

such as Nevada the leaders of the new clean energy economy, with green jobs from coast to coast that can never be outsourced. It is why we will finish the job on health care reform, which both bodies of Congress have already passed—a plan with contents my State and the country overwhelmingly support.

Fixing our broken health care system will save lives, save money, and save Medicaid and Medicare, but it will also save jobs—as many as 34 million over the next decade. The reason each of these steps is important—the Recovery Act, our jobs bill, extension of unemployment and health benefits, promoting tourism, tax cuts and incentives, and health care reform—is because they each add certainty and security to our businesses, our States, and our country. They each represent a strong new brick along the road to recovery that we need to build.

Yet for some reason, those on the other side simply can't bring themselves to admit what we are doing is working. We are nowhere finished with that work, but the people of Nevada and the rest of the American people know that the emergency steps we took and the ones we will take have turned us around and now we are facing in the right direction. We have a long way to go, as the President said, and we will move past this.

So I encourage my Republican friends to remember this critical context before their political reflections lead them to make claims they know to be false. I warn them once again that this country has no place and no patience for those who root for failure.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the Baucus substitute amendment No. 3336 to H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act of 2009.

Harry Reid, Max Baucus, Richard J. Durbin, Roland W. Burris, Kent Conrad, Benjamin L. Cardin, Patrick J. Leahy, John D. Rockefeller, IV, Robert Menendez, Daniel K. Inouye, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Jon Tester, Bill Nelson, Charles E. Schumer, Kay R. Hagan, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tom Harkin.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send another cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

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Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, March 9, after the Senate resumes consideration of H.R. 4213, it proceed to vote in relation to the following amendments, in the order listed, and with no amendments in order to the amendments; and that prior to each vote there be 4 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and after the first vote in this sequence, the succeeding votes be limited to 10 minutes:

Baucus amendment No. 3429 on the subject matter of the Coburn amendment No. 3358; the Coburn amendment No. 3358; the Murray amendment No. 3356, as modified; the Republican leader, or designee, amendment on the same subject matter as the Murray amendment No. 3356; that at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Baucus substitute amendment No. 3336, with the mandatory quorum being waived.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent we move to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

LITHUANIA COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, March 11, 2010, the people of Lithuania celebrate the 20th anniversary of the reestablishment of the State of Lithuania.

Yesterday, the Senate passed a resolution that I, along with Senator CARDIN and Senator WICKER, submitted to commemorate this occasion.

An ancient and noble state, mentioned as far back as 1009, Lithuanians have long revered their independence. On February 16, 1918, the Act of Independence of Lithuania led to the establishment of Lithuania as a sovereign and democratic state.

During World War II, under the German-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Demarcation, Lithuania

was forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union in violation of preexisting peace treaties. During 50 years of Soviet occupation of the Baltic States, the United States Congress consistently refused to legally recognize the incorporation of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania into the Soviet Union.

On March 11, 1990, the Republic of Lithuania was restored, and Lithuania became the first Soviet republic to declare independence. A little over a year later, the U.S. Government formally recognized Lithuania as an independent and sovereign nation. This year the U.S. Government and the Government of Lithuania celebrate 88 years of continuous diplomatic relations.

Lithuania is a strong, free market democracy and a full member of the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Union, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In 2009 Lithuania assumed Presidency of the Community of Democracies.

Lithuania also plays an important part in maintaining international peace and stability in Europe and around the world and participates in international civilian and military operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo and Georgia.

When I traveled to Lithuania again last year, I was proud not only of my heritage, but to see how far Lithuania has come, despite the many difficulties it endured in the last century. My congratulations to President Dalia Grybauskaitė, Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius, and the people of Lithuania on this historic occasion.

NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, in the early 1960s, President John F. Kennedy inspired Americans to serve their country in the cause of peace by living and working in developing countries throughout the world. From that inspiration grew an agency devoted to world peace and friendship. The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our Nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world. In gratitude of the nearly 200,000 volunteers who have made significant contributions to improve the lives of people in over 139 countries during the last 49 years, I would like the Senate to recognize the Peace Corps and its celebration of National Peace Corps Week.

