entirely in keeping with the spirit and intent of Medicaid and I hope my colleagues will recognize the value of these demonstration projects.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am pleased to join with my colleague from Maine, Senator Snowe, and my colleagues from Vermont, Senators Jef
ford, and Leahy, in introducing legis-
lation to ensure that States like Maine and Vermont, which have taken the initiative in developing innovative pro-
grams to make prescription drugs more affordable for their citizens, can pro-
cceed with these efforts.

The last 20 years have witnessed dra-
matic pharmaceutical breakthroughs that have helped reduce deaths and dis-
esia from heart disease, cancer, dia-
abetes, and many other diseases. As a consequence, millions of people around the world are living longer and more productive lives. These new medical miracles, however, often come with hefty price tags, and many people—particularly lower Americans without prescription drug coverage—are simply priced out of the market.

As so often happens, the States have been the laboratories for reform in this area and have come up with some cre-
ative ways to address this problem. In January of this year, the Department of Health and Human Services granted Maine a waiver under the Medicaid program through which States can offer drug discounts of up to 25 percent for individuals with incomes up to three times the Federal poverty level. Our new Healthy Maine Prescriptions Program includes both this new dis-
count prescription drug benefit and a separate benefit, financed entirely with State funds, that offers discounts of up to 80 percent for low-income elderly and the disabled. Maine began pro-
viding benefits under the Healthy Maine Prescription Program on June 1st of this year, and by June 26th the Department of Human Services had enrolled 50,460 individuals into the pro-
gram. Ultimately, it is estimated that 225,000 Mainers qualify for the pro-
gram.

Unfortunately, however, this impor-
tant new program has run into a stub-
bling block. Last month, in a case brought by the Pharmaceutical Re-
search and Manufacturers of America
(PHRA), a three-judge appeals panel ruled that a similar program developed by Vermont “lacked the authority to offer the same prescription rebates op-
ered under federal Medicaid insur-
ance” because Congress “imposed re-
bate requirements to reduce the cost of Medicaid.” The pharmaceutical trade group has subsequently sued the De-
partment of Health and Human Serv-
ices to block the Maine waiver, and the State of Maine has become a party to that case.

The Maine program is different enough from Vermont’s to provide a different result in court. However, we
believe that innovative programs like these, which meet such a clear human need, should be able to proceed without endless legal battles. That is why we are introducing legisla-
tion today to give the Department of Health and Human Services clear au-
thority to grant States these kinds of waivers, which will allow them to pursue innovative uses of Medicaid, such as the Health Maine Prescription pro-
gram. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson made cre-
ative use of these kinds of Medicaid waivers when he was Governor of Wis-
consin. We believe that he should be able to continue to do so in his new role as Secretary without the chilling effect brought by lawsuits like PHRA’s.

The legislation we are introducing today will allow States like Maine to proceed with the innovative programs they have developed to meet the pre-
scription drug needs of their citizens, and I urge all of my colleagues to join us in cosponsoring the legislation.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, today I am submitting a Senate resolu-
tion declaring April 3, 2002, as a Na-
tional Day of Hope dedicated to re-
membering the victims of child abuse and neglect and recognizing Childhelp USA for initiating such a day. I am pleased to be joined in this effort by my friend Senator Harkin, and 18 of our colleagues who are interested in enhancing public awareness of child abuse and neglect.

For far too long, our Nation has been almost silent about the needs of some of its most vulnerable families and children—those caught in the vicious cycle of child abuse. I believe we must bring all elements of society together to address this problem—the faith com-

munity, non-profit organizations and

SENIOR RESOLUTION 129—ELECT-
ING JERI THOMSON AS SEC-
RETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT) submitted the following resolu-
tion; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved. That Jeri Thomson be, and she is hereby, elected Secretary of the Senate, ef-

SENIOR RESOLUTION 130—NOTI-
FYING THE HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES OF THE ELEC-
TION OF A SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT) submitted the following resolu-
tion; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved. That the House of Representa-
tives be notified of the election of the Hon-
orable Jeri Thomson as Secretary of the Sen-
ate.

SENIOR RESOLUTION 131—NOTI-
FYING THE SENATE OF THE ELEC-
TION OF A SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT) submitted the following resolu-
tion; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved. That the President of the United States be notified of the election of the Hon-
orable Jeri Thomson as Secretary of the Sen-
ate.

SENIOR RESOLUTION 132—RECO-
GNIZING THE SOCIAL PROBLEM OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF IT

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I am submitting a Senate resolu-
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tional Day of Hope dedicated to re-
membering the victims of child abuse and neglect and recognizing Childhelp USA for initiating such a day. I am pleased to be joined in this effort by my friend Senator Harkin, and 18 of our colleagues who are interested in enhancing public awareness of child abuse and neglect.

Whereas more than 3,000,000 American chil-
dren are reported to be neglected victims of child abuse and neglect annually;

Whereas more than 500,000 American American children are unable to live safely with their fam-
ilies and are placed in foster homes and in-
stitutions;

Whereas it is estimated that more than 1,000,000 children, 78 percent under the age of 5 and 42 percent under the age of 1, lose their lives as a direct result of abuse and neglect every year in America;

Whereas this tragic social problem results in human and economic costs due to its rela-
tionship to crime and delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and wel-
fare dependency; and

Whereas Childhelp USA has initiated a “Day of Hope” to be observed on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, to focus public awareness on this so-
cial ill: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(A) all Americans should keep these vic-
timized children in their thoughts and pray-
ers;

(B) all Americans should seek to break this cycle of abuse and neglect and to give these children hope for the future; and

(C) the faith community, nonprofit organi-
izations, and volunteers across America should recommit themselves and mobilize their resources to assist these children; and

(2) the Senate—

(A) supports the goals and ideas of the “Day of Hope”; and

(B) commends Childhelp USA for its efforts on behalf of abused and neglected children everywhere.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President,