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S. 308

To extend trade adjustment assistance and certain trade preference programs,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To extend trade adjustment assistance and certain trade
preference programs, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Trade Extenders Act of 2011”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH
COVERAGE IMPROVEMENT

Subtitle A—Extension of Trade Adjustment Assistance

Sec. 101. Extension of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Sec. 102. Merit staffing for State administration of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Subtitle B—Health Coverage Improvement

Sec. 111. Improvement of the affordability of the credit.

Sec. 112. Payment for the monthly premiums paid prior to commencement of the advance payments of credit.

Sec. 113. TAA recipients not enrolled in training programs eligible for credit.

Sec. 114. TAA pre-certification period rule for purposes of determining whether there is a 63-day lapse in creditable coverage.

Sec. 115. Continued qualification of family members after certain events.

Sec. 116. Extension of COBRA benefits for certain TAA-eligible individuals and PBGC recipients.

Sec. 117. Addition of coverage through voluntary employees' beneficiary associations.

Sec. 118. Notice requirements.

TITLE II—GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES AND ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE ACT

Sec. 201. Extension of Generalized System of Preferences.

Sec. 202. Ineligibility of certain sleeping bags for preferential treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences.

Sec. 203. Extension of Andean Trade Preference Act.

TITLE III—OFFSETS

Sec. 301. Customs user fees.

Sec. 302. Time for payment of corporate estimated taxes.

TITLE IV—BUDGETARY EFFECTS

Sec. 401. Compliance with PAYGO.

1 **TITLE I—TRADE ADJUSTMENT**
2 **ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH**
3 **COVERAGE IMPROVEMENT**

4 **Subtitle A—Extension of Trade**
5 **Adjustment Assistance**

6 **SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1893(a) of the Trade and
8 Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 (Public
9 Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 422) is amended by striking

1 “February 13, 2011” each place it appears and inserting
2 “July 1, 2012”.

3 (b) APPLICATION OF PRIOR LAW.—Section 1893(b)
4 of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act
5 of 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 422 (19 U.S.C.
6 2271 note prec.)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(b) APPLICATION OF PRIOR LAW.—Chapters 2, 3,
8 4, 5, and 6 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
9 2271 et seq.) shall be applied and administered beginning
10 July 1, 2012, as if the amendments made by this subtitle
11 (other than part VI) had never been enacted, except that
12 in applying and administering such chapters—

13 “(1) section 245 of that Act shall be applied
14 and administered by substituting ‘June 30, 2013’
15 for ‘December 31, 2007’;

16 “(2) section 246(b)(1) of that Act shall be ap-
17 plied and administered by substituting ‘June 30,
18 2013’ for ‘the date that is 5 years’ and all that fol-
19 lows through ‘State’;

20 “(3) section 256(b) of that Act shall be applied
21 and administered by substituting ‘the 1-year period
22 beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013,’
23 for ‘each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007, and
24 \$4,000,000 for the 3-month period beginning on Oc-
25 tober 1, 2007,’;

1 “(4) section 298(a) of that Act shall be applied
2 and administered by substituting ‘the 1-year period
3 beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013’
4 for ‘each of the fiscal years’ and all that follows
5 through ‘October 1, 2007’; and

6 “(5) subject to subsection (a)(2), section 285 of
7 that Act shall be applied and administered—

8 “(A) in subsection (a), by substituting
9 ‘June 30, 2013’ for ‘December 31, 2007’ each
10 place it appears; and

11 “(B) by applying and administering sub-
12 section (b) as if it read as follows:

13 “(b) OTHER ASSISTANCE.—

14 “(1) ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
16 in subparagraph (B), assistance may not be
17 provided under chapter 3 after June 30, 2013.

18 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding sub-
19 paragraph (A), any assistance approved under
20 chapter 3 on or before June 30, 2013, may be
21 provided—

22 “(i) to the extent funds are available
23 pursuant to such chapter for such purpose;
24 and

1 “(ii) to the extent the recipient of the
2 assistance is otherwise eligible to receive
3 such assistance.

4 “(2) FARMERS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
6 in subparagraph (B), assistance may not be
7 provided under chapter 6 after June 30, 2013.

8 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding sub-
9 paragraph (A), any assistance approved under
10 chapter 6 on or before June 30, 2013, may be
11 provided—

12 “(i) to the extent funds are available
13 pursuant to such chapter for such purpose;
14 and

15 “(ii) to the extent the recipient of the
16 assistance is otherwise eligible to receive
17 such assistance.’”.

18 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

19 (1) Section 236(a)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of
20 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(2)(A)) is amended by
21 striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(i) \$575,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
24 2010 and 2011; and

1 “(ii) \$431,250,000 for the 9-month period be-
2 ginning October 1, 2011, and ending June 30,
3 2012.”.

