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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS—June 26,
2003

SA 1124. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 159, line 19, insert the following before the closing quotation: "As part of such review, the Commission shall hold 3 field hearings in 2007."

SA 1134. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1, To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and for other purposes; as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: "An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program, and for other purposes."

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at 10 a.m. in Room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct an Oversight Hearing on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 9, 2003, in Room 301 Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on Senate Resolution 173 proposing changes in Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate as they relate to unauthorized appropriations.

For further information concerning this meeting, please contact Susan Wells at 202-224-6352.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 366 Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nomination of Suede G. Kelly to be a Member at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

For further information, please contact Judy Pensabene of the Committee staff at 202-224-1327.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MEDICARE
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that the House companion bill to S. 1 is at the desk, and before the Chair appoints conferees pursuant to the order of June 26, I ask unanimous consent that the title amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to.

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

The amendment (No. 1134) was agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1134

Amend the title so as to read: "An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program, and for other purposes."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, H.R. 1 having been received from the House, the Senate shall proceed to its consideration, all after the enacting clause shall be stricken and the text of S. 1 as passed inserted in lieu thereof, the bill shall be read a third time and passed, with the motion to reconsider laid on the table; further, the Senate insists on its amendments and requests a conference with the House, and the Chair is authorized to appoint conferees with a ratio of 5 to 4.

The Presiding Officer appointed Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. FRIST, Mr. KYL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. BREAUX conferees on the part of the Senate.

The bill (H.R. 1), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1) entitled "An Act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to individuals for amounts contributed to health savings security accounts and health savings accounts, to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and for other purposes," do pass with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT; REFERENCES TO BIPA AND SECRETARY; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act of 2003".

(b) *AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.*—Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to that section or other provision of the Social Security Act.

(c) *BIPA; SECRETARY.*—In this Act:

(1) *BIPA.*—The term "BIPA" means the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, as enacted into law by section 1(a)(6) of Public Law 106-554.

(2) *SECRETARY.*—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(d) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; amendments to Social Security Act; references to BIPA and Secretary; table of contents.

**TITLE I—MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG
BENEFIT**

Subtitle A—Medicare Voluntary Prescription Drug Delivery Program

Sec. 101. Medicare voluntary prescription drug delivery program.

**"PART D—VOLUNTARY PRESCRIPTION DRUG
DELIVERY PROGRAM**

"Sec. 1860D. Definitions; treatment of references to provisions in Medicare Advantage program.

"Subpart 1—Establishment of Voluntary Prescription Drug Delivery Program

"Sec. 1860D-1. Establishment of voluntary prescription drug delivery program.

"Sec. 1860D-2. Enrollment under program.

"Sec. 1860D-3. Election of a Medicare Prescription Drug plan.

"Sec. 1860D-4. Providing information to beneficiaries.

"Sec. 1860D-5. Beneficiary protections.

"Sec. 1860D-6. Prescription drug benefits.

"Sec. 1860D-7. Requirements for entities offering Medicare Prescription Drug plans; establishment of standards.

"Subpart 2—Prescription Drug Delivery System

"Sec. 1860D-10. Establishment of service areas.

"Sec. 1860D-11. Publication of risk adjusters.

"Sec. 1860D-12. Submission of bids for proposed Medicare Prescription Drug plans.

"Sec. 1860D-13. Approval of proposed Medicare Prescription Drug plans.

"Sec. 1860D-14. Computation of monthly standard prescription drug coverage premiums.

"Sec. 1860D-15. Computation of monthly national average premium.

"Sec. 1860D-16. Payments to eligible entities.

"Sec. 1860D-17. Computation of monthly beneficiary obligation.

"Sec. 1860D-18. Collection of monthly beneficiary obligation.

"Sec. 1860D-19. Premium and cost-sharing subsidies for low-income individuals.

"Sec. 1860D-20. Reinsurance payments for expenses incurred in providing prescription drug coverage above the annual out-of-pocket threshold.

"Sec. 1860D-21. Direct subsidy for sponsor of a qualified retiree prescription drug plan for plan enrollees eligible for, but not enrolled in, this part.