 16, 2003, a health care provider or, subject to subparagraph (C), a health care clearinghouse, that transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction described in subparagraph (B) shall comply with the then applicable requirements of subpart E of part 164 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations without regard to section 164.106 of subpart A of such part or to whether the transmission meets any standard formats required by part 162 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(B) TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED.—The transactions described in this subparagraph are the following:

(i) A health care claims or equivalent encounter information transaction.

(ii) A health care payment and remittance advice transaction.

(iii) A coordination of benefits transaction.

(iv) A health care claim status transaction.

(v) An enrollment and disenrollment in a health plan transaction.

(vi) An eligibility for a health plan transaction.

(vii) A health plan premium payments transaction.

(viii) A referral certification and authorization transaction.

(ix) A transaction with respect to a first report of injury.

(x) A transaction with respect to health claims attachments.

(C) APPLICATION TO HEALTH CARE CLEARINGHOUSES.—For purposes of this paragraph, during the period described in subparagraph (A), an entity that would otherwise meet the definition of health care clearinghouse that processes or facilitates the processing of information in connection with a transaction described in subparagraph (B) shall be deemed to be a health care clearinghouse notwithstanding that the entity does not process or facilitate the processing of such information into any standard formats required by part 162 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—