

home" requirement may continue to act as an inappropriate restriction in meeting the real-life mobility needs of Medicare beneficiaries with physical disabilities and mobility impairments.

Recently CMS announced a final National Coverage Determination (NCD) for mobility assistance equipment (MAE) that fails to adequately address the concerns of beneficiaries and other parties with the "in the home" restriction.

In order to ensure that the "in the home" requirement does not act as a barrier to community participation for Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities and mobility impairments; we ask that you modify this requirement through the regulatory process. Additionally, if your agency concludes that the "in the home" requirement cannot be addressed through the regulatory process, we request that you respond with such information as quickly as possible, so that Congress may begin examining legislative alternatives.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bingaman; Rick Santorum; John Kerry; Joseph I. Lieberman; Barbara Mikulski; Maria Cantwell; Edward M. Kennedy; Patty Murray; Evan Bayh; Mark Dayton; Jack Reed; Johnny Isakson; Sam Brownback; Jon S. Corzine; James M. Talent; Pat Roberts; Frank Lautenberg; James M. Jeffords; Christopher S. Bond; Mike DeWine; Daniel K. Akaka; Mary L. Landrieu; Debbie Stabenow; Charles E. Schumer; Ron Wyden; Herb Kohl; Patrick J. Leahy; Arlen Specter; Hillary Rodham Clinton; Christopher J. Dodd; John McCain; Carl Levin; Tom Harkin; Olympia J. Snowe.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 332—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SHOULD INCREASE THEIR INVESTMENT IN PAIN MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. RES. 332

Whereas the characteristics of modern warfare, including the global war on terror, expose members of the uniformed services to many adverse and dangerous environment-related diseases and living conditions;

Whereas today's war zone conditions, including areas replete with noxious gases released from explosive devices in Iraq and Afghanistan, produce traumatic, life-altering battlefield injuries in degrees unheard of in previous wars including infections, instant crushing of skulls and other bones, loss of sight and limbs, dehydration, blood and other body infections, and, in some cases, severe impairment or total loss of mental and physical functions;

Whereas military medical rapid response teams provide superb, state of the art, life-saving medical and psychological treatment and care at battlefield sites with an extraordinarily high success rate;

Whereas military, Department of Veterans Affairs, and specialty civilian health care treatment facilities are overburdened with

caring for the most serious and most painful battlefield casualties ever witnessed from war; and

Whereas the Nation's medical and mental health care professionals have not been provided with sufficient resources to adequately research, diagnose, treat, and manage acute and chronic pain associated with present day battlefield casualties: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Federal funding for pain management research, treatment and therapies at the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs and at the National Institutes of Health should be significantly increased;

(2) Congress and the administration should redouble their efforts to ensure that an effective pain management program is uniformly established and implemented for military and Department of Veterans Affairs treatment facilities; and

(3) the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs should increase their investment in pain management clinical research by improving and accelerating clinical trials at military and Department of Veterans Affairs treatment facilities and affiliated university medical centers and research programs.

SENATE RESOLUTION 333—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 333

Whereas, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs conducted an investigation in 2003 and 2004 into abusive practices by the credit counseling industry;

Whereas, the Subcommittee has received a request from a federal law enforcement agency for access to records of the Subcommittee's investigation;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to federal or state law enforcement or regulatory agencies and officials records of the Subcommittee's investigation into abusive practices by the credit counseling industry.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3048. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 2011 proposed by Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for Mr. LEVIN) to the bill H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3049. Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2011 proposed by Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for Mr. LEVIN) to the bill H.R. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3050. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3051. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3052. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3053. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3054. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3055. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3056. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3057. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3058. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2011 proposed by Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for Mr. LEVIN) to the bill H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3059. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3060. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3061. Mr. CRAPO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3062. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3063. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 976, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.