

the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

That wasn't right.

And so my legislation sought to fix it and restore access to these life-saving medicines for children's hospitals. Without this fix, children's hospitals across the country will be faced with higher drug costs. I introduced this legislation with the support of several of my Republican colleagues. And I know that my Democratic colleagues support the intent of my legislation too.

Unfortunately, and despite passage in the House, the Senate has not passed legislation to correct this flaw in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

But I am hopeful that the Senate will take action soon. I continue to work with my colleagues on the Senate Finance Committee and with Senate leadership to ensure that the Senate acts swiftly to correct this error in the Federal health care reform bill.

As my colleagues are aware, access to orphan drugs are critically important to children, many of whom, if they are ill, suffer from rare diseases or conditions. Orphan drugs, by definition, are designed and developed to help and treat diseases or conditions that affect fewer than 200,000 people, many of whom are children. On a daily basis, the Children's Hospital of Boston uses most of the 347 medicines that are designated orphan drugs.

I will say again that my legislation has the support of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle. And I have this support because fixing this provision and restoring access to life-saving medicines is the right thing to do.

My legislation restores and protects the ability for children's hospitals to access those outpatient medicines through the 340B drug discount program authorized in the Public Health Services Act. Access to this program and the corresponding discount saves the Children's Hospital of Boston nearly \$3 million annually, but more importantly, Children's Hospital of Boston is able to save lives as a result. Hospitals and doctors at children's hospitals are able to access life-saving medicines, children live better lives, and families are given peace of mind.

Passing my bill quickly is the right thing to do and I encourage my colleagues in the Senate to act swiftly to enact my legislation to ensure that children's hospitals can once again receive discounted pricing on these life-saving medicines.

There is no cause for delay. The House has passed this restorative language twice already. The Senate needs to do the same. And we should do so before the end of this year.

I believe quick passage is possible—quick passage should be possible—because of the support and efforts that I have seen demonstrated by my fellow Senators.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COLORADO RAPIDS SOCCER TEAM

• Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, today I congratulate and honor the tenacious play of the Colorado Rapids soccer team, that recently fought their way to victory over F.C. Dallas in the MLS Cup. This was truly a come-from-behind victory. The Rapids struggled against F.C. Dallas in two games earlier this season, and in the championship game, Dallas scored first, early in the first half. But as they had done throughout the playoffs, the Rapids relied on their character, concentration, and grit and came back in the championship game to win 2 to 1 in overtime.

This is the first MLS Cup championship victory in Colorado Rapids history. And it is a testament to the resiliency of the team. From the creativity of our strikers to the concentration of our goalkeeper, our side showed that they have what it takes to win, again and again. The Rapids have proudly represented our State and the Colorado ideal that hard work and determination pay off. That is a lesson I am proud to share with my three daughters, all of whom play soccer. The Rapids have proven that we have world-class teams and world-class fans in Colorado. I am proud to support the Colorado Rapids and again congratulate them on this remarkable accomplishment.●

TRIBUTE TO DOMINIC CALABRO

• Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. Dominic Calabro of Tallahassee, FL, who is in his 30th year of public service with Florida TaxWatch, a nonpartisan, nonprofit government watchdog and research institute that has served the taxpayers for decades in my home State of Florida. The group has been chaired for the past 2 years by the distinguished leadership of David A. Smith of Jacksonville, FL.

Florida TaxWatch first hired Mr. Calabro in 1980 as a senior research analyst. His hard work and dedication was quickly recognized, as he was promoted to executive director in 1982 and CEO in 1986. Mr. Calabro has guided the growth of TaxWatch into a dynamic, influential organization dedicated to improving government productivity and taxpayer value through research and civic engagement. Approximately 70 percent of TaxWatch's recommendations have been adopted by Florida's government, saving billions of dollars for Florida taxpayers.

Under Mr. Calabro's leadership, Florida TaxWatch has grown from an organization with a membership of approximately 30 and annual revenues of approximately \$64,000 to a statewide organization boasting a membership of nearly 1,000 individuals and organizations and revenues that have grown more than twentyfold to over \$1,500,000.

In addition to identifying and working to improve government spending in the public interest, Mr. Calabro and TaxWatch are the key players in the annual Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards, a nationally unique public-private partnership that recognizes and rewards exceptional Florida state employees whose innovative work measurably increases productivity and saves taxpayer money. Mr. Calabro has received numerous honors and awards, including being named by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 1994.

Mr. Calabro has been supported in all of his endeavors by his loving wife of 31 years, Debbie. They are devoted to their four children, Diana, Dominic, Christina, and Danny.

Mr. Calabro is also a driving force for improvements in public education. He is on the Board of Advisors for Florida State University's Graduate School of Social Work. Mr. Calabro also serves on the Florida Education Foundation and Communities in Schools of Florida.

Many Florida TaxWatch recommendations have served as the impetus for important changes to Florida budgetary and taxation policy, including the Taxpayers Bill of Rights of 1992, the Government Performance Accountability Act of 1994, the complete phase-out of the Intangibles Tax, and a recent Government Cost Savings Task Force that so far has saved the state nearly \$3 billion to weather the current economic climate.

I congratulate Mr. Calabro on his 30 years of service with Florida TaxWatch, and to wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors.●

REMEMBERING FATHER ALLEN NOVOTNY

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, on October 27th the Gonzaga College High School and Jesuit community lost a leader and dear friend. Father Allen Novotny served as the president of the oldest private high school in Washington, DC, and led the charge to modernize the school's aging facilities. When I moved my family to Washington, DC, I knew that under the leadership of Father Novotny, my two sons would receive the best education possible at Gonzaga. The school, which is known for its motto "Men for Others" encourages students to participate in service projects throughout DC, the country, and the world. During his 16 years at Gonzaga, Father Novotny increased the funding and variety of these essential service projects that gave thousands of young men the opportunity to grow in their faith and serve those in need.

Allen Paul Novotny was born in Baltimore in 1952 and received his education at the Sacred Heart of Jesus School in Baltimore and then Loyola High School in Towson. He entered the Society of Jesus at the Novitiate of St.