National Peace Corps Week is being held from March 1 through March 7, 2010. During this time, celebratory and educational events will occur across the country to pay tribute to the Peace Corps' positive influence on communities here at home and abroad. Thousands of current and former Peace Corps volunteers will participate in activities that advance the Peace Corps'

goals of improving Americans' understanding of other peoples and improving other peoples' understanding of Americans in countries where the Peace Corps serves. The momentous work of Peace Corps volunteers toward these goals represents a legacy of service that has become a significant part of America's history and positive image abroad.

Throughout its history, the Peace Corps has adapted and responded to the issues of the times. In a constantly changing world, Peace Corps volunteers have met new and difficult challenges with creativity, determination, innovation and compassion in places such as Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Europe, the Pacific Islands and the Middle East. Volunteers have made momentous and enduring contributions in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, the environment, health and HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. Peace Corps volunteers are able to make these tremendous contributions through learning more than 250 languages and dialects and receiving extensive cross-cultural training that enables them to function effectively at a professional level in different cultural settings.

It should be noted that in the area of HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, Peace Corps volunteers provide hope and meaningful assistance to those affected by this terrible disease. The tireless efforts and dedication of volunteers have made the Peace Corps a key partner in the global response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Peace Corps volunteers are uniquely suited to work in HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention because they are trained in the local language, live and work in the communities where they serve, and know how to share information in a culturally appropriate way.

The Peace Corps and its volunteers continue the tradition of making a difference to improve the lives of millions of people around the world. Peace Corps volunteers will arrive in Indonesia in the spring of 2010 and will work as English teachers in high schools and at teacher training institutions. In mid-2010, Peace Corps volunteers will return to Sierra Leone after a 16-year absence to focus on secondary education and work with their host communities on grassroots initiatives and community development projects.

In conclusion, I want to take this opportunity to personally thank the nearly 7,700 Peace Corps volunteers who are currently making significant and lasting contributions in 76 countries. Among them I want to recognize the 29 Peace Corps volunteers from the State of Hawaii who are serving in such diverse places as Zambia, Botswana, Micronesia, China, Morocco and Kyrgyzstan. I am extremely proud of their service and contribution.

I take great pleasure in recognizing the achievements of the Peace Corps, honoring its volunteers, and reaffirm-

ing our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate National Peace Corps Week and to honor the thousands of Americans who serve as Peace Corps volunteers throughout the world.

The Peace Corps was founded on the ideal that each of us has the responsibility to serve our country and leave our world in a better place than we found it. Peace Corps volunteers provide innovation, creativity, determination, and compassion in an ever-changing world, advancing U.S. interests and the global good. These volunteers exemplify the true meaning of service to a greater cause and contributing to the well-being of those in need around the world.

Since the Peace Corps' founding in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, nearly 200,000 U.S. citizens have chosen to serve their country as Peace Corps volunteers in 139 countries around the world. Today, nearly 8,000 Peace Corps volunteers serve abroad in 76 different countries, providing critical education, expertise, and development assistance to the poor and impoverished across the globe. Their willingness to dedicate themselves toward the laudable goal of assisting those in need and strengthening the image of America makes them deserving of our respect and admiration.

In my own home State of New Hampshire, 48 volunteers have heard the call and are currently devoting their time, energy, and lives to fulfilling the vision of President Kennedy and serving abroad in the cause of peace. They are placed throughout the developing world—from Cambodia to Guatemala to Kazakhstan—making significant and lasting contributions toward the health, education, and development in the places where these things are often needed most.

I seek recognition of each of these citizen ambassadors and the many Peace Corps volunteers from New Hampshire that have served since 1961. In honor of their efforts, I will ask consent that the attached list of current New Hampshire volunteers be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. New Hampshire is proud of your service, and we will continue to stand behind you and express thanks for your assistance.

