

which is a joint State operation—generally with a funding formula of about 55 percent Federal, 45 percent State. A lot of the States hadn't been putting their share in, or they had been constricting the eligibility for the poor and the disadvantaged to have access to health care for Medicaid. Well, with the beneficence of the stimulus bill, we put a lot of money back into the States. In Florida's case, it was about \$4.5 billion, just for Medicaid. It went from a funding formula—in Florida's case—of 55 to 45 for the 2-year period of the stimulus, to a funding formula of 67 percent Federal, 33 percent State. That has allowed him to stop the major abrupt halt of that hospital in Jacksonville, FL.

Let me give another example. The big county hospital in Miami—Jackson Memorial Hospital—is a similar case of about a \$45 million whack that was going to occur because of the State of Florida constricting its Medicaid funding. The stimulus bill for Florida allowed that additional money to flow and, therefore, that hospital will not have its services terminated for a good part of the medically needy as well as the disabled.

Another example: In my State, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded over \$100 million in stimulus funds to jump-start crucial Everglades restoration projects, such as the Pica-yune Strand and the Site 1 Reservoir construction. When you combine that with an additional \$140 million in stimulus money for other projects such as water quality improvements down in the Florida Keys, then the spending in Florida is going to create about 2,000 direct jobs and 5,000 indirect jobs. Overall, the stimulus bill is going to create over 200,000 jobs in the State of Florida.

Another example: Seminole County School District. Seminole County is to the north of Orlando. It is a major bedroom community for the metro Orlando area. Well, they had a plan to eliminate 139 teachers. Because of the stimulus bill, they reversed that plan.

Clay County, to the south of Jacksonville, in northeast Florida—another bedroom community for the metro Jacksonville area. It will bring back 26 elementary school teachers who had been laid off.

Another example: I am just taking a few examples. Miami, Dade County. It has one of the largest highway improvement projects in our State—the Palmetto Expressway. It has been under construction continuously since 1994 because of the mass of people who utilize that arterial roadway. Now they are going to be able to complete that and put hundreds of people to work.

Another example: Northeast Florida. The military complex in Jacksonville—the Jacksonville Naval Hospital and Kings Bay and Mayport Naval Station. The \$40 million of stimulus funding is going to be spent over the next several years for improvements for those hospitals and at the air station and at the

Kings Bay submarine base, which means architecture, construction, and engineering jobs on top of expanded hospital facilities and energy efficient upgrades.

Another example: St. Johns County, St. Augustine, FL—the oldest continuous settlement in the United States—1565. We are going to celebrate the 450 year anniversary. We have 42 years on the English settlement in Jamestown, VA. Not 1607, Jamestown; but 1565, St. Augustine. Well, their school system was going to cut teacher and staff salaries and force them to take unpaid days. Now they are going to get an infusion of an additional \$9 million this year and another \$9 million next year so these cuts won't occur.

Going over to the West Coast of Florida—Tampa. The Tampa International Airport. It is going to create 250 new jobs using \$8 million from the stimulus bill to go out there and improve a taxiway on one of the major runways. This is a job that would not have been done had it not been for this bill.

I will give one final example. Go back to north Florida. We have a huge forestry industry in Florida. But as we have seen, Mother Nature has not been kind in bringing us droughts. When a drought occurs, the forest becomes a tinderbox. When a match is struck or a lightning bolt strikes, the forest erupts into an enormous fire that becomes a contagion that can rage out of control and impinge on urbanized areas. Well, the Florida Department of Forestry is putting contractors to work on fire mitigation projects in high-risk communities using a \$900 stimulus grant.

It is helping in my State, and I suspect it is helping in all the other 49 States that are represented on the floor of the Senate.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

#### EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes.

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

Mr. BURR. I ask unanimous consent to be recognized for 30 minutes.

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

#### FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, we are desperately working to try to make sure

we can move to amendments on H.R. 1256, a bill that attempts to consolidate the regulatory responsibility for tobacco products under the FDA.

This is being sold as a public health bill. I have been now to the floor for over 3.5 hours in the balance of this week suggesting it does not meet that threshold and that, at some point today, I would have the opportunity, along with Senator HAGAN, my colleague, to give, in some detail, what is in the substitute amendment.

I am going to attempt to do that now, even though we have not moved to the consideration of the other pending amendments. But let me start with a chart I had used earlier today. The reason I make the claim that this is not a public health bill is from this chart that shows the continuum of risk of tobacco products.

It starts on my right, your left, with nonfiltered cigarettes. The baseline we use is that is 100 percent risky. The industry, at some point, probably before I was born, all of a sudden created a filter that went on the end of an unfiltered cigarette.

Because of that filter, it eliminated, it removed some of the constituencies of the combustion of tobacco. That made it 10 percent less risky. The risk went from 100 to 90 percent. Then in the 1990s we had a new product that was never marketed except in test markets. It was a tobacco-heating cigarette, where it did not actually burn the tobacco, it heated the tobacco. It extracted the nicotine, delivered the nicotine in the system but never produced smoke.

That product was considered to be about 45 percent risky but, clearly, a reduction at the time of 45 percent. All of a sudden, in the past 12 months, 18 months, we have seen a new product called an electronic cigarette. Again, no tobacco is burned. It is a fairly expensive product, it is popular outside the United States, not as popular or readily available in the United States. But that electronic product that has a cartridge you replace actually brought the risk level down to about 18 percent. Some might be catching on. As we have introduced new products, we have brought the risk down, the health risk, the risk of disease, of death.

Now we are over here to U.S. smokeless tobacco, a product that most Americans understand. It is not the old snuff our parents and grandparents grew up with, it is ground tobacco. All of a sudden, we realize we reduced even further the health risk. It is now down at the 10-percent risk level, 90 percent below where we started decades ago with an unfiltered cigarette.

Now introduced in the marketplace in the past year is something I referred to as Swedish smokeless snus, it is now on the market. It is sold, it is pasteurized, it is spitless. It was not something the United States or U.S. tobacco companies created, it is something the Swedes created.

Part of what I will get into is how the Swedes have used this product and