This new method eliminated paper applications for free school meals, and replaced them with a socioeconomic survey based method of determining reimbursement rates and eligibility.

Paper applications are costly, and parents often fail to return them. The socioeconomic survey based approach was chosen because it reduced administrative overhead costs and is thought to better ensure that all eligible students are accounted for. In addition, by providing Universal Service the stigma associated with receiving a free or reduced price school meal is eliminated. Indeed, during the first year of the Universal Feeding Pilot Program in Philadelphia School District saw a 14 percent increase in lunch participation in elementary schools, a 45 percent increase in middle schools and a 180 percent increase in high schools. The Philadelphia Universal Feeding Pilot Program has successfully increased student participation in the school meal program. Should this program be ended, as the Department of Agriculture would have it, children in the Philadelphia School District will have to learn unemployment by Washington, DC, bureaucrats.

The students and parents in 200 of Philadelphia’s poorest schools have not filled out paper applications for free and reduced priced school meals in over seventeen years. It is almost certain that some parents will fail to return paper applications to the school district, resulting in the under-reporting of eligible students. In fact, the Secretary of Agriculture tacitly acknowledges the ineffectiveness of paper applications by offering outreach assistance to the Philadelphia School District.

A decrease in the amount of students claiming free or reduced lunches will lower the Department of Agriculture’s reimbursement rate to the Philadelphia School District. Reducing the school meal reimbursement rate will not only cause the Philadelphia School District to have difficulty in loaning in relation to the school meals program, but because other grant funding is often based on the percentage of low income students in a district, as determined by participation rates in the school meal program, the District could potentially lose millions of dollars in other state and Federal grant funding. Federal rate funding, for example, which is used for educational technology, is based directly on school meal program eligibility percentages.

Congress is expected to take up the Child Nutrition Act reauthorization later this year. Universal Feeding and the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program will be a part of this debate, and this is an appropriate time and place to consider changes to the program. We know from experience that Congressional action is not always as swift as planned, and that the legislative calendar changes from week to week if not from day to day.

Therefore, Senator Casey and I introduce legislation today to extend the Philadelphia School District’s Universal Feeding Pilot Program through the close of the 2012-2013 school year to ensure that Philadelphia school children receive the necessary nutritional assistance until Congress can enact a new policy.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 168—COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON WOMEN’S SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2009 NCAA WOMEN’S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 168

Whereas on June 2, 2009, for the first time in university history, the University of Washington Women Huskies won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (“NCAA”) national softball championship game with a 3-2 victory over the University of Florida Gators;

Whereas University of Washington pitcher Danielle Lawrie was named the Women’s College World Series Most Valuable Player and the USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year;

Whereas the Huskies finished the 2009 season with an impressive record of 51-12;

Whereas the members of the 2009 University of Washington softball team are excellent representatives of a university that is 1 of the premier academic institutions in Washington State, producing many outstanding student-athletes and other leaders; and

Whereas the members of the women’s softball team have brought great honor to themselves, their families, the University of Washington, and the State of Washington: Now, therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Washington softball team for winning the 2009 Women’s College World Series;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, and staff whose hard work and dedication helped the University of Washington win the championship; and

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Mark A. Emmert, president of the University of Washington;

(B) Scott Woodward, director of athletics of the University of Washington; and

(C) Heather Teah, head coach of the University of Washington softball team.

SENATE RESOLUTION 169—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA SHOULD WORK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROCESS WITH GREECE TO ACHIEVE LONGSTANDING UNITED STATES AND UNITED NATIONS POLICY GOALS OF FINDING A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE COMPOSITE NAME, WITH A GEOGRAPHICAL QUALIFIER, AND FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL USES FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. SHAIKEN, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 169

Whereas, on April 8, 1993, the United Nations General Assembly admitted as a member the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, under the name the “former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 817 (1993) notes that the international dispute over the name must be resolved to maintain peaceful relations between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and regional stability;

Whereas Greece is a strategic partner and ally of the United States in bringing political stability and economic development to the Balkan region, having invested over $20,000,000,000 in the countries of the region, thereby creating over 200,000 new jobs, and having contributed over $750,000,000 in development aid for the region;

Whereas Greece has invested over $1,000,000,000 in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, thereby creating more than 10,000 new jobs and having contributed $110,000,000 in development aid;

Whereas Senate Resolution 300, introduced in the 110th Congress, urged the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to refrain from hostile activities and stop the utilization of materials that violate provisions of the United Nations-brokered Interim Agreement between the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece regarding ‘‘hostile activities or propaganda’’;

Whereas NATO’s Heads of State and Government unanimously agreed in Bucharest to work within the framework of the UN, and urge intensified efforts towards that goal.; and

Whereas the Heads of State and Government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Strasbourg/Kehl on April 4, 2009, reiterated their unanimous support for the agreement at the Bucharest Summit—‘‘to extend an invitation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as soon as a mutually acceptable solution to the name issue has been reached. We encourage the negotiations to be resumed without delay and expect them to be concluded as soon as possible’’;

Whereas authorities in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia urged their citizens to boycott Greek investments in the
country and not to travel to Greece: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Senate—
(1) urges the Government of the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to work
within the framework of the United Nations
process with Greece to achieve longstanding
United States and United Nations policy
goals with regard to the political com-
posite name, with a geographical qualifier
and for all international uses for the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and
(2) urges the Government of the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to abstain
from hostile activities and stop violating
provisions of the United Nations-brokered
Interim Agreement between the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Greece
regarding "hostile activities or propaganda".