4 (2) Section 245(a) of the Trade Act of 1974
5 (19 U.S.C. 2317(a)) is amended by striking “Feb-
6 ruary 12, 2011” and inserting “June 30, 2012”.

7 (3) Section 246(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974
8 (19 U.S.C. 2318(b)(1)) is amended by striking
9 “February 12, 2011” and inserting “June 30,
10 2012”.

11 (4) Section 255 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19
12 U.S.C. 2345) is amended—

13 (A) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
14 section (c); and

15 (B) by striking subsection (a) and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
18 propriated to the Secretary to carry out the provisions of
19 this chapter—

20 “(1) \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
21 2010 and 2011; and

22 “(2) \$37,500,000 for the 9-month period begin-
23 ning October 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.

24 “(b) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts appro-
25 priated pursuant to this section shall—

1 “(1) be available to provide adjustment assist-
2 ance to firms that file a petition for such assistance
3 pursuant to this chapter on or before June 30,
4 2012; and

5 “(2) otherwise remain available until ex-
6 pended.”.

7 (5) Section 275(f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19
8 U.S.C. 2371d(f)) is amended by striking “December
9 15 in each of the calendar years 2009 through” and
10 inserting “December 15, 2009,”.

11 (6) Section 276(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974
12 (19 U.S.C. 2371e(c)(2)) is amended by striking sub-
13 paragraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

14 “(A) \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal
15 years 2010 and 2011; and

16 “(B) \$18,750,000 for the 9-month period
17 beginning October 1, 2011, and ending June
18 30, 2012.”.

19 (7) Section 277(c) of the Trade Act of 1974
20 (19 U.S.C. 2371f(c)) is amended—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
22 graphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

23 “(A) \$150,000,000 for each of the fiscal
24 years 2010 and 2011; and

1 “(B) \$112,500,000 for the 9-month period
2 beginning October 1, 2011, and ending June
3 30, 2012.”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “Feb-
5 ruary 12, 2011” and inserting “June 30,
6 2012”.

7 (8) Section 278(e) of the Trade Act of 1974
8 (19 U.S.C. 2372(e)) is amended by striking “De-
9 cember 15 in each of the calendar years 2009
10 through” and inserting “December 15, 2009,”.

11 (9) Section 279A(h)(2) of the Trade Act of
12 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2373(h)(2)) is amended by striking
13 “December 15 in each of the calendar years 2009
14 through” and inserting “December 15, 2009,”.

15 (10) Section 279B(a)(1) of the Trade Act of
16 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2373a(a)(1)) is amended by strik-
17 ing subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the
18 following:

19 “(A) \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal
20 years 2010 and 2011; and

21 “(B) \$30,000,000 for the 9-month period
22 beginning October 1, 2011, and ending June
23 30, 2012.”.

24 (11) Section 285 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19
25 U.S.C. 2271 note) is amended by striking “February

1 12, 2011” each place it appears and inserting “June
2 30, 2012”.

3 (12) Section 298(a) of the Trade Act of 1974
4 (19 U.S.C. 2401g(a)) is amended—

5 (A) by striking “not to exceed \$10,400,000
6 for the 6-week period beginning January 1,
7 2011, and ending February 12, 2011,”;

8 (B) by striking the end period and insert-
9 ing “—”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(1) \$90,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
12 2010 and 2011; and

13 “(2) \$67,500,000 for the 9-month period begin-
14 ning October 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.”.

15 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall take effect on February 12, 2011.

17 **SEC. 102. MERIT STAFFING FOR STATE ADMINISTRATION**
18 **OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(a) of the Omnibus
20 Trade Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–344) is amended by
21 striking “February 12, 2011” and inserting “June 30,
22 2012”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
24 this section shall take effect on February 12, 2011.

1 **Subtitle B—Health Coverage**
2 **Improvement**

3 **SEC. 111. IMPROVEMENT OF THE AFFORDABILITY OF THE**
4 **CREDIT.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 35(a) of the Internal Rev-
6 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “February 13,
7 2011” and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

8 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 7527(b) of
9 such Code is amended by striking “February 13, 2011”
10 and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

11 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to coverage months beginning after
13 February 12, 2011.

14 **SEC. 112. PAYMENT FOR THE MONTHLY PREMIUMS PAID**
15 **PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE AD-**
16 **VANCE PAYMENTS OF CREDIT.**

17 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 7527(e) of the Internal
18 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “February
19 13, 2011” and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

20 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
21 this section shall apply to coverage months beginning after
22 February 12, 2011.

