

Mr. President, today I am submitting a resolution on the future of health care spending. It is both simple and straightforward. It states that health care reform shouldn't cost the Federal Government more money. As health care proposals have received their scores from the Congressional Budget Office, we have seen figures ranging from \$597 billion to over \$1 trillion. In fact, when asked point blank in a Senate Budget Committee hearing if the current reform proposals would help bend the cost-curve of health care spending in this country, CBO Director Elmendorf replied that it would worsen an already bleak budget outlook, increase deficit projections and drive the nation further into debt. It would raise, instead of lower, the cost-curve of health care spending and, simply iterated, this nation cannot afford it.

Already this year Congress has spent \$787 billion on a stimulus package with diminutive effects, passed an omnibus appropriations package and an emergency supplemental appropriations with a price tag of \$105.9 billion. We cannot continue to spend as if there is an endless supply of resources and as if this spending doesn't affect American families.

I am an advocate for health reform. I have cosponsored the Healthy Americans Act with Senator WYDEN because we need to reform our country's health care system. However, I believe we need to do it in a way that does not significantly increase the federal responsibility for health care costs.

This resolution expresses the Sense of the Senate that health care reform proposals should reduce total spending on health care in the United States during the next decade to levels below current projections by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and reduce the growth rate of Federal health care spending. Not only is this feasible, but it should be our goal. Health care reform at the expense of our economy is not reform we should support.

SENATE RESOLUTION 232—CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TILLAMOOK COUNTY CREAMERY ASSOCIATION

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 232

Whereas the Tillamook County Creamery Association is celebrating its 100th anniversary as a world-famous, farmer-owned cooperative dedicated to producing the highest quality cheeses and other products from local dairies;

Whereas the members of the Tillamook County Creamery Association are great supporters of the local and State dairy industries and are committed stewards of the environment;

Whereas the Tillamook County Creamery Association has won hundreds of awards, including 6 awards at the 2009 Oregon Dairy Industries products contest and 6 awards at the 2008 National Milk Producers Federation annual cheese contest;

Whereas for the third year in a row, the Tillamook County Creamery Association was recognized by the Portland Business Journal as one of Oregon's "Most Admired Companies";

Whereas the Tillamook County Creamery Association has earned a reputation as one of the Nation's premier makers of cheese; and

Whereas for these reasons, the Tillamook County Creamery Association, known throughout the world for its Tillamook cheddar cheese, is an Oregon icon: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the 100th anniversary celebration of the Tillamook County Creamery Association.

SENATE RESOLUTION 233—COMMENDING RUSS MEYER ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL AVIATION HALL OF FAME

Mr. BROWNBACK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 233

Whereas the leadership of Russ Meyer, former chairman and chief executive officer of Cessna Aircraft Company and a leading proponent of general aviation, has had a dramatic impact on the continued growth of the aviation industry in Kansas and throughout the United States;

Whereas Russ Meyer was one of the principal architects of the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-298; 108 Stat. 1552);

Whereas Russ Meyer was instrumental in the development of the "Be A Pilot Program", which has resulted in tens of thousands of new pilots and contributed more than \$200,000,000 to the United States economy through general aviation operations;

Whereas Russ Meyer was the originator of the Citation Special Olympics Airlift, in which hundreds of owners of Citation aircrafts transport athletes from around the country to the Special Olympics National Games; and

Whereas Russ Meyer will join fellow residents of Kansas Olive Beech and Walter Beech, Lloyd Stearman, Clyde Cessna, Amelia Earhart, and Joe Engle in the National Aviation Hall of Fame: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends Russ Meyer for being inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame;

(2) recognizes the achievements of Russ Meyer during his lifetime of service to the aviation industry; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to Russ Meyer.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1908. Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

SA 1909. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1910. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment

SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1911. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1912. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1913. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1914. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1915. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1916. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1917. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1918. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1919. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1920. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1921. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1922. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1923. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1924. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1908 submitted by Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2997, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1908. Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBAC) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2997, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture, \$5,285,000: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$11,000 of this amount shall be available for official reception and representation expenses, not otherwise provided for, as determined by the Secretary.

OFFICE OF TRIBAL RELATIONS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Tribal Relations, \$1,000,000, to support communication and consultation activities with Federally Recognized Tribes, as well as other requirements established by law.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIST

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Economist, \$13,032,000.

NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

For necessary expenses of the National Appeals Division, \$15,219,000.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Budget and Program Analysis, \$9,436,000.

OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

For necessary expenses of the Office of Homeland Security, \$1,859,000.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Information Officer, \$63,579,000.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, \$6,566,000: *Provided*, That no funds made available by this appropriation may be obligated for FAIR Act or Circular A-76 activities until the Secretary has submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report on the Department's contracting out policies, including agency budgets for contracting out.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, \$895,000.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Civil Rights, \$23,422,000.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, \$806,000.

AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL PAYMENTS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For payment of space rental and related costs pursuant to Public Law 92-313, includ-

ing authorities pursuant to the 1984 delegation of authority from the Administrator of General Services to the Department of Agriculture under 40 U.S.C. 486, for programs and activities of the Department which are included in this Act, and for alterations and other actions needed for the Department and its agencies to consolidate unneeded space into configurations suitable for release to the Administrator of General Services, and for the operation, maintenance, improvement, and repair of Agriculture buildings and facilities, and for related costs, \$274,482,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$168,901,000 shall be available for payments to the General Services Administration for rent; of which \$13,500,000 for payment to the Department of Homeland Security for building security activities; and of which \$92,081,000 for buildings operations and maintenance expenses: *Provided*, That the Secretary is authorized to transfer funds from a Departmental agency to this account to recover the full cost of the space and security expenses of that agency that are funded by this account when the actual costs exceed the agency estimate which will be available for the activities and payments described herein.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Department of Agriculture, to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), \$5,125,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That appropriations and funds available herein to the Department for Hazardous Materials Management may be transferred to any agency of the Department for its use in meeting all requirements pursuant to the above Acts on Federal and non-Federal lands.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For Departmental Administration, \$41,319,000, to provide for necessary expenses for management support services to offices of the Department and for general administration, security, repairs and alterations, and other miscellaneous supplies and expenses not otherwise provided for and necessary for the practical and efficient work of the Department: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be reimbursed from applicable appropriations in this Act for travel expenses incident to the holding of hearings as required by 5 U.S.C. 551-558: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated, \$13,000,000 is for stabilization and developmental activities to be carried out under the authority provided by title XIV of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) and other applicable laws.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to carry out the programs funded by this Act, including programs involving inter-governmental affairs and liaison within the executive branch, \$3,968,000: *Provided*, That these funds may be transferred to agencies of the Department of Agriculture funded by this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level: *Provided further*, That no funds made available by this appropriation may be obligated after 30 days from the date of enactment of this Act, unless the Secretary has notified the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the allocation of these funds by USDA agency: *Provided fur-*

ther, That no other funds appropriated to the Department by this Act shall be available to the Department for support of activities of congressional relations.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

For necessary expenses of the Office of Communications, \$9,722,000.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General, including employment pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, \$88,025,000, including such sums as may be necessary for contracting and other arrangements with public agencies and private persons pursuant to section 6(a)(9) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, and including not to exceed \$125,000 for certain confidential operational expenses, including the payment of informants, to be expended under the direction of the Inspector General pursuant to Public Law 95-452 and section 1337 of Public Law 97-98.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

For necessary expenses of the Office of the General Counsel, \$43,551,000.

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics, \$895,000.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

For necessary expenses of the Economic Research Service, \$82,078,000.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

For necessary expenses of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, \$161,830,000, of which up to \$37,908,000 shall be available until expended for the Census of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses of the Agricultural Research Service and for acquisition of lands by donation, exchange, or purchase at a nominal cost not to exceed \$100, and for land exchanges where the lands exchanged shall be of equal value or shall be equalized by a payment of money to the grantor which shall not exceed 25 percent of the total value of the land or interests transferred out of Federal ownership, \$1,181,632,000, of which \$35,512,000 shall be for the purposes, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled "Congressionally Designated Projects" in the report to accompany this Act: *Provided*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available for the operation and maintenance of aircraft and the purchase of not to exceed one for replacement only: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2250 for the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and improvements, but unless otherwise provided, the cost of constructing any one building shall not exceed \$375,000, except for headhouses or greenhouses which shall each be limited to \$1,200,000, and except for 10 buildings to be constructed or improved at a cost not to exceed \$750,000 each, and the cost of altering any one building during the fiscal year shall not exceed 10 percent of the current replacement value of the building or \$375,000, whichever is greater: *Provided further*, That the limitations on alterations contained in this Act shall not apply to modernization or replacement of existing facilities at Beltsville, Maryland: *Provided further*, That appropriations hereunder shall be available for granting easements at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center: *Provided further*, That the foregoing limitations shall not apply to replacement of buildings needed to carry out the Act of April 24, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 113a): *Provided further*, That funds may be received from any State, other political subdivision, organization, or individual