

amendments made by, this division or division B that are related to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and section 552a of title 5, United States Code, on health insurance premiums and overall health care costs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question occurs on the amendment, as further modified.

The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, with the forbearance of my friend from Wyoming, I am pleased to tell the managers of the bill and all that we have reached agreement with Senators ENZI, KENNEDY, SNOWE, and KLOBUCHAR to preserve the important privacy protections of electronic health records in the bill. I think these changes will help ensure there are meaningful privacy protections for America's electronic health records in place. I know that is something both the Senator from Wyoming and I are interested in. This helps. I support the amendment, and I urge its immediate adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Vermont for his consideration, and I particularly thank the Senator from Minnesota, who is the subcommittee chair for information technology, who has played a very interesting role in this and has made some very good emphasis, and who understands what we are trying to do. So I thank her for all of her efforts too.

Mr. President, I ask for an immediate vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment, as further modified.

The amendment (No. 293), as further modified, was agreed to.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. BAUCUS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### AMENDMENT NO. 98 WITHDRAWN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw amendment No. 98.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate convenes on Saturday, February 7, the following be the order: that the Collins and Nelson of Nebraska amendment be called up, the reading be waived; that cloture be filed on the amendment, and that the mandatory quorum be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that no further amendments or motions be in order for the duration of the consideration of H.R. 1; and that on Saturday, February 7, the time from 12 noon to 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that there be debate only with no amendments or motions in order; provided further that when the Senate reconvenes on Monday, February 9, the time from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. be divided and controlled in the same manner and that at 5:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Reid for Collins and Nelson of Nebraska, among others, amendment; that if cloture is invoked on the amendment, then postcloture time run during any recess or adjournment of the Senate on Monday; and that all postcloture time be considered expired at 12 noon on Tuesday; that on Tuesday, February 10, after the Senate reconvenes, the time until 12 noon be equally divided and controlled as provided above; and that if a budget point of order is made against the amendment, then a motion to waive the applicable point of order be considered made; that if the waiver is successful, the amendment be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that if there is no point of order against the amendment, then adoption of the amendment be subject to a 60-vote threshold; the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Senate then proceed to a vote on passage of the bill; that upon passage, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees, with the ratio agreed upon by the leaders, with the above all without further intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO JOE BLANTON

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an out-

standing athlete from my home State of Kentucky, Joe Blanton, who was a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies 2008 World Series Championship team.

Blanton, who played baseball at Edmonson County High School in Brownsville, KY continued his baseball career in the Commonwealth by playing for the University of Kentucky. He was drafted by the Oakland Athletics after college and was traded to the Phillies during the All-Star break this past summer.

Recently, the Daily News in Bowling Green, KY, published an article detailing Mr. Blanton's journey and accomplishments. I will ask to have the full article printed in the RECORD.

I also ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joe Blanton for his accomplishments in the 2008 Major League Baseball postseason. Kentucky is proud of his success, and we look forward to seeing more of his prodigious athletic talent on the baseball diamond in the years ahead.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have the article to which I referred printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Daily News, Jan. 24, 2009]

BLANTON'S DAY IN BROWNSVILLE: EDMONSON COUNTY HONORS WORLD SERIES CHAMPION PITCHER

(By Micheal Compton)

It's been an offseason to remember for Joe Blanton.

Traded from the Oakland A's to the Philadelphia Phillies in July, Blanton became a key member of a Philadelphia team that celebrated its first World Series championship since 1980 by beating the Tampa Bay Rays in five games in October.

Blanton was honored Saturday at Edmonson County High School, where he pitched until 1998, getting his jersey retired in front of family, college coach and Edmonson County alum Keith Madison and several hundred fans.

Blanton, who signed autographs and took pictures with fans, said his participation in the fundraiser for the ECHS baseball program was his way of giving back to a community that gave him so much as a young man.

"This is kind of a little way that I hope I can help (the Edmonson County baseball program) a little bit, to make it easier on them and give them a few nice things here and there," Blanton said.

Edmonson County coach Clint Clark said Saturday's event has been in the works since August. But once Blanton won the World Series with the Phillies in October, the process sped up.

"What Joseph means to this community, words can't describe," Clark said. "By bringing him home and honoring Joseph and having (former University of Kentucky) coach Madison back to be a part of it, we wanted to be able to bring back the tradition here at Edmonson County."

2008 was a year of highs and lows for Blanton, culminating in a World Series performance that included one of the most memorable moments in baseball history.

"It's been a ride," Blanton said. "When you get traded, it is definitely weird. It always shocks you a little bit. I didn't know anybody (in Philadelphia), any of the coaches, but it seemed to work out pretty good for me."