1 **SEC. 113. TAA RECIPIENTS NOT ENROLLED IN TRAINING**
2 **PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 35(c)(2)(B) of the Inter-
4 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “Feb-
5 ruary 13, 2011” and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

6 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
7 this section shall apply to coverage months beginning after
8 February 12, 2011.

9 **SEC. 114. TAA PRE-CERTIFICATION PERIOD RULE FOR PUR-**
10 **POSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER THERE IS**
11 **A 63-DAY LAPSE IN CREDITABLE COVERAGE.**

12 (a) **IRC AMENDMENT.**—Section 9801(c)(2)(D) of the
13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
14 “February 13, 2011” and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

15 (b) **ERISA AMENDMENT.**—Section 701(c)(2)(C) of
16 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
17 (29 U.S.C. 1181(c)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “Feb-
18 ruary 13, 2011” and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

19 (c) **PHSA AMENDMENT.**—Section 2701(c)(2)(C) of
20 the Public Health Service Act (as in effect for plan years
21 beginning before January 1, 2014 (42 U.S.C. 300gg
22 note)) is amended by striking “February 13, 2011” and
23 inserting “July 1, 2012”.

24 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
25 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after Feb-
26 ruary 12, 2011.

1 **SEC. 115. CONTINUED QUALIFICATION OF FAMILY MEM-**
2 **BERS AFTER CERTAIN EVENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 35(g)(9) of the Internal
4 Revenue Code of 1986, as added by section 1899E(a) of
5 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009
6 (relating to continued qualification of family members
7 after certain events), is amended by striking “February
8 13, 2011” and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 173(f)(8)
10 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.
11 2918(f)(8)) is amended by striking “February 13, 2011”
12 and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to months beginning after Feb-
15 ruary 12, 2011.

16 **SEC. 116. EXTENSION OF COBRA BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN**
17 **TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND PBGC RE-**
18 **CIPIENTS.**

19 (a) ERISA AMENDMENTS.—

20 (1) PBGC RECIPIENTS.—Section 602(2)(A)(v)
21 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of
22 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1162(2)(A)(v)) is amended by
23 striking “February 12, 2011” and inserting “June
24 30, 2012”.

25 (2) TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Section
26 602(2)(A)(vi) of such Act (29 U.S.C.

1 1162(2)(A)(vi)) is amended by striking “February
2 12, 2011” and inserting “June 30, 2012”.

3 (b) IRC AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) PBGC RECIPIENTS.—Section
5 4980B(f)(2)(B)(i)(V) of the Internal Revenue Code
6 of 1986 is amended by striking “February 12,
7 2011” and inserting “June 30, 2012”.

8 (2) TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Section
9 4980B(f)(2)(B)(i)(VI) of such Code is amended by
10 striking “February 12, 2011” and inserting “June
11 30, 2012”.

12 (c) PHSA AMENDMENTS.—Section 2202(2)(A)(iv) of
13 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300bb–
14 2(2)(A)(iv)) is amended by striking “February 12, 2011”
15 and inserting “June 30, 2012”.

16 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply to periods of coverage which would
18 (without regard to the amendments made by this section)
19 end on or after February 13, 2011.

20 **SEC. 117. ADDITION OF COVERAGE THROUGH VOLUNTARY**
21 **EMPLOYEES’ BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATIONS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 35(e)(1)(K) of the Inter-
23 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “Feb-
24 ruary 13, 2012” and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 2 this section shall apply to coverage months beginning after
 3 February 12, 2011.

4 **SEC. 118. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7527(d)(2) of the Inter-
 6 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “Feb-
 7 ruary 13, 2011” and inserting “July 1, 2012”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 9 this section shall apply to certificates issued after Feb-
 10 ruary 12, 2011.

11 **TITLE II—GENERALIZED SYSTEM**
 12 **OF PREFERENCES AND ANDE-**
 13 **AN TRADE PREFERENCE ACT**

14 **SEC. 201. EXTENSION OF GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREF-**
 15 **ERENCES.**

16 (a) EXTENSION.—Section 505 of the Trade Act of
 17 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2465) is amended by striking “December
 18 31, 2010” and inserting “June 30, 2012”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by
 21 subsection (a) shall apply to goods entered on or
 22 after the 15th day after the date of the enactment
 23 of this Act.

24 (2) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION FOR CERTAIN
 25 LIQUIDATIONS AND RELIQUIDATIONS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sec-
2 tion 514 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C.
3 1514) or any other provision of law and subject
4 to subparagraph (B), any entry of an article
5 (other than an article described in section
6 503(b)(5) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amend-
7 ed by section 202(a) of this Act) to which duty-
8 free treatment under title V of the Trade Act
9 of 1974 would have applied if the entry had
10 been made on December 31, 2010, that was
11 made—

12 (i) after December 31, 2010; and

13 (ii) before the 15th day after the date

14 of the enactment of this Act,

15 shall be liquidated or reliquidated as though
16 such entry occurred on the date that is 15 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (B) REQUESTS.—A liquidation or reliqui-
19 dation may be made under subparagraph (A)
20 with respect to an entry only if a request there-
21 for is filed with U.S. Customs and Border Pro-
22 tection not later than 180 days after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act that contains suffi-
24 cient information to enable U.S. Customs and
25 Border Protection—

1 (i) to locate the entry; or

2 (ii) to reconstruct the entry if it can-
3 not be located.

4 (C) PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS OWED.—Any
5 amounts owed by the United States pursuant to
6 the liquidation or reliquidation of an entry of
7 an article under subparagraph (A) shall be
8 paid, without interest, not later than 90 days
9 after the date of the liquidation or reliquidation
10 (as the case may be).

11 (3) DEFINITION.—As used in this subsection,
12 the term “entry” includes a withdrawal from ware-
13 house for consumption.

14 **SEC. 202. INELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN SLEEPING BAGS FOR**
15 **PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT UNDER THE**
16 **GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 503(b) of the Trade Act
18 of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463(b)) is amended by adding at the
19 end the following:

20 “(5) CERTAIN SLEEPING BAGS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—An article described in
22 subparagraph (B) shall not be an eligible article
23 for purposes of subsection (a).

24 “(B) ARTICLE DESCRIBED.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
2 vided in clause (ii), an article described in
3 this subparagraph is an article that is clas-
4 sifiable under subheading 9404.30.80 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
6 United States.

7 “(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—

8 “(I) HIGHER-VALUE SLEEPING
9 BAGS.—An article described in this
10 subparagraph does not include—

11 “(aa) in 2011, any sleeping
12 bag valued at more than \$11;

13 “(bb) in 2012, any sleeping
14 bag valued at more than \$12; or

15 “(cc) in 2013 and any year
16 thereafter, any sleeping bag val-
17 ued at more than \$13.

18 “(II) KITS.—An article described
19 in this subparagraph does not include
20 any sleeping bag that—

21 “(aa) contains less than 1
22 pound of insulation (fill);

23 “(bb) is less than 28 inches
24 wide and less than 60 inches in
25 length;

1 “(cc) is packaged with at
2 least a backpack and flashlight;
3 and

4 “(dd) is intended to be sold
5 with the items described in item
6 (cc) as a kit.”.

7 (b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by sub-
8 section (a) shall apply to articles entered, or withdrawn
9 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 203. EXTENSION OF ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE**
12 **ACT.**

13 (a) **EXTENSION.**—Section 208(a) of the Andean
14 Trade Preference Act (19 U.S.C. 3206(a)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “February
16 12, 2011” and inserting “June 30, 2012”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “February 12,
18 2011” and inserting “June 30, 2012”.

19 (b) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN APPAREL ARTICLES.**—
20 Section 204(b)(3) of the Andean Trade Preference Act
21 (19 U.S.C. 3203(b)(3)) is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (B)—

23 (A) in clause (iii)—

1 (i) in subclause (II), by striking “8
 2 succeeding 1-year periods” and inserting
 3 “9 succeeding 1-year periods”; and

4 (ii) in subclause (III)(bb), by striking
 5 “and for the succeeding 3-year period” and
 6 inserting “and for the succeeding 4-year
 7 period”; and

8 (B) in clause (v)(II), by striking “7 suc-
 9 ceeding 1-year periods” and inserting “8 suc-
 10 ceeding 1-year periods”; and

11 (2) in subparagraph (E)(ii)(II), by striking
 12 “February 12, 2011” and inserting “June 30,
 13 2012”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 15 this section shall take effect on February 12, 2011.

16 **TITLE III—OFFSETS**

17 **SEC. 301. CUSTOMS USER FEES.**

18 Section 13031(j)(3) of the Consolidated Omnibus
 19 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c(j)(3))
 20 is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “January
 22 7, 2020” and inserting “September 30, 2020”; and

23 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “Janu-
 24 ary 14, 2020” and inserting “November 30, 2020”.

1 **SEC. 302. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF CORPORATE ESTIMATED**
2 **TAXES.**

3 The percentage under paragraph (2) of section 561
4 of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act in
5 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act is increased
6 by 4.5 percentage points.

7 **TITLE IV—BUDGETARY EFFECTS**

8 **SEC. 401. COMPLIANCE WITH PAYGO.**

9 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
10 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
11 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
12 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
13 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
14 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
15 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
16 vote on passage.

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