

abroad, especially in the manufacturing sector. I have received many letters from Iowans who have been able to take advantage of TAA. One person who was laid off from her factory job went back to school to become a licensed practical nurse, and she hoped to go on to become a registered nurse. Another Iowan wrote of how important the health care tax credit has been to her and her husband, who was one of 300 people laid off from his company. Another Iowan wrote about how her job was being shipped to China; she was thinking of using TAA services to go back to college.

A related program, the TAA Community College and Career Training Grants Program will be extremely beneficial to workers through the community college system in Iowa and other states. I am thankful that this program will soon move ahead, and I understand that grant recipients will be announced next week.

This grant program will provide to community colleges in every State funds they desperately need to build capacity and meet training demands for 21st century jobs. The funds will total \$500 million a year for 4 years, a huge and necessary injection of funds into the community college system. The grants will enable local leaders from the education, workforce, economic development, and business communities to work together to develop and expand programs as they help workers succeed in acquiring the skills, degrees, and credentials needed for high-wage, high-skill employment while also meeting the needs of employers for skilled workers. Community colleges and their partners can use the funds to develop innovative programs or replicate evidence-based strategies.

The advanced manufacturing and health care sectors are among the largest and fastest-growing sectors in the Iowa economy, and recent projections indicate that employers in these sectors will continue to need workers with advanced skills to fill vacancies. TAA training grants support the training of these workers. Iowa Central Community College, for example, has developed an entrepreneurship and business development program to respond to regional needs. Iowa Lakes Community College has started a wind turbine program—one of the first of its kind in the country—that prepares workers for “green-collar” jobs and ensures that graduates have the skills that area employers need.

I am very hopeful that we will reauthorize TAA this week. When we pass this legislation, we will ensure that a wider range of workers can continue to access TAA benefits and services, and that resources are available so that workers are prepared for high-skill jobs with family-sustaining wages. We owe American workers nothing less.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. UDALL of Colorado). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following morning business, tomorrow, September 22, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2832; that the only remaining amendments in order to the Casey-Brown-Baucus amendment and the bill be the following: Rubio amendment No. 651, Thune amendment No. 650, and Cornyn amendment No. 634; that there be up to 5 hours of debate on the Rubio, Thune, and Cornyn amendments equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, with Senator CORNYN controlling 1 hour of the Republican time and with Senators RUBIO and THUNE each controlling 30 minutes of the Republican time; that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with Senator MCCONNELL, the Senate proceed to votes in relation to the Rubio, Thune, Cornyn, and Casey amendments, in that order; that there be no amendments, points of order, or motions in order to the amendments prior to the votes other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive; that each amendment be subject to a 60-affirmative vote threshold; and that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to each vote; that upon the disposition of the amendments, the bill, as amended, if amended, be read a third time; that there be up to 10 minutes of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees prior to a vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; that the bill be subject to a 60-affirmative-vote threshold; finally, there be no points of order or motions in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage of the bill other than budget points of order and the applicable motions to waive.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate go into a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

REMEMBERING KARA KENNEDY AND ELEANOR MONDALE POLING

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, by sad coincidence, America lost two women this past weekend women we had watched grow from little girls into accomplished women. Kara Kennedy and Eleanor Mondale Poling were both members of this Senate family.

Kara was the daughter of Senator Edward Kennedy and his wife Joan. Elea-

nor was the daughter of former Senator and former Vice President Walter Mondale and his wife Joan. Both women fought brave, against-the-odds battles against cancer in recent years.

Ted and Joan Kennedy named their first-born Kara, a name that means “dear little one” in the old Irish language—and that is what she always was to her parents. Like the rest of her famous family, Kara was committed to helping those less fortunate than herself. After graduating from Tufts University, she worked as a filmmaker and was active in a number of causes.

In 2002, she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Her doctors gave her 1 year to live. But Kara and her family refused to give up. She underwent surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Her father accompanied her to her chemotherapy treatments.

It seemed that Kara had beaten cancer. But Friday night, she collapsed after her usual workout at the gym. Her brother, former Congressman Patrick Kennedy, said that cancer surgery and years of grueling chemotherapy and radiation treatment had taken a devastating toll on his sister’s strength and her heart simply gave out.

In addition to her mother Joan and stepmother Vickie, Kara leaves behind three brothers and a sister, a multitude of cousins and nieces and nephews, and her two beloved children, Max, 14, and Grace, who turned 17 yesterday.

Eleanor Mondale Poling was just 4 years old when her father was appointed to fill the Senate seat vacated by Hubert Humphrey, who had just become Vice President of the United States. Like Kara Kennedy, she grew up in this Senate and in the public eye. She was 17 when her father became Vice President of the United States.

As a young woman, Eleanor Mondale made her own career in broadcasting, beginning with a job as a radio D.J. in Chicago. She would go on to work for a number of TV organizations. In 2005, Eleanor Mondale married Chan Poling. The couple lived on a farm in Prior Lake, MN, surrounded by animals, which Eleanor loved.

That same year, 2005, Eleanor was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer. The next 6 years would bring multiple surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation, and at least twice apparent remissions. But the cancer came back in 2009. Eleanor Mondale Poling died at home on her farm early Saturday.

In addition to her parents, Eleanor leaves her two brothers, Ted Mondale, a former Minnesota State senator, and William Mondale, the former assistant attorney general of Minnesota.

REMEMBERING HARRY “BUS” YOURELL

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and a great Illinois public servant—Harry “Bus” Yourell, who passed away September 19, 2011, at the age of 92. Bus