

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No deduction shall be allowed for that portion of the qualified medical malpractice insurance expenditures otherwise allowable as a deduction for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year under section 45G (determined without regard to section 38(c)).

“(2) CONTROLLED GROUPS.—In the case of a corporation which is a member of a controlled group of corporations (within the meaning of section 41(f)(5)) or a trade or business which is treated as being under common control with other trades or businesses (within the meaning of section 41(f)(1)(B)), this subsection shall be applied under rules prescribed by the Secretary similar to the rules applicable under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 41(f)(1).”

(e) GRANTS TO NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, shall award grants to eligible non-profit hospitals and clinics to assist such hospitals and clinics in defraying qualified medical malpractice insurance expenditures.

(2) ELIGIBLE NON-PROFIT HOSPITAL OR CLINIC.—To be eligible to receive a grant under paragraph (1) an entity shall—

(A) be a non-profit hospital or clinic;

(B) be unable to claim the tax credit described in section 45G for the year for which an application is submitted under subparagraph (C); and

(C) prepare and submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(3) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The amount of a grant to a non-profit hospital or clinic under paragraph (1) shall equal 15 percent of the amount of the qualified medical malpractice insurance expenditures of the hospital or clinic for the year involved.

(4) QUALIFIED MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE EXPENDITURE.—In this subsection, the term “qualified medical malpractice insurance expenditure” means so much of any professional insurance premium, surcharge, payment or other cost or expense required as a condition of State licensure which is incurred by a non-profit hospital or clinic in a year for the sole purpose of providing or furnishing general medical malpractice liability insurance for such hospital or clinic as does not exceed twice the Statewide average of such costs for similarly situated hospitals or clinics.

(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection, such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2005 and 2006.

(f) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 45G. Credit for expenditures for medical professional malpractice insurance.”

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to expenditures incurred after December 31, 2003.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. on Impact of Climate Change, in SR-253.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing regarding grants management within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The hearing will be held in SD-406.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., to hear testimony on Health Insurance Challenges: “Buyer Beware.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a Hearing on Building Operational Readiness in Foreign Affairs Agencies.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 10 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting on the Committees Views and Estimate Letter on the President's FY/05 Budget Request for Indian Programs, to be followed immediately by an oversight hearing on the Status of the Completion of the National Museum of the American Indian.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “Judicial Activism vs. Democracy: What are the National Implications of the Massachusetts Goodridge Decision and the Judicial Invalidation of Traditional Marriage Laws?,” on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 10 a.m., in SD226.

Panel I: Reverend Richard Richardson, Assistant Pastor, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Director of Political Affairs, The Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston, President/CEO, Children's Services of Roxbury, Boston, MA; Pastor Daniel de Leon, Sr., Alianza de Ministerios

Evangélicos Nacionales (AMEN), Pastor, Templo Calvario, General Presbyter, Assemblies of God, Santa Ana, CA; the Hon. Jon Bruning, Attorney General of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE; and Mrs. Maggie Gallagher, President, Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, New York, NY.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 3, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the role of defense science and technology in the global war on terrorism and in preparing for emerging threats in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1420, a bill to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal land by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such land.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., on impact on abortion on women in SR-253.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 3, 2004, at 2 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on future Navy and Marine Corps capabilities and requirements, in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years Defense program.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns and fellows of the Finance Committee be granted the privileges of

the floor for the remainder of the debate on S. 1637, the JOBS Act: Shannon Augare, Jane Bergeson, Simon Chabel, Tyson Hill, Jeremy Seidlitz, Trace Thaxton, Steve Beasley, Justin Bonsey, Jodi George, Scott Landes, Pascal Niedermann, Matt Stokes, and Chris Knopes.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent Sara Hagigh of Senator LIEBERMAN's staff have privilege of the floor during debate of S. 1637.

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

TROOP TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Armed Services Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2057 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant journal clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2057) to require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses incurred by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 2057) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2057

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

SECTION 1. REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION COSTS INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ON REST AND RECUPERATION LEAVE.

The Secretary of Defense shall reimburse a member of the United States Armed Forces for transportation expenses incurred by such member for one round trip by such member between two locations within the United States in connection with leave taken under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program during the period beginning on September 25, 2003, and ending on December 18, 2003.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2004

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 4. I further ask unanimous con-

sent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with the time equally divided in the usual form, with the first half of the time under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the second half of the time under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided, that at 10:30 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of S. 1637, the FSC/ETI bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1637. When the Senate resumes the bill in the morning, the Dodd amendment on outsourcing will be the pending business. It is my expectation that a second-degree amendment will be offered to the Dodd amendment tomorrow morning.

For the remainder of the day, we will continue to work through amendments to the bill. Under the previous order, following the disposition of the Dodd amendment, the Senate will take up an amendment by Senator BUNNING which would accelerate manufacturing sector tax cuts. Senators will be notified when the first vote is scheduled.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order following the remarks of Senator DODD for up to 20 minutes and Senator HATCH for up to 15 minutes.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. DODD. I express my gratitude to my friend from Kentucky for his eloquent description of my less than eloquent remarks. I appreciate that.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

OUTSOURCING OF AMERICAN JOBS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I may not use all of my 20 minutes. I have been talking at some length this afternoon, although it is my custom to do so. I might point out, for those who are interested, this is not a filibuster. I am prepared to vote on this amendment right now. I was prepared to vote on it an hour and a half ago, but there are those who want to analyze what I am proposing.

I suppose it is more than analysis that is occurring. They are trying to

figure out how to defeat it, and I regret that because I do not think it is complicated. I think it is straightforward. I think it makes sense.

I would not be offering this if this was not a problem sweeping across the country. Concerns are being expressed everywhere by Americans of varying incomes and positions. I know in my own State I have had meetings with people I could not put in the same town or county together a year ago who are coming to us now and saying, would you please do something here. I am talking about my chambers of commerce.

I had a meeting last week at a Teamsters Local that included the chambers of commerce, the Manufacturers Association, the International Association of Machinists and Teamsters. I do not need to remind the Chair what a unique circumstance that is when a crowd like that gets together—by the way, all asking me to do the same thing.

They were not just asking me but asking us what we were going to do, because they have watched the alarming decline of manufacturing jobs in the country, and it seems to be accelerating at a dramatic pace.

Also the problem they foresee, and I agree with them on this outsourcing of jobs, which is very appealing, and I understand it from a corporate standpoint, when one sees their competitors, neighbors, and businesses are outsourcing and cutting their budgets by huge amounts because they can hire someone for \$7 a day or \$2 an hour, as opposed to paying them \$40,000, \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year, then the lure is remarkable.

As we know, in fact, the Indian government is providing tremendous incentives to lure call centers, providing corporations with tax exemptions and building western-style technology parks fitted with telecom infrastructures.

What are we doing? Are we doing anything to try and compete with that or are we just saying that is the way the world is and we better get used to it because that is what is going to happen for the foreseeable future, and maybe something will come along that will all of a sudden fill this vacuum, that will restore these manufacturing jobs or information technology and the like?

I can only hope that would be the case because in the absence of doing anything else, we are going to find a continuing decline in this area.

I worry about this from the standpoint of national security. In my State, I have over 5,000 small manufacturers. I have major corporations as well. I probably have more large Fortune 500 corporations in my State than any other State in the country on a per-capita basis, given the size of my State. My State is the home of major corporations. Many of them are major defense contractors, and those 5,000 small manufacturers in many cases are