

Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

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

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. SPECTER. I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing entitled, "Investing in Young Children Pays Dividends: The Economic Case for Early Care and Education", in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing on the relationship between doctors and the drug industry.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY, AND WATER QUALITY

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "Protecting Water Quality at America's Beaches."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that two members of my staff, Jared Najvar and Crystal Y'Barbo, be given the privilege of the floor through July 1, 2007.

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

Mr. NELSON of Florida. I ask unanimous consent that my staffers, Neal Higgins and Matt Nosanchuk, be allowed to stay on the floor of the Senate throughout the duration of the debate over S. 1639, the immigration bill.

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

EXTENDING TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to S. 1701.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1701) to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD with no intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (S. 1701) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1701

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (TMA) AND ABSTINENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2007.

Section 401 of division B of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-432) is amended—

(1) by striking "June 30" and inserting "September 30"; and

(2) by striking "third quarter" each place it appears and inserting "fourth quarter".

SEC. 2. SUNSET OF THE LIMITED CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT PROVISION FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM.

Section 1851(e)(2)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-21(e)(2)(E)), as added by section 206(a) of division B of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking "2007 or 2008" and inserting "the period beginning on January 1, 2007, and ending on July 31, 2007,"; and

(2) in clause (iii)—

(A) in the heading, by striking "YEAR" and inserting "THE APPLICABLE PERIOD"; and

(B) by striking "the year" and inserting "the period described in such clause".

SEC. 3. OFFSETTING ADJUSTMENT IN MEDICARE ADVANTAGE STABILIZATION FUND.

Section 1858(e)(2)(A)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-27a(e)(2)(A)(i)), as amended by 301 of division B of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, is amended by striking "the Fund during the period" and all that follows and inserting "the Fund—

"(I) during 2012, \$1,600,000,000; and

"(II) during 2013, 1,790,000,000.".

Mr. REID. I compliment Senators BAUCUS and GRASSLEY for getting this done. We were running out of time.

COMMENDING THE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 259, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 259) commending the Oregon State University baseball team for winning the 2007 College World Series.

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

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, just about a year ago, Senator SMITH and I came down to the floor of the Senate to take a few moments to talk about the Oregon State University baseball team,

which had just won its first College World Series national championship out in Omaha, NE.

I can't tell you how happy I am to be standing here on the floor of the Senate 1 year later to applaud the team's defense of that title.

This is a tough, determined baseball team. When most folks counted them out, they didn't give up. After finishing 6th in the Pac-10, they squeaked their way into the post-season and never looked back.

On the road and at home, the Oregon State squad was virtually unstoppable, winning their last 10 games. In fact, the team trailed in just one of the 45 innings it played in Omaha and it was the first team to ever win 4 College World Series games by 6 or more runs.

The Beavers are the first back-to-back champions since Louisiana State University accomplished the feat back in 1996-97 and the first "cold-weather" state repeat champions ever.

It is a proud day for the players and coaches on the Oregon State team. It is a proud day for the University. And it is a proud day for all Oregonians.

Today, with Senator SMITH as my co-sponsor, I have therefore submitted a resolution commending the Oregon State University baseball team for winning the 2007 College World Series.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 259) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 259

Whereas on June 24, 2007, the Oregon State University baseball team won the 2007 College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska after defeating California State University, Fullerton by a score of 3 to 2; Arizona State University by a score of 12 to 6; University of California, Irvine by a score of 7 to 1; and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the championship by scores of 11 to 4 and 9 to 3;

Whereas this is the second consecutive College World Series championship Oregon State University has won, making the University the first repeat College World Series champion in a decade;

Whereas the success of the team was a direct result of the skill, intensity, and resolve of every player on the Oregon State University baseball team, including Erik Ammon, Darwin Barney, Hunter Beaty, Scotty Berke, Reed Brown, Brian Budrow, Mitch Canham, Bryn Card, Brett Casey, Jackson Evans, Kyle Foster, Drew George, Mark Grbavac, Chad Hegdahl, Chris Hopkins, Koa Kahalehoe, Greg Keim, Blake Keitzman, Josh Keller, Eddie Kunz, Joey Lakowski, Lonnie Lechelt, Jordan Lennerton, Mike Lissman, Anton Maxwell, Jake McCormick, Chad Nading, Jason Ogata, Ryan Ortiz, Joe Paterson, Tyrell Poggemeyer, Joe Pratt, Jorge Reyes, Scott Santachi, Kraig Sitton, Alex Sogard, Dale Solomon, Michael Stutes, Daniel Turpen, John Wallace, Braden Wells, and Joey Wong;