

“(iv) 1-butyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-073);

“(v) 1-hexyl-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-019);

“(vi) 1-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-200);

“(vii) 1-pentyl-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole (JWH-250);

“(viii) 1-pentyl-3-[1-(4-methoxynaphthoyl)]indole (JWH-081);

“(ix) 1-pentyl-3-(4-methyl-1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-122);

“(x) 1-pentyl-3-(4-chloro-1-naphthoyl)indole (JWH-398);

“(xi) 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(1-naphthoyl)indole (AM2201);

“(xii) 1-(5-fluoropentyl)-3-(2-iodobenzoyl)indole (AM694);

“(xiii) 1-pentyl-3-[(4-methoxy)-benzoyl]indole (SR-19 and RCS-4);

“(xiv) 1-cyclohexylethyl-3-(2-methoxyphenylacetyl)indole (SR-18 and RCS-8); and

“(xv) 1-pentyl-3-(2-chlorophenylacetyl)indole (JWH-203).”

(b) OTHER DRUGS.—Schedule I of section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812(c)) is amended in subsection (c) by adding at the end the following:

“(18) 4-methylmethcathinone (Mephedrone).

“(19) 3,4-methylenedioxypropylvalerone (MDPV).

“(20) 2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-ethylphenyl)ethanamine (2C-E).

“(21) 2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)ethanamine (2C-D).

“(22) 2-(4-Chloro-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanamine (2C-C).

“(23) 2-(4-Iodo-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethanamine (2C-I).

“(24) 2-[4-(Ethylthio)-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl]ethanamine (2C-T-2).

“(25) 2-[4-(Isopropylthio)-2,5-dimethoxyphenyl]ethanamine (2C-T-4).

“(26) 2-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)ethanamine (2C-H).

“(27) 2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-nitrophenyl)ethanamine (2C-N).

“(28) 2-(2,5-Dimethoxy-4-(n-propylphenyl)ethanamine (2C-P).”

SEC. 1153. TEMPORARY SCHEDULING TO AVOID IMMINENT HAZARDS TO PUBLIC SAFETY EXPANSION.

Section 201(h)(2) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 811(h)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking “one year” and inserting “2 years”; and

(2) by striking “six months” and inserting “1 year”.

SEC. 1154. PROHIBITION ON IMPOSING MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES.

Section 401(b)(1)(C) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841(b)(1)(C)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “Any mandatory minimum term of imprisonment required to be imposed under this subparagraph shall not apply with respect to any controlled substance added to schedule I by the Synthetic Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 2012.”

Mr. REID. Madam President, I move to reconsider the vote and move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I know people are very anxious to move on. I am, too, but I have to say just a word. I have said in my own caucus how much I appreciate the cooperation of Senator ENZI. He is a fine Senator. He and Senator HARKIN have worked so well together. It is exemplary for what

the rest of us should do. I appreciate very much the work they have done. I repeat, it is how we should get other work done.

This is an important piece of legislation, and we made it look simple; it was not. But because of these two fine Senators, we were able to get this done in a very short period of time and get good things done for the American people.

Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, today, with passage of the FDA Safety and Innovation Act and the reauthorization of the FDA user fee agreements, we have helped both the FDA and the biomedical industry ensure that they can get needed medical products to patients quickly and safely.

This legislation will ensure that the FDA can swiftly approve drugs and medical devices, save biomedical industry jobs, protect patient access to new therapies, and preserve America's global leadership in biomedical innovation. It will keep patients safer by modernizing FDA's inspection process for foreign manufacturing facilities, while also improving access to new and innovative medicines and devices. It will reduce drug costs for consumers by speeding the approval of lower cost generic drugs and help prevent and address drug shortages. Finally, by improving the way FDA does business, increasing accountability and transparency, U.S. companies will be better able to innovate and compete in the global marketplace.

By passing the FDA Safety and Innovation Act, we have taken an important step to improve American families' access to lifesaving drugs and medical devices.

As I have said throughout this debate, the bipartisan process that produced this excellent bill has been quite remarkable. I have worked closely with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, as well as industry stakeholders, patient groups, and consumer groups to solicit ideas and improvements on the critical provisions in this bill. We have a better product thanks to everyone's input.

I extend a special thank-you to my colleague, Ranking Member ENZI. I have been working with Senator ENZI for over a year on this bill. It has been a wonderful and cooperative partnership and a trusting friendship. I can honestly say we would not have gotten this done without his excellent leadership and wise counsel. I thank him for that.