In today's interdependent world, American security and prosperity are inextricably linked to the security and prosperity of people in the developing world. Peace Corps volunteers work on the front lines in our battle for hearts and minds around the globe. They serve as teachers, business professionals, health educators, agricultural and environmental specialists, management and information technology advisors, and mentors and friends to citizens across the globe. As the administration plans to double the size of the Peace Corps in the years to come, it is critical to remember that these unofficial ambassadors have become endur-

ing symbols of our nation's commitment to progress, opportunity, and grass-roots development in the far corners of the world.

Upon the completion of their service abroad, these volunteers then return home to promote a better understanding here in America of the culture, language and viewpoint of those they have served. In our 21st century world, where the threats and challenges that confront America and the global community cannot be overcome by the might of our military alone, Peace Corps volunteers are laying the foundation for a more secure, prosperous, and compassionate world. In honor of National Peace Corps Week and in celebration of the Peace Corps' 49th anniversary, I would like to recognize those volunteers from New Hampshire, as well as all past and current Peace Corps volunteers, for their commitment to fostering a better world for future generations.

As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the chair of the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on European Affairs, I will work with our allies and friends throughout the world in the development of an American foreign policy that matches the passion and commitment to service of our Peace Corps volunteers abroad.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have the list of current New Hampshire volunteers to which I referred printed in the RECORD.

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

SWORN-IN VOLUNTEERS IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senator: Jeanne Shaheen

| Volunteer name | Country of service | Start of service date | Projected COS date |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Abrams, Hillary H | South Africa | 17-Sep-2009 | 16-Sep-2011 |
| Ankarberg, Denise Y | China | 28-Aug-2009 | 02-Sep-2011 |
| Bardo, Johanna E | Suriname | 31-Aug-2008 | 31-Jul-2010 |
| Bardo, Nicholas W | China | 12-May-2006 | 25-Aug-2010 |
| Barker, Lisa B | Cambodia | 25-Sep-2009 | 12-Aug-2011 |
| Bootland, Diane C | Belize | 29-Oct-2008 | 22-Oct-2010 |
| Cahill, Michael P | Mali | 12-Sep-2008 | 11-Sep-2010 |
| Campbell, Adam S | Morocco | 19-May-2008 | 19-May-2010 |
| Clark, Samantha A | Kazakhstan | 31-Oct-2009 | 30-Oct-2011 |
| Coes, Casey P | Morocco | 19-May-2008 | 03-Sep-2010 |
| Cook, Catherine A | Suriname | 29-Jul-2009 | 28-Jul-2011 |
| Costanza, Danielle M | Nicaragua | 31-Jul-2009 | 29-Jul-2011 |
| Croteau-Frechet, Sydney A | Swaziland | 27-Aug-2009 | 26-Aug-2011 |
| Daigneault, Jacqueline A | Togo | 03-Dec-2009 | 02-Dec-2011 |
| Drapcho, Amanda C | Gambia | 18-Apr-2008 | 17-Apr-2010 |
| Estabrook, Kate P | Suriname | 01-Aug-2008 | 31-Jul-2010 |
| Evans, Nicole A | Lesotho | 08-Jan-2009 | 23-Jan-2011 |
| Fiorino, Amanda J | Mongolia | 19-Aug-2009 | 18-Aug-2011 |
| Fosher, Steven J | Morocco | 29-Apr-2009 | 29-Apr-2011 |
| Frechette, David K | Swaziland | 27-Aug-2009 | 26-Aug-2011 |
| Frederburg, Angus T | Nicaragua | 23-Nov-2009 | 18-Nov-2011 |
| Geller, Amanda L | Guatemala | 18-Jul-2008 | 17-Jul-2010 |
| Gross, Brendan S | Mali | 10-Sep-2009 | 11-Sep-2011 |
| Guthro, Kaitlyn A | Kyrgyzstan | 18-Sep-2008 | 17-Sep-2010 |
| Hannon, Mark F | Mali | 12-Sep-2008 | 11-Sep-2010 |
| Hannon, Samantha B | Mali | 12-Sep-2008 | 11-Sep-2010 |
| Hendel, Sarah J | Turkmenistan | 05-Dec-2008 | 05-Dec-2010 |
| Jacobson, Gloria J | Fiji | 23-Jul-2009 | 22-Jul-2011 |
| Joyce, Judith A | Eastern Caribbean | 17-Oct-2008 | 15-Oct-2010 |
| Keniston, Charlotte S | Guatemala | 31-Oct-2008 | 30-Oct-2010 |
| King, Amy E | Azerbaijan | 09-Dec-2009 | 08-Dec-2011 |
| Mackie, Laura K | Ukraine | 18-Jun-2008 | 17-Jun-2010 |
| McGlone, Michael R | Fiji | 24-Jul-2008 | 30-Jul-2010 |
| McLaughlin, Matt | Senegal | 17-Nov-2006 | 14-Dec-2009 |
| Melvin, Adam T | Jordan | 04-Sep-2008 | 09-Sep-2010 |
| Netsch, Kathryn S | Kyrgyzstan | 18-Sep-2008 | 17-Sep-2010 |
| O'Neill, Beth J | Armenia | 13-Aug-2009 | 13-Aug-2011 |
| Rhodes, James R | Suriname | 29-Jul-2009 | 28-Jul-2011 |
| Sehovich, Jessica N | Ukraine | 18-Jun-2008 | 17-Jun-2010 |
| Sullivan, Steven W | Senegal | 07-Nov-2008 | 09-Nov-2010 |
| Thompson, Jonathan D | Benin | 25-Sep-2009 | 25-Sep-2011 |
| Tostenson, Bradley J | Kyrgyzstan | 10-Jun-2009 | 09-Jun-2011 |
| Tuttle, Christian P | China | 28-Aug-2009 | 02-Sep-2011 |
| Ullrich, Valerie L | Ukraine | 18-Jun-2009 | 17-Jun-2011 |

