

session of the Senate on September 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Assessing the Investment Climate and Improving Market Access in Financial Services in India"

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 25, 2013, to conduct a hearing entitled "State of the American Senior: The Changing Retirement Landscape for Baby Boomers."

The Committee will meet in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 2:15 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Daniel Goldberg, Samantha Aster, and Whitney Waite of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

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

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following staff of the Finance Committee be allowed the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the 113th Session: Kevin McNellis, Carly Borth, Stephen Jenkins, Sibyl Tilson, Taylor Harvey, Matthew Deavers, Craig Dobson, Louis Evans, Danielle Parnass, and Robert Andres.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any statements be printed in the RECORD and President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN309 AIR FORCE nominations (2317) beginning BENNIE EARL ABBOTT, and ending LAURA L. ZURESS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2013.

PN474 AIR FORCE nominations (504) beginning DAVID W. ABBA, and ending MAT-

THEW E. ZUBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 23, 2013.

PN725 AIR FORCE nominations (1305) beginning DAVID M. ABEL, and ending MICHAEL M. ZWALVE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN726 AIR FORCE nominations (45) beginning VERONIQUE N. ANDERSON, and ending AARON EUGENE WOODWARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN727 AIR FORCE nominations (18) beginning ROBERT F. BOOTH, and ending CHARLES E. WIEDIE, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN827 AIR FORCE nomination of Darryl Markowski, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

IN THE ARMY

PN676 ARMY nomination of Eddie V. Latham, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 15, 2013.

PN830 ARMY nominations (270) beginning BRIAN W. ADAMS, and ending D011820, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN831 ARMY nominations (177) beginning MARCUS P. ACOSTA, and ending G001362, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN832 ARMY nominations (147) beginning JOEL O. ALEXANDER, and ending D011416, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN833 ARMY nominations (272) beginning MICHAEL N. ADAME, and ending THOMAS J. ZELKO, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN834 ARMY nominations (6) beginning CHRISTOPHER J. EGAN, and ending BRUCE R. WALTON, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN835 ARMY nominations (2) beginning ANDREW D. KASTELLO, and ending MARK A. SELDES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN836 ARMY nomination of Brian E. Murphy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN837 ARMY nomination of Trent E. Loiseau, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN838 ARMY nomination of Yorlondo S. M. Wortham, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

IN THE NAVY

PN728 NAVY nominations (198) beginning CHRISTOPHER M. ALLEN, and ending STACEY E. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN729 NAVY nominations (51) beginning WAJAHAT ALI, and ending JACOB E. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN730 NAVY nominations (22) beginning HANNAH L. BEALON, and ending ALICIA R. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN731 NAVY nominations (32) beginning BRIAN C. BAKER, and ending KAN YANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN732 NAVY nominations (12) beginning KRISTIE M. COLPO, and ending MATTHEW N. WATTS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN733 NAVY nominations (7) beginning ONEGE BATEAGBORSANGAYA, and ending MICHAEL G. TOMSIK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN734 NAVY nominations (17) beginning ANTHONY J. FALVO, IV, and ending WILLIAM B. TISDALE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN735 NAVY nominations (19) beginning TRENTON J. ARNOLD, and ending ROBERT A. WAINSCOTT, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN736 NAVY nominations (4) beginning BRIAN C. FREDRICK, and ending ERNESTO R. VILLALBA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN737 NAVY nominations (47) beginning MATTHEW R. ARGENZIANO, and ending AARON A. ZIMMER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of—July 25, 2013.

PN738 NAVY nominations (28) beginning SHANE L. BEAVERS, and ending JOHN J. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN739 NAVY nominations (736) beginning CHARLES B. ABBOTT, and ending GEORGE S. ZINTAK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 25, 2013.

PN839 NAVY nomination of Josh A. Cassada, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN840 NAVY nomination of Ronaldo S. Memije, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN841 NAVY nominations (8) beginning KEVIN L. ALBERT, and ending SHAWN C. WILLIS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN842 NAVY nominations (40) beginning CHRISTOPHER B. ALLEN, and ending JOSEPH M. ZUKOWSKY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN843 NAVY nominations (28) beginning PAUL A. ARMSTRONG, and ending JAMES P. WILLIFORD, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN844 NAVY nominations (61) beginning JONATHAN D. ALBANO, and ending JAMES H. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN845 NAVY nominations (94) beginning MICHELE Y. ALLEN, and ending BRENDA M. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN846 NAVY nominations (40) beginning CANDICE C. ALBRIGHT, and ending KATHERINE D. WORSTELL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN847 NAVY nominations (65) beginning ALEXANDER ALDANA, and ending DANIEL

L. ZAHUMENSKY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN848 NAVY nominations (60) beginning RICARDO M. ABAKAH, and ending CHRISTOPHER L. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN849 NAVY nominations (247) beginning NEHKONTI ADAMS, and ending NATHAN S. ZUNDEL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

PN850 NAVY nominations (15) beginning KIMBERLY S. BAILEY, and ending ERIC E. WONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

PREEMIE REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 13, S. 252.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 252) to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Alexander amendment at the desk be agreed to.