I also thank all of the HELP Committee members, as well as members off the committee, who were thoroughly engaged with this process from the beginning as part of the bipartisan working groups we established. Each of them has contributed significantly to this legislation, and I am sincerely grateful for all their contributions.

Madam President, I will submit for the RECORD a list of all staff members who were part of our bipartisan working groups throughout the past year.

We all know we could not have achieved this without the tireless and diligent work of our loyal staffs. I extend my deep appreciation for their hard work and extraordinary efforts.

I ask unanimous consent that the list of staff members be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

HELP BIPARTISAN WORKING GROUPS

DRUG SHORTAGES

Rachel Pryor—Blumenthal;
Jessica McNiece, Christine Evans—Mikulski;
Deirdre Fruh—Casey;
Andrew Hu—Klobuchar;
Hannah Katch, Whitney Brown—Franken;
Jennifer DeAngelis—Whitehouse;
Sophie Kasimow—Sanders;
Rohini Kosoglu, Sally Mayes—Bennett;
Susan Lexer—Merkley;
Joshua Teitelbaum—Hagan;
Sandra Wilkniss—Bingaman;
Jennifer Boyer—Roberts;
Hayden Rhudy—Hatch;
MarySumpter Lipinski—Alexander;
Christopher Bowlin—McCain;
Anna Abram, Margaret Coulter—Burr;
Anne Oswald—Corker;
Amanda Makki—Murkowski.

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Rachel Pryor—Blumenthal;
Hannah Katch, Whitney Brown—Franken;
Sophie Kasimow—Sanders;
Susan Lexer—Merkley;
Rohini Kosoglu—Bennett;
Joshua Teitelbaum—Hagan;
Sandra Wilkniss—Bingaman;
Matt Prowler, Deirdre Fruh—Casey;
Christine Evans, Jessica McNiece—Mikulski;

Margaret Coulter/Anna Abram—Burr;
Amanda Makki—Murkowski;
Ashley Carson Cottingham—Sanders;
Michael Behan—Sanders;
Tyler Thompson, Francie Pastor—Isakson;
MarySumpter Lapinski—Alexander;
Jennifer Boyer—Roberts;
Shauna McCarthy—Kirk;
Hayden Rhudy—Hatch.

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Paula Berg—Murray;
Kate Mevis—Reed;
Rohini Kosoglu, Sally Mayes—Bennett;
Jessica McNiece, Christine Evans—Mikulski;
Deirdre Fruh, Matt Prowler—Casey;
Hannah Katch, Whitney Brown—Franken;
Sophie Kasimow—Sanders;
Anna Abram, Margaret Coulter—Burr;
MarySumpter Lapinski, Nicolas Magallanes—Alexander;
Jennifer Boyer—Roberts;
Tyler Thompson—Isakson;
Amanda Makki—Murkowski;
Hayden Rhudy, Paul Williams—Hatch.

DRUG SUPPLY CHAIN

Rohini Kosoglu—Bennett;
Jennifer DeAngelis, Justin Florence—Whitehouse;
Anna Abram—Burr;
Erika Smith—Grassley.

Mr. HARKIN. On that note, I specifically thank the staff of Ranking Member ENZI's office. I thank Frank Macchiarola, Chuck Clapton, Keith Flanagan, Melissa Pfaff, Grace Stuntz, Katy Spangler, and Riley Swinehart. I

know they have developed a close working relationship with my staff throughout the year, and I am sincerely grateful for their dedicated efforts.

I thank my own staff on the HELP Committee, who have spent many a night, long days, and weekends with Senator ENZI's staff and other Members' offices working to come to consensus on the critical policy issues in this legislation.

I thank our staff director, Dan Smith; his assistant, Pam Smith, who, by the way, will be very shortly taking over as our new staff director. Dan Smith is leaving our staff and going into the private sector. Pam Smith will be taking over as our new staff director. I also thank Jenelle Krishnamoorthy, who heads our health division, for all of the tireless work she has put in. I can't thank her enough for all her hard work. I also thank Elizabeth Jungman, Bill McConagha, Kathleen Laird, Kathleen Wise, Dan Goldberg, Justine Sessions, Kate Frischmann, Elizabeth Donovan, Lory Yudin, Frank Zhang, and Evan Griffis. Each of them has done a remarkable job. I thank them from the bottom of my heart for getting this legislation through.

We would be remiss if we didn't also thank the Congressional Budget Office for their knowledgeable and capable team that was willing to work around the clock to estimate the budgetary effects of this legislation.

Finally, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the staff members in the Legislative Counsel's Office. They too worked long hours, nights and weekends, to assist my staff in drafting this critical legislation and working out technical issues.

This bill's passage is a victory for the millions of Americans who need medicines or medical devices—a victory that would not have been possible without the dedicated work of our Senate family. I thank all of you for your extraordinary public service.

STOP THE STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATE HIKE ACT OF 2012

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to S. 2343, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2343) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 10 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

The Republican leader.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, we are in a rather ridiculous staring contest, waiting for our Democratic friends to offer a proposal that can actually pass when we already have one right in front of us. We have wasted ac-

tually 2 weeks on this student loan issue for no good reason. Neither I nor the ranking member has heard a word from the Democrats on how they propose to resolve the issue and actually prevent the interest rate from rising.

As we learned earlier this week, the President doesn't seem to even talk to his committee chairmen anymore. All of this suggests that the White House doesn't want to solve the problem; that it would rather allow these rates to double in a few weeks so he can run around all summer pointing the finger at those Republicans in the Senate.

I would still like to believe that is not the case. We had a chance to talk to the President about this and other issues last week down at the White House. I am convinced he would like to get a solution. Yet the fact is, all he would have to do is simply pick up the phone and tell the Democratic leadership that we would like to get this done, and I am pretty confident we could work it out. Unfortunately, we cannot just wait around hoping the President is going to pick up the phone. College students cannot wait either. They want us to resolve the issue now, and I know we can.

To move the ball forward, I would say to my colleague, the majority leader, if he agrees with me—Senator HARKIN and Senator ENZI just did a good job with coming up with a bipartisan solution to the FDA bill. I am confident they could do the same thing on the student loan issue. They are the chairman and the ranking member of the committee that oversees student loan legislation. I have a lot of confidence in their ability to do it.

I am going to proffer a consent agreement that I think would allow us to go forward. My colleague from Tennessee will take the balance of our time after I have concluded.

I ask unanimous consent that following the conclusion of the two scheduled votes on the student loan bill, which we are about to have, the next order of business be a Harkin-Enzi bill dealing with the issue of the current student loan rate; provided further that no motion to proceed to other items be in order unless agreed to by both leaders.

The purpose of this consent agreement I have just proffered is to allow Senator HARKIN and Senator ENZI to negotiate on this important issue, the increase in the student loan rates, and to keep the Senate focused on how to resolve this issue in a timely way before the rate goes up. The bill they would negotiate would be the next order of business, but it would also provide that both leaders could agree to allow the Senate to work on other measures if necessary as those student loan discussions continue.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. I am going to use the leader time, not the 5 minutes we were allocated.

Madam President, we have all heard of reverse engineering. What we just

heard is reverse reasoning. This is one of the most interesting things I have heard—that makes no sense. We have been trying to get on this bill for weeks. The Republicans have refused to allow us to get on the bill.

The student loan issue is important. We should have already completed this—had we been allowed to get on the bill—but we were not allowed to get on the bill. We were faced with one of our many filibusters—scores of them. Not one, two, three or four, scores of them. This is another example of them stopping us from legislating on a bill. Now to come here and say we could have been doing something—my friend knows the rules of this Senate as well as I do. He knows his suggestion is absurd.

I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

AMENDMENT NO. 2153

Mr. McCONNELL. On behalf of Senator ALEXANDER I call up amendment No. 2153.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCONNELL], for Mr. ALEXANDER, for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. RUBIO, and Ms. AYOTTE, proposes an amendment numbered 2153.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Interest Rate Reduction Act".

SEC. 2. INTEREST RATE EXTENSION.

Subparagraph (D) of section 455(b)(7) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)(7)(D)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "2012" and inserting "2013"; and

(2) in clause (v), by striking "2012" and inserting "2013".

SEC. 3. REPEALING PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4002 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–11) is repealed.

(b) RESCISSION OF UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—Of the funds made available by such section 4002, the unobligated balance is rescinded.

SEC. 4. COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO ACT OF 2010.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam President, on July 1, 7 million students getting new loans to go to college, the rate for interest will go from 3.4 to 6.8. This is an amendment to get a result. This is the House-passed bill. President Obama