SWORN-IN VOLUNTEERS IN THE STATE OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE—Continued

Senator: Jeanne Shaheen

| Volunteer name | Country of service | Start of service date | Projected COS date |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Vinson, Laura M | Ecuador | 29-Aug-2008 | 27-Aug-2010 |
| Wiggum, Candice D | Macedonia | 26-Nov-2009 | 25-Nov-2011 |
| Wilkinson, Amy T | Uganda | 22-Apr-2009 | 21-Apr-2011 |
| Wrocklage, James W | Azerbaijan | 09-Dec-2009 | 08-Dec-2011 |
| Total Volunteers: 48. | | | |

CONGRATULATING THE 2010
MICHIGAN WINTER OLYMPIANS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate all of the athletes who competed in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Olympics was a spectacular and awe-inspiring event that captured the attention and imagination of people across the globe. While the athletes often come from very different backgrounds and cultures, they share a bond that will last forever: each has earned the title of Olympian. Indeed, it was heartwarming to watch these athletes come together to showcase their talents in peaceful competition over a two week span.

The United States was represented by an extraordinary group of athletes. As a team, these talented and determined competitors brought home 37 medals, the most medals ever for the United States in the Winter Games. There were many breathtaking moments and several firsts for the U.S. team. Michigan was well represented with close to two dozen athletes competing in a range of sports. I am proud of each person that represented the United States, and I am particularly proud of those with ties to Michigan. In fact, leading the parade of American athletes and holding the American Flag during the opening ceremonies was Michigan's own Mark Grimmette, a luger who competed in his fifth and last Olympic Games.

Michigan continued its long tradition of hosting and facilitating the training of world-class athletes for the Winter Games. More than three dozen athletes sharpen their skills at the Olympic Education Center, OEC, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. In fact, the entire U.S. short track speed skating team trained at some point at the OEC leading up to the Games. This wonderful facility has provided for the training of athletes in a number of Olympic disciplines and has been an integral part of the success of many Olympic athletes since its inception in 1985.

Shani Davis, who became the first African-American speed skater to win gold in an individual event in the Winter Games in 2006, displayed the skill and speed that has become his hallmark. This Northern Michigan University Alumnus secured gold in the 1,000 meters, setting yet another milestone by becoming the first person to win this event in back to back Olympic Games. Travis Jayner from Midland earned bronze as part of the U.S. 5,000

meter relay team at the Games. Long track speed skater Ryan Bedford from Midland also had a solid performance, placing 12th in the 10,000 meter race in his first Olympic appearance. Jilleanne Rookard, a speed skater from Woodhaven, competed in three individual and one team event. Her best finish was fourth in the team pursuit. Competing in her second Winter Games, Kimberly Derrick, a graduate of Northern Michigan University, competed in the 1,500 meter individual race.

The United States men's hockey team won silver in Vancouver, a remarkable performance that captivated Americans, whether they were dedicated hockey fans or newcomers to the sport. The men's journey to the gold medal game was buoyed by goaltender Ryan Miller from East Lansing, MI. Miller, a Michigan State University alumnus, earned Most Valuable Player honors for his phenomenal play throughout, which enabled the young American team to make a run for the gold. There were several members of the men's team with ties to Michigan that contributed to the hockey team's success, including Tim Thomas from Flint, Tim Gleason from Clawson, Jack Johnson from Ann Arbor, Ryan Kesler from Livonia and Brian Rafalski from Dearborn, who now plays for the Detroit Red Wings of the NHL. In fact, 14 of the 25 member U.S. roster are either from Michigan or played organized hockey at some point in Michigan.

The men's gold medal game was one of the great hockey games I have seen—and I have seen a lot. The U.S. hockey team tied the score in the final, hectic seconds of regulation to send this thrilling game into overtime. While the team ultimately lost in overtime, the heart they displayed was forever etched in our minds.

A number of Red Wings players represented their home countries at the Winter Games, including Mike Babcock, head coach of the Canadian team; Pavel Datsyuk of Russia; Valtteri Filppula of Finland; and Johan Franzen, Niklas Kronwall, Nicklas Lidstrom, and Henrik Zetterberg of Sweden.

The U.S. women's hockey team matched the men's success by securing silver in Vancouver. Their dominating performance throughout the Olympics culminated in a fierce battle against Canada in the gold-medal game. The lone Michigania on the team, Angela Ruggiero from Harper Woods, played well throughout, scoring three goals and an assist in the tournament. In a demonstration of the respect this four-time Olympian has earned, her fellow athletes from around the world selected Ruggiero to serve as one of the athletes' representatives to the International Olympic Committee.

In Ice Dancing, Meryl Davis and Charlie White from West Bloomfield and Dearborn, respectively, skated with grace and precision to secure the silver medal. Their performance was

truly stunning. Joining them on the medal podium were Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue of Canada. Both teams train in Canton, MI, at the Arctic Figure Skating Club. Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates, who train at the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club, skated beautifully and finished 11th overall. All three pairs were a joy to watch, and to have three teams that train in Michigan perform so well is a tribute to Michigan's commitment to the sport. Along with being a part of the 2010 Olympic Team, Meryl, Charlie, Emily, and Evan also are students at the University of Michigan. Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, the 2006 Torino silver medalists who formerly trained in Canton, MI, also skated well and placed fourth. The two-time United States Men's Champion Jeremy Abbott from the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills placed 9th in the tough and spirited men's individual figure skating contest.

There were many other dramatic moments and personal triumphs by Olympians from Michigan during the 2010 Winter Games. Bobsledder Michelle Rzepka from Novi, a graduate of Michigan State University, put forth a strong effort and finished sixth overall. Nick Baumgartner from Iron River competed with style and abundant flair in Snowboardcross in Vancouver. Caitlin Compton, a Northern Michigan University graduate, displayed great endurance and perseverance in competing in three cross country events, with a top finish of sixth in the team sprint free.

I know I speak for all Michigania in expressing appreciation and congratulations to all of the athletes, coaches, and administrators who took part in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. It is with particular pride that I salute the athletes from Michigan. The commitment, drive, and competitive spirit of these athletes were on full display for the world to witness. The feats of these gifted and determined athletes have inspired us all.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2968. An act to make certain technical and conforming amendments to the Lanham Act.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate announced that on today, March 5, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2968. An act to make certain technical and conforming amendments to the Lanham Act.