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AMENDMENT NO. 2311

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2311 intended to be proposed to S. 3240, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2367

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2367 intended to be proposed to S. 3240, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2370

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2370 intended to be proposed to S. 3240, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2382

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2382 intended to be proposed to S. 3240, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2395

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2395 intended to be proposed to S. 3240, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 3289. A bill to expand the Medicaid home and community-based services waiver to include young individuals who are in need of services that would otherwise be required to be provided through a psychiatric residential treatment facility, and to change references in Federal law to mental retardation to references to an intellectual disability; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, each year nearly 3 million youth receive mental health services to address a range of issues including depression, severe mental illness, and suicide prevention. When youth with mental health needs are treated early, with the most appropriate care for their situation, they are

more likely to have positive outcomes during both their childhood and their adult life.

I have worked with my colleague Senator GRASSLEY on a bipartisan bill that will expand the Medicaid 1915(c) waiver to provide an option to serve children and adolescents with intensive home or community-based treatment services in lieu of being treated as inpatients in a psychiatric residential treatment facility. There are currently nine States participating in a 1915(c) waiver demonstration focused on children and adolescents, which expires in September of this year. Data has shown that the youth served through this demonstration waiver have had positive outcomes, have been able to stabilize, and have had significant improvement in mental and behavioral health. The waiver gives States more flexibility to offer the most appropriate mental health services for children on Medicaid. Without access to intensive home or community-based services, these children could otherwise be institutionalized. The waiver expansion will allow more States the opportunity to provide cost-effective care that best meets their children's mental health needs.

In addition, this bill officially removes the outdated term "mentally retarded" from the Social Security Act and replaces it with the phrase "intellectually disabled". In 2010, the President enacted the bipartisan Rosa's Law which removed the words "mentally retarded" from federal health, education and labor laws. This bill takes the necessary step of removing this obsolete term from a significant portion of the U.S. Code.

I would like to recognize Youth Villages, which has been integral to the development of this legislation. More than 30 organizations are supportive of this bill, including the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Association of People with Disabilities, American Psychiatric Association, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Child Welfare League of America, First Focus Campaign for Children, National Alliance on Mental Illness, National Council on Independent Living, and the Arc of the United States.

I look forward to continued progress in improving mental health treatment options for our youth and ask all of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2404. Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2405. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2406. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2391 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3240, supra.

SA 2407. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2406 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2391 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3240, supra.

SA 2408. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2409. Mr. KOHL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2410. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2186 submitted by Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2411. Mr. UDALL of New Mexico submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2412. Mr. UDALL of New Mexico submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2413. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2414. Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2415. Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2416. Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BLUNT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2417. Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2418. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2419. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2420. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2421. Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2422. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3240, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2404. Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following: