

drug companies, pharmacies and insurance subsidies for much of the savings.

I am therefore somewhat confused why more of my friends and colleagues from the Democratic side are not going to support final passage of this bill. I think I know partly what the answer is—is it because the House version of this bill is much more far-reaching than the Senate proposal? Is it because the same groups that praise the Senate bill oppose the process moving forward on that basis?

I would make the point that I think the Senate's position in going to conference with the House would be strengthened if S. 1932 passed with strong bipartisan support. I do not understand why the liberal budget groups are not urging Democrats to unite in support of the Senate bill.

I believe that the American people want us to join together to get things done. They want us to get our fiscal house in order, but they also want us to enact compassionate policies that help honest-to-goodness working families. The Senate bill meets both of those priorities. Here is the bottom line, and I want all my friends on the other side of the aisle to hear this. Here is what a vote against the Senate bill we have before us today means. Opposition to the Senate bill's balanced approach to Medicaid reform and program improvements is opposition to achieving savings, preserving services, and protecting beneficiaries.

A "no" vote is a vote against cutting wasteful spending in Medicaid and other changes that provide additional resources to State Medicaid programs.

A "no" vote is a vote against having the State and Federal Government pay less for drugs.

A "no" vote is a vote against tightening up asset transfers, thereby paying less for nursing home care through Medicaid.

A "no" vote is a vote against increasing State and Federal payments from drug companies.

A "no" vote is a vote against a \$2 billion windfall to the States.

Opposition to the Senate bill's balanced approach to Medicaid reform and program improvements is opposition to the bipartisan Family Opportunity Act.

So that means that a "no" vote is a vote against the Family Opportunity Act's expansion of Medicaid eligibility for severely disabled children. Opposition to this provision means forcing many working families to refuse better jobs or promotions—keeping them poor in order to qualify for Medicaid or, worse, relinquish custody of their disabled child to the State so that their child can continue to get the services they need.

A "no" vote is also a vote against the Family Opportunity Act's protection for families whose newborn is diagnosed with a severe disability from being liable for thousands of dollars of medical costs.

A "no" vote is a vote against "Money Follows the Person," which provides grants to States to increase the use of home and community based services, rather than institutional services. "Money Follows the Person" also eliminates barriers so that individuals can receive support for long-term services in the settings of their choice.

Opposition to the Senate bill's balanced approach to Medicaid reform and program improvements is opposition to a down payment on Hurricane Katrina disaster relief.

So that means that a "no" vote is a vote against providing \$1.8 billion to protect Medicaid benefits in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi for people affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Opposition to the Senate bill's balanced approach to Medicaid reform and program improvements is opposition to protecting health coverage for thousands of children and improving the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

A "no" vote is a vote against preventing funding shortfalls in the Children's Health Insurance Program in 23 States.

A "no" vote is a vote against providing new options for private coverage of long-term care through Long-term Care Partnerships.

A "no" vote also means opposition to closing loopholes that permit the unscrupulous "gaming" of Medicaid eligibility rules to intentionally shelter assets to qualify for taxpayer-financed long-term care coverage in Medicaid.

Those who vote against this bill are also opposing the Senate bill's bal-

anced approach to Medicaid reform and program improvements is opposition to protecting access for rural beneficiaries.

So that means that a "no" vote is a vote against protecting small rural hospitals and sole community hospitals by extending the hold-harmless provisions that protect them from losses resulting from implementation of the hospital outpatient prospective payment system.

A "no" vote is also opposition to extending the Medicare Dependent Hospital Program, which provides financial protections to rural hospitals with less than 100 beds that have a greater than 60 percent share of Medicare patients.

A "no" vote also means opposition to expanding coverage of additional preventive benefits under Federal Qualified Health Centers.

Why would my Democratic colleagues oppose such commonsense, practical policies that save the States money, expand access for low income and disabled children, help rural hospitals and make progress to rebalancing the institutional bias in the Medicaid program?

I am saddened that it appears my colleagues cannot put partisan politics aside and get behind a bill that saves money for States, protects and expands access, and preserves benefits. I urge my colleagues to support the Senate bill. Let's show the American people that we can put politics aside and stand together and get things done for the good of the country.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, pursuant to section 313(c) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a list of material in S. 1932 considered to be extraneous under subsections (b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(B), and (b)(1)(E) of section 313. The inclusion or exclusion of material on the following list does not constitute a determination of extraneousness by the Presiding Officer of the Senate.

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

EXTRANEOUS PROVISIONS—SENATE BILL  
(Prepared by Senate Budget Committee Majority Staff)  
TITLE I—AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

Provision	Violation/comments
N/A	N/A

TITLE II—BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Provision	Violation/comments
Sec. 2014(b)(3)(F)	313(b)(1)(A)—Report to Congress.
Sec. 2018(a)	313(b)(1)(A)—Studies of potential changes to the federal deposit insurance system—just a study.
Sec. 2018(b)	313(b)(1)(A)—Studies of potential changes to the federal deposit insurance system—just a study.
Sec. 2025	313(b)(1)(A)—Authorization of Appropriations—no money involved.

