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Senate

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005—Continued

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today in support of this important amendment offered by Senator TOM DASCHLE. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, of which I am a member, has held hearings on the President's fiscal year 2005 budget request for Indian programs. We have heard from Indian country about the inadequate funding provided for many programs in Indian country. We have heard that American Indians and Alaska Natives have a life expectancy six years less than that of the rest of the United States population, with rates of cardiovascular disease being twice as high for native peoples.

Native people die at a rate 500 percent higher than other Americans from tuberculosis and 390 percent higher from diabetes. With the technological advancements that we have made in these areas, most of these illnesses could be prevented if basic health care were available. Unfortunately, the President's budget provides \$2.1 billion for IHS clinical services, leaving a shortfall of over 60 percent for fiscal year 2005.

The time is now and we must provide Indian country with the ability to ensure that native peoples are given access to essential health care services. I urge my colleagues to support this important amendment, and I thank my dear friend, Senator DASCHLE, for offering this amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, this is another one of these amendments—we have had a dozen of them now—that says we are going to pay for this by increasing taxes on wealthy people. I don't know how many times we have to vote on it. Then I look at the spending. It says we will increase spending by \$3.4 billion from 2.1 to 5.5. That is a 164-

percent increase. It is a big tax increase. It is a humongous spending increase. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to amendment No. 2774. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant journal clerk called the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) is absent attending a funeral.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 42, nays 54, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 52 Leg.]

YEAS—42

Akaka	Dorgan	Levin
Bayh	Durbin	Lieberman
Biden	Feingold	Lincoln
Bingaman	Feinstein	Mikulski
Boxer	Graham (FL)	Murray
Breaux	Harkin	Nelson (FL)
Byrd	Hollings	Nelson (NE)
Cantwell	Inouye	Pryor
Clinton	Jeffords	Reed
Conrad	Kennedy	Rockefeller
Corzine	Kohl	Sarbanes
Daschle	Landrieu	Schumer
Dayton	Lautenberg	Stabenow
Dodd	Leahy	Wyden

NAYS—54

Alexander	Chafee	Ensign
Allard	Chambliss	Enzi
Allen	Cochran	Fitzgerald
Baucus	Coleman	Frist
Bennett	Collins	Graham (SC)
Bond	Cornyn	Grassley
Brownback	Craig	Gregg
Bunning	Crapo	Hagel
Burns	DeWine	Hatch
Campbell	Dole	Hutchison
Carper	Domenici	Inhofe

Kyl	Nickles	Specter
Lott	Roberts	Stevens
Lugar	Santorum	Sununu
McCain	Sessions	Talent
McConnell	Shelby	Thomas
Miller	Smith	Voivovich
Murkowski	Snowe	Warner

NOT VOTING—4

Edwards	Kerry
Johnson	Reid

The amendment (No. 2774) was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, we are making progress. Senator CONRAD and I are reducing the amendments pretty quickly. I compliment him for that. We are trying to accommodate Members on both sides of the aisle. Maybe we can get this legislation finished tonight.

I believe the Senator from Alaska has an amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

AMENDMENT NO. 2822

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Ms. MURKOWSKI], for herself and Mr. CAMPBELL, proposes an amendment numbered 2822.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To increase funding for the Indian Health Services)

On page 16, line 12, increase the amount by \$282,000,000.

On page 16, line 13, increase the amount by \$251,000,000.

On page 16, line 17, increase the amount by \$28,000,000.

On page 16, line 21, increase the amount by \$2,000,000.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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