

not a “guaranteed” Medicare benefit. So even though the amendment from the Senator from Massachusetts passed 96 to 0, will it have a real impact on protecting seniors from the loss of access to home health care? No. The better approach was offered by the Senator from Nebraska. Unfortunately, the better approaches are failing by party line votes. However, I compliment the Senator from Virginia, Mr. WEBB, for his support of the motion by the Senator from Nebraska. This motion would have recommitted this entire legislation to the appropriate Senate committee to remove the cuts to home health benefits. I think that is the best and most direct approach. I think that is the most honest approach. Simply remove the cuts. For the past several days we have been discussing the cuts to Medicare and especially the cuts to Medicare Advantage. In each case, the Republicans have offered motions and amendments to recommit this massive 2,000-page health bill back to committee to improve it, namely, to remove the cuts to programs seniors and the disabled use. I was disappointed to see this most recent attempt to send this massive bill back to committee to improve it fail 41 to 53.

I look forward to today’s debate. One scheduled for a vote is on medical malpractice reform. It will be very interesting to see just how serious the Democrats are about health care reform. Currently, the bill only has a “sense of the Senate” recognizing medical malpractice costs are a problem. We’ll see if they think it is important to really do anything about it.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1389

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1389, a bill to clarify the exemption for certain annuity contracts and insurance policies from Federal regulation under the Securities Act of 1933.

AMENDMENT NO. 2884

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2884 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2927

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2927 proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2939

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2939 proposed to H.R. 3590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2940. Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2941. Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2942. Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. CORKER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LEMIEUX) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra.

SA 2943. Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2944. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2945. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2946. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2947. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2948. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2949. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2950. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2951. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2952. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2940. Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 466, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 2305. EXTENSION OF DELAY IN APPLICATION OF MEDICAID PROVIDER TAX PROVISIONS TO CERTAIN MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS.

Effective as if included in the enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171), section 6051(b)(2)(A) of that Act of 2005 42 U.S.C. 1396b note) is amended by striking “2009” and inserting “2011”.

SA 2941. Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2786 proposed by Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. HARKIN) to the bill H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 857, strike lines 5 through 25 and insert the following:

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(a)(7)(A)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(7)(A)(iii)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “complex rehabilitative power-driven wheelchair and any other” after “in the case of a” and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “In the case of a power-driven wheelchair that is