TITLE III—COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Provision	Violation/comments
3005(c)(2)	313(b)(1)(E)—Low-power TV and translator outlays occur after 2010, increasing the deficit.
3005(c)(3)	313(b)(1)(E)—Interoperability grant outlays occur after 2010, increasing the deficit.
3005(c)(4)	313(b)(1)(E)—E911 outlays occur after 2010, increasing the deficit.
3005(c)(5)	313(b)(1)(E)—Coastal assistance outlays occur after 2010, increasing the deficit.
3005(d)	313(b)(1)(A)—Transferring offsetting receipts that federal government has already received does not produce a change in outlays.

Provision	Violation/comments
3005(f)	313(b)(1)(A)—Does not produce a change in outlays as additional receipts could not be spent and would be deposited in Treasury anyway.

TITLE IV—ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Provision	Violation/comments
N/A	N/A.

TITLE V—ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Provision	Violation/comments
N/A	N/A.

TITLE VI—FINANCE

Provision	Violation/comments
6012(a)(5)(F)	313(b)(1)(A)—Requirements on insurance sellers produce no change in outlays or revenues.
6012(b)(4)	313(b)(1)(A)—State reporting requirement produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6012(c)	313(b)(1)(A)—Annual report to Congress produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6022	313(b)(1)(A)—CBO score of zero
6026(a), Sec. 1937(a)	313(b)(1)(A)—Medicaid CFO produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6026(a), Sec. 1937(b)	313(b)(1)(A)—Oversight Board produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6026(a), Sec. 1937(e)	313(b)(1)(A)—Annual report produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6036(e)	313(b)(1)(A)—Reports produce no change in outlays or revenues.
6043(c)(2)	313(b)(1)(A)—Budget neutrality language produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6103(c)	313(b)(0)(A)—Study and Report by HHS Inspector General produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6103(d)	313(b)(1)(A)—Rehabilitation Advisory Council produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6110(a), 1860E–1(e)	313(b)(1)(A)—Arrangement with an Entity to Provide Advice and Recommendations produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6110(b)(3)(E)	313(b)(1)(A)—Report produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6110(c)(1)(C)	313(b)(1)(A)—Sense of the Senate produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6110(g)(1)	313(b)(i)(A)—Requirement for skilled nursing facilities to report functional capacity of Medicare residents upon admission and discharge produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6113(d)	313(b)(1)(A)—Evaluation of PACE providers serving rural service areas produces no change in outlays or revenues.
6026(a), Sec. 1936(d)	313(b)(1)(A)—5-year plan produces no additional change in outlays or revenues.
6026(a), Sec. 1936(3)(3)	313(b)(1)(A)—Annual report requirement produces no change in outlays or revenues.