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

The amendment (No. 1981) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To modify provisions relating to the authorization of appropriations)

On page 3, strike lines 14 and 15, insert the following: “amended by striking ‘\$5,000,000’ and all that follows through ‘2011.’ and inserting ‘\$1,880,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.’”

On page 5, strike lines 13 and 14, and insert the following:

“(2) in subsection (c), by striking ‘\$5,000,000’ and all that follows through ‘2011.’ and inserting ‘\$1,900,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.’”

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I know of no further debate on this measure.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate? If not, the question is on agreeing to the measure.

The bill (S. 252), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 252

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Reauthorization Act” or the “PREEMIE Reauthorization Act”.

SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(a) EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES.—Section 3 of the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–4f) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES ON PRETERM BIRTH.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, may, subject to the availability of appropriations—

“(A) conduct epidemiological studies on the clinical, biological, social, environmental, genetic, and behavioral factors relating to prematurity, as appropriate;

“(B) conduct activities to improve national data to facilitate tracking the burden of preterm birth; and

“(C) continue efforts to prevent preterm birth, including late preterm birth, through the identification of opportunities for prevention and the assessment of the impact of such efforts.

“(2) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress reports concerning the progress and any results of studies conducted under paragraph (1).”

(b) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 3(e) of the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act (42 U.S.C. 247b–4f(e)) is amended by striking “\$5,000,000” and all that follows through “2011.” and inserting “\$1,880,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.”

SEC. 3. ACTIVITIES AT THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

(a) TELEMEDICINE AND HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES.—Section 330I(i)(1)(B) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–14(i)(1)(B)) is amended by striking “or case management services” and inserting “case management services, or prenatal care for high-risk pregnancies”;

(b) PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION.—Section 399Q of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g–5) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraphs (A) through (F) and inserting the following:

“(A) the core risk factors for preterm labor and delivery;

“(B) medically indicated deliveries before full term;

“(C) the importance of preconception and prenatal care, including—

“(i) smoking cessation;

“(ii) weight maintenance and good nutrition, including folic acid;

“(iii) the screening for and the treatment of infections; and

“(iv) stress management;

“(D) treatments and outcomes for premature infants, including late preterm infants;

“(E) the informational needs of families during the stay of an infant in a neonatal intensive care unit; and

“(F) utilization of evidence-based strategies to prevent birth injuries;” and

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) programs to increase the availability, awareness, and use of pregnancy and post-term information services that provide evidence-based, clinical information through

counselors, community outreach efforts, electronic or telephonic communication, or other appropriate means regarding causes associated with prematurity, birth defects, or health risks to a post-term infant;”;

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “\$5,000,000” and all that follows through “2011.” and inserting “\$1,900,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.”

SEC. 4. OTHER ACTIVITIES.

(a) INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON PREMATURETY AND LOW BIRTHWEIGHT.—The Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act is amended by striking section 5 (42 U.S.C. 247b–4g).

(b) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INFANT MORTALITY.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may establish an advisory committee known as the “Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality” (referred to in this section as the “Advisory Committee”).

(2) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee shall provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary concerning the following activities:

(A) Programs of the Department of Health and Human Services that are directed at reducing infant mortality and improving the health status of pregnant women and infants.

(B) Strategies to coordinate the various Federal programs and activities with State, local, and private programs and efforts that address factors that affect infant mortality.

(C) Implementation of the Healthy Start program under section 330H of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–8) and Healthy People 2020 infant mortality objectives.

(D) Strategies to reduce preterm birth rates through research, programs, and education.

(3) PLAN FOR HHS PRETERM BIRTH ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Advisory Committee (or an advisory committee in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act and designated by the Secretary) shall develop a plan for conducting and supporting research, education, and programs on preterm birth through the Department of Health and Human Services and shall periodically review and revise the plan, as appropriate. The plan shall—

(A) examine research and educational activities that receive Federal funding in order to enable the plan to provide informed recommendations to reduce preterm birth and address racial and ethnic disparities in preterm birth rates;

(B) identify research gaps and opportunities to implement evidence-based strategies to reduce preterm birth rates among the programs and activities of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding preterm birth, including opportunities to minimize duplication; and

(C) reflect input from a broad range of scientists, patients, and advocacy groups, as appropriate.

(4) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary shall ensure that the membership of the Advisory Committee includes the following:

(A) Representatives provided for in the original charter of the Advisory Committee.

(B) A representative of the National Center for Health Statistics.

(c) PATIENT SAFETY STUDIES AND REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall designate an appropriate agency within the Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate existing studies on hospital readmissions of preterm infants.