

crucial that we find ways to provide care for Americans who lack health insurance.

The Health Community Access Program, or H-CAP, would build on the successful Community Access Program, CAP, demonstration program that congress funded last year. CAP has successfully provided grants to communities to encourage integration among safety net providers of care to the uninsured. More than 135 communities have taken advantage of CAP to improve health care for Americans who lack health insurance.

H-CAP allows communities themselves to design solutions for their unique safety-net needs, thus ensuring that the billions of dollars that Congress has already invested in different safety net providers, community health centers, family planning clinics, Ryan White AIDS providers, are spent as effectively as possible. By promoting the integration of health care services, H-CAP allow for more preventive care, and good disease management practices that improve overall health in the long-run and may reduce the incidence of serious and expensive health problems among H-CAP recipients later. And because grant recipients must demonstrate that their project will be sustainable without Federal funding, many communities have successfully found support through public and private matching donations, in-kind contributions, thus ensuring a relatively small Federal investment.

I have worked hard this year with several of my colleagues to permanently authorize CAP so that it will receive regular funding and support from the Federal Government. I also offered an amendment during committee markup to ensure that this program would be authorized at an adequate level.

Unfortunately, funding for H-CAP was left out of this bill. I am pleased that the House did include H-CAP in their bill, which they funded at \$105 million, with an additional \$15 million for State planning grants. It is my hope that the Senate will include H-CAP in the managers' package, or that this will be resolved during conference in the House's favor. I strongly urge my colleagues to make this program a priority this year.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, before we go to the vote, I ask to be recognized.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I thank my distinguished colleague, the chairman of the subcommittee, for his extraordinary vote on this bill. I note for the record the speed with which we passed this bill and the concessions which were made by quite a few Senators to take complicated matters off this bill. We put aside the stem cell

issue which I very much wanted to have resolved. We did so in the interest of concluding this bill. We have already started the conferencing issues with both staffs meeting early tomorrow afternoon and Members meeting a little later tomorrow afternoon.

From our experience in the past, we have seen how difficult it is to conference this bill, so we are moving right ahead, and it would be my hope, with the example we have set with this complicated appropriations bill—on time, with people withdrawing matters to try to expedite the process—that we would move ahead and complete our work by November 16, which is when we should finish, and we can go home and take care of business in our States.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I yield to my friend from Iowa.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I thank the Senator for yielding. I want to respond in kind to my good friend and ranking member, Senator SPECTER, and thank him and thank all of his staff for a very great working relationship that we have had over many years, especially this year.

We have completed our bill in pretty good time. Now we have to go to conference. I am convinced we can have a decent conference and get this bill back, as Senator SPECTER said, so we will have it done before we go home for Thanksgiving. So I again thank Senator SPECTER and his staff for a great working relationship. I especially thank all of the staff: Bettilou Taylor, Mary Dietrich, Sudip Parick, and Emma Ashburn. I also thank Ellen Murray, Jim Sourwine, Erik Fatemi, Mark Laisch, Adam Gluck, Adrienne Hallett, Lisa Bernhardt, and Carol Geagley. A lot of them put in a lot of hours early this year putting this bill together.

We have a great bill. It meets the needs of Americans and labor, health and human services, education, and biomedical research. We have met our obligations. This is the bill that helps lift up all Americans, helps address the needs of our human infrastructure in this country, and I believe we have met that obligation to the people of this country in this bill.

I thank the Senator for yielding me this time.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that upon disposition of the Labor-HHS bill, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 512, that we vote immediately, and that upon disposition of

the nomination, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2944

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the second vote in this series; that is, the judicial nomination, the Senate Appropriations Committee be discharged from consideration of H.R. 2944, the D.C. appropriations bill; that the Senate then proceed to its consideration; that immediately after the bill is reported, the majority manager or her designee be recognized to offer the Senate committee-reported bill as a substitute amendment; that the amendment be considered agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that the bill as amended be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, with no points of order being waived by this agreement.

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

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002—Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, for Members, we are going to have two rollcall votes now, followed by taking up the next to the last appropriations bill of this year, the D.C. appropriations bill. Have the yeas and nays been ordered?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The question is on the engrossment of the amendments and third reading of the bill.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 89, nays 10, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 324 Leg.]

YEAS—89

Akaka	Bond	Cantwell
Allen	Boxer	Carnahan
Baucus	Breaux	Carper
Bayh	Brownback	Chafee
Bennett	Burns	Cleland
Biden	Byrd	Clinton
Bingaman	Campbell	Cochran