TITLE VII—HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Provision	Violation/comments
Sec. 7101(f)	313(b)(1)(A)—Pro-GAP Sunset language/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7101(b)	313(b)(1)(A)—Pro-GAP Sense of the Senate/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7102(a), (b) and (d)	313(b)(1)(A)—SMART Grant findings/purpose/name, do not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7102(i)	313(b)(1)(A)—SMART Grant matching assistance/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7109	313(b)(1)(A)—Single Holder Rule/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7122(b)	313(b)(1)(A)—Evaluation of Simplified Needs Test/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7153(h), (i), (j), and Sec. 7155	313(b)(1)(A)—Authorizes waivers of provisions of discretionary and programs, and addresses certain reporting requirements/do not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7201(d)(3)	313(b)(1)(A)—Pensions: (d)(3) special rule regarding future legislation/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7301, Sec. 7302 and Sec. 7311	313(b)(1)(A)—HEA general provisions and definitions/do not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7314	313(b)(1)(A)—Protection of Student Speech and Assoc Rights/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7315	313(b)(1)(A)—Nat' Advisory Comm. on Inst Quality/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7316	313(b)(1)(A)—Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7317	313(b)(1)(A)—Prior Rights and Obligations—updates discretionary authorizations/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7318	313(b)(1)(A)—Cost of Higher ED Consumer Info/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7319	313(b)(1)(A)—Performance Based Org for Delivery of Fed Student Assist/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7320	313(b)(1)(A)—Procurement Flexibility/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7331	313(b)(1)(A)—Teacher Quality Enhancement /does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7341–7350 Sec.	313(b)(1)(A)—Institutional Aid/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7351	313(b)(1)(A)—Technical Corrections/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7361 2(A)	313(b)(1)(A)—Pell—max authorized grant. Nothing in Pro-GAP is driven off of “max” Pell Grant/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7362	313(b)(1)(A)—TRIO Programs/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7363	313(b)(1)(A)—GEAR-UP/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7364	313(b)(1)(A)—Repeal of Academic Achievement Scholarships/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7365	313(b)(1)(A)—SEOG/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7366	313(b)(1)(A)—LEAP/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7367	313(b)(1)(A)—Migrant ED/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7368	313(b)(1)(A)—Robert C. Byrd Honors/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7369	313(b)(1)(A)—Child Care Access Means Parents in School/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7370	313(b)(1)(A)—Repeal of Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnerships/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7386	313(b)(1)(A)—Reports to Credit Bureaus & Institutions/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7387	313(b)(1)(A)—Common Forms and Formats/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7388	313(b)(1)(A)—Information to Borrower and Privacy/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7389	313(b)(1)(A)—Consumer Education Information/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7391	313(b)(1)(A)—Federal Work Study/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7393	313(b)(1)(A)—Grants for Work Study Programs/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7394	313(b)(1)(A)—Job Location and Development Programs/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7395	313(b)(1)(A)—Work Colleges—discretionary program/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7412	313(b)(1)(A)—Terms of Loans—technical change/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7422	313(b)(1)(A)—Discretion of Financial Aid Administrators/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7432	313(b)(1)(A)—Compliance Calendar/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7437	313(b)(1)(A)—Institutional and Financial Info/Assist to Students/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7438	313(b)(1)(A)—Nat' Student Loan Data System/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7439	313(b)(1)(A)—Early Awareness of Financial Aid Eligibility/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7442	313(b)(1)(A)—Reg. Relief and Improvement/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7443	313(b)(1)(A)—Transfer of Allotments/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7445	313(b)(1)(A)—Purpose of Admin Payments/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7446	313(b)(1)(A)—Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assist/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7447	313(b)(1)(A)—Regional meetings/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7448	313(b)(1)(A)—Year 2000/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7451	313(b)(1)(A)—Recognition of Accrediting Agency or Assoc/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7452	313(b)(1)(A)—Administrative Capacity Standard/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7453	313(b)(1)(A)—Program Review and Data/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7501	313(b)(1)(A)—Developing Institutions Definitions/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7502	313(b)(1)(A)—Auth Activities/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7503	313(b)(1)(A)—Duration of Grant/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7504	313(b)(1)(A)—Hispanic American Post baccalaureate/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7505	313(b)(1)(A)—Applications/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7506	313(b)(1)(A)—Cooperative Arrangements/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7507	313(b)(1)(A)—Authorization of Appropriations/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7601	313(b)(1)(A)—International Education Programs/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7602	313(b)(1)(A)—Graduate and Undergraduate Language and Area Centers and Programs/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7603	313(b)(1)(A)—Undergrad International Studies and Foreign Languages/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7604	313(b)(1)(A)—Research Studies/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7605	313(b)(1)(A)—Tech Innovation and Cooperation for Foreign Info Access/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7606	313(b)(1)(A)—Selection of Certain Grant Recipients/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7607	313(b)(1)(A)—American Overseas Research Centers/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7608	313(b)(1)(A)—Auth of Appropriations/does not produce a change in outlays.

Provision	Violation/comments
Sec. 7609	313(b)(1)(A)—Centers for Intl Business Education/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7610	313(b)(1)(A)—Education and Training Programs/does not produce a change in outlays..
Sec. 7611	313(b)(1)(A)—Auth of Appropriations/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7612	313(b)(1)(A)—Minority Foreign Service ProfDev Program/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7613	313(b)(1)(A)—Institutional Development/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7614	313(b)(1)(A)—Study Abroad Program/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7615	313(b)(1)(A)—Advanced Degree in Intl Relations/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7616	313(b)(1)(A)—Internships/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7617	313(b)(1)(A)—Financial Assistance/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7618	313(b)(1)(A)—Report/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7619	313(b)(1)(A)—Gifts and Donations/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7620	313(b)(1)(A)—Auth. of Appropriations for Inst of Intl Public Policy/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7621	313(b)(1)(A)—Definitions/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7622	313(b)(1)(A)—Assessment and Enforcement/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7701—Sec. 7716	313(b)(1)(A)—Graduate and Postsecondary Improvement Programs/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7801	313(b)(1)(A)—Misc. Discretionary Programs/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7901	313(b)(1)(A)—Amendments to Other Laws/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7902	313(b)(1)(A)—Agreement with Gallaudet University/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7903	313(b)(1)(A)—Agreement with Nat'l Tech Inst for the Deaf/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7904	313(b)(1)(A)—Cultural Experiences Grants/does not produce a change in outlays.
Sec. 7905	313(b)(1)(A)—Audit/does not produce a change in outlays.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, at this time, we have come to the end of the amendment process. I now ask, before we go to final passage, we have 5 minutes equally divided between myself and Senator CONRAD, and then we will go to final passage.

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

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, first of all, I thank the staffs, the very professional staffs on both sides. I especially thank the chairman of the Budget Committee for his professionalism and his diligence in working on this bill. He has been such a pleasure to work with. His word is gold.

I appreciate very much his staff, as well—Scott Gudes, Gail Millar, Jim Hearn, Cheri Reidy, and the rest of the majority staff.

I want to also thank my staff—Mary Naylor, John Righter, my counsel Lisa Konwinski, Jim Esquea, Sarah Kuehl, Mike Jones, Cliff Isenberg, Jim Miller, Kobye Noel, Shelley Amdur, Steve Baily, Rock Cheung, Dana Halvorson, Tyler Haskell, Jim Klumpner, Jamie Morin, Stu Nagurka, Anne Page, Steve Posner, and David Vandivier.

Mr. President, you can't judge a book by its cover. The language being used here is that this is a package of deficit reduction. But this is the first chapter. The first chapter reduces spending by \$39 billion. But the next chapter will reduce taxes by \$70 billion. The third chapter will increase the debt by \$781 billion. You have to read the whole book to know the conclusion. The conclusion of their book is more deficits and more debt.

No one should believe this vote is about deficit reduction while insisting on another \$70 billion of tax cuts as part of this package. In the second chapter of the book, the deficit actually goes up. The majority's proposal to increase the debt limit by \$781 billion, which is the third chapter of their book. With passage of this, the debt of this country will have increased by \$3 trillion during just this President's administration.

This package represents a continuation of the failed fiscal policies of this administration.

We can do better as a nation, and we can do much better—and we must.

This budget, if approved, will increase the debt of this country over the next 5 years by another \$3 trillion.

These policies are driving us deeper and deeper into debt to foreign nations.

In just the 4 years or 5 years of this administration, we have seen the debt of the country multiplied by \$3 trillion.

I urge my colleagues to say no. Let us not continue any further down this course of deficits and debt.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, let me begin by thanking all my colleagues for their very constructive efforts today. The fact that we were able to complete the voting process today was a reflection of the willingness of people in this Chamber, especially the staff who acted in an extraordinarily professional way.

Also, of course, I want to thank Senator CONRAD and his staff, Mary Naylor and her team.

Senator CONRAD has been an incredibly positive, constructive, and professional individual to work with on this bill. This bill would not have been completed—even though he may not agree with the bill, which he doesn't, obviously, and he has argued his position—he has been more than fair in allowing us to proceed through the bill. And it is a reflection of his extraordinary professionalism.

I thank everyone on the staff, except his chart maker.

(Laughter)

I also especially want to thank my staff—led by the inimitable Scott Gudes—Gail Miller, Jim Hearn, Cheri Reidy, and the rest of the staff—Dave Fisher and Denzel McGuire. We have had two staff members who have had children just recently, Bill Lucia and Matt Howe. Matt's child was born just as the debate started. I am sure he called him "deficit reduction." We are all very excited about that. We very much appreciate the extraordinary job the staff has done here.

I think it is important for our membership to remember that this is the first time in 8 years that this Congress has stepped forward to try to reduce spending by addressing the entitlement and mandatory accounts of our Government. This is a major step forward in the activity of fiscal responsibility.

The other side of the aisle has tried to join this bill with other bills. The simple fact is, the only vote you will cast—the only vote that will be cast in the next few minutes—will be the only vote you are going to have to signifi-

cantly reduce the deficit. It will be a veto to reduce the deficit by approximately \$35 billion.

If you oppose the next bill that comes down the pike—the tax relief bill—that is your choice. But that is not what you are voting on here. What you are voting on here is the opportunity to reduce the deficit, and it is the only opportunity you are going to have, and it is the first time, as I mentioned, in 8 years that we will be proceeding down this road. It is a step toward fiscal responsibility, and it is a reflection of the Republican Congress's commitment to pursue a path of fiscal responsibility.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. PRIST. Mr. President, it has been a long day. The next vote on final passage will be our last vote of the day. This will be our 22nd rollcall vote of the day.

I thank the chairman and the ranking member for a tremendous job. About 4 or 5 days ago, we said it was going to be done by 6 o'clock. We were going to complete this bill. Indeed, they have accomplished just that.

We will be in session tomorrow, but there will be no rollcall votes. We will go to the DOD authorization bill. Again, there will be no rollcall votes tomorrow. We will be on the DOD authorization bill on Friday and Monday.

We will have rollcall votes Monday night. We will not be voting before 5:30 on Monday.

With that, congratulations. I yield the floor.

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 assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) is necessarily absent.