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND
PROPOSED

SA 1257. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed to amendment
SA 1247 proposed by Mr. DODD to the bill
H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by
providing the Food and Drug Administration
with certain authority to regulate tobacco
products, to amend title 5, United States Code,
to make certain modifications in the Thrift
Savings Plan, the Civil Service Re-
tirement System, and the Federal Employ-
es Retirement System, and for other purposes;
which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1258. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed to amendment
SA 1247 proposed by Mr. DODD to the bill
H.R. 1256, supra; which was ordered to lie
on the table.

SA 1259. Mr. BENNETT submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed by him to
the bill H.R. 1256, supra; which was or-
dered to lie on the table.

SA 1260. Mr. ENZI submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed by him to
the bill H.R. 1256, supra; which was ordered to lie
on the table.

SA 1261. Mr. BURR submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed by him to
the bill H.R. 1256, supra; which was ordered to lie
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SA 1262. Mr. BURR submitted an amend-
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SA 1263. Mr. BURR submitted an amend-
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SA 1264. Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr.
VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ISAKSON, and
Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment in-
tended to be proposed by him to
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SA 1265. Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr.
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SA 1266. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed to amendment
SA 1247 proposed by Mr. DODD to the bill
H.R. 1256, supra; which was ordered to lie
on the table.

SA 1267. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and
Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amend-
mint intended to be proposed by him to
the bill H.R. 1256, supra; which was ordered to lie
on the table.

SA 1268. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and
Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment in-
tended to be proposed by him to
the bill H.R. 1256, supra; which was ordered to lie
on the table.

SA 1269. Mr. BAYH (for himself, Ms. MUR-
KOWSKI, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. LIBERMAN, Mr.
WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. NELSON, of Ne-
braska, and Mr. BRIDGES) submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed by him to
the bill H.R. 1256, supra; which was ordered to lie
on the table.

SA 1270. Mr. CORKER submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed by him to
the bill H.R. 1256, supra; which was ordered to lie
on the table.

SA 1271. Mr. KOHL (for himself, Ms.
SNOWE, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed by him to
the bill H.R. 1256, supra; which was or-
dered to lie on the table.

SA 1272. Mr. VITTER submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed by him to
the bill H.R. 1256, supra; which was ordered to lie
on the table.

SA 1273. Mr. WEBB submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed by him to
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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift
Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees’ Retirement System, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the fol-
lowing:

SEC. __. ADJUSTMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE
MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM TO RE-
WARD BENEFICIARIES WHO RE-
FRINGE FROM TOBACCO USE.

Section 1393 of the Social Security Act (42
U.S.C. 1395r) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “and (1)’’ and inserting “(1), (j), and (l)”;
(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(j) With respect to the monthly pre-
mium amount under this section for months
during the period beginning on December 1, 2010, and ending on November 30, 2011, the Secretary shall
adjust, under procedures established by the
Secretary, the amount of such premium
for months during the period, but only for
enrollees who do not smoke tobacco during any of the
12 months beginning with the month in which
such enrollee became eligible for Medicare Part B
benefits and enrollment in Medicare Part B began
more than 1 year after that date.

“(k) With respect to the monthly premium
amount under this section, as adjusted under
subsection (j), the following provisions shall
apply:

“(1) The amount under paragraph (1) for a
month shall be reduced by 15 percent.

“(2) Any adjustment under this subsection
shall be subject to the limitation under sub-
section (b)(2).”

(b) REGULATIONS.—The Office of Personnel
Management shall prescribe regulations to carry
out the amendment made by this section.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments
made by this section shall take effect on the
date of enactment of this Act and shall apply to
contracts entered into under section 8002 of title 5, United States Code, that take ef-
ficacy after such contracts are entered into, if
such contracts are entered into after the date that
begin more than 1 year after that date.

SA 1258. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amend-
ment intended to be proposed to amendment
SA 1247 proposed by Mr. DODD to the bill
H.R. 1256, to provide the public health by
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with certain authority to regulate tobacco
products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift
Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees’ Retirement System, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, in-
sert the following:

SEC. __. INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
USERS OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
UNDER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES’
HEALTH BENEFITS PLANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8006 of title 5,
United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “of
this subsection and subsection (j)’’ after
“and (4)”;

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “sub-
section (j)” and inserting “subsections (b) and
(j)”;

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Management shall prescribe regulations to
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the bill H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by
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