CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

April 5, 2001

The Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], for Mr. Reid of Nevada and Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. LEVIN, proposes an amendment numbered 256.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the amendment.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To establish a reserve fund for the Family Opportunity Act)
At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . . RESERVE FUND FOR FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT.

If the Committee on Finance of the Senate reports a bill or joint resolution, or if an amendment is offered, or a conference report is submitted which provides States with the opportunity to expand medical coverage for children with special needs, allowing families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program for such children (commonly referred to as the Family Opportunity Act of 2001 ’), the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate may revise committee allocations for the Committee on Finance and other appropriate budgetary aggregates and allocations of new budget authority (and the outlays resulting therefrom) in this resolution by the amount provided by that measure for that purpose, but not to exceed $200,000,000 in new budget authority and outlays for fiscal year 2002 and $7,900,000,000 in new budget authority and outlays for the period of fiscal years 2002 through 2011, subject to the condition that such legislation will not, when taken together with all other previously-enacted legislation, reduce the budget surplus below the level of the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund surplus in any fiscal year covered by this resolution.

Mr. DOMENICI. It is acceptable on our side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. CONRAD. No objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment (No. 256) was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that now be a period for morning business, with Senators permitted to speak up to 10 minutes each.

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

INTERNATIONAL ROMA DAY

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, in my capacity as chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I take this opportunity to let my colleagues know that on Sunday, April 8, Roma from around the world will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of World Romani Congress. In countries across Europe as well as in North America, Roma will gather together to demonstrate solidarity with each other and to draw attention to the human rights violations they continue to face. Roma are a dispersed minority, present in virtually every country in the world.