

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the Wyden amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, and the bill, as amended, be read a third time.

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

The amendment (No. 1129) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To make a technical correction)

On page 2, line 5, insert “of the Social Security Act” after “1866E(e)(1)”.

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

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask for a voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any further debate?

If there is no further debate, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall it pass?

The bill (S. 971), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 971

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Independence at Home Medical Practice Demonstration Improvement Act of 2015”.

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN THE LIMIT ON THE LENGTH OF AN AGREEMENT UNDER THE MEDICARE INDEPENDENCE AT HOME MEDICAL PRACTICE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

Section 1866E(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc-5(e)(1)) is amended by striking “3-year” and inserting “5-year”.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

STEVE GLEASON ACT OF 2015

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 984, that the bill be read a third time, and that the Senate vote on passage of the bill with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

A bill (S. 984) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

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

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask for a voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing no further debate, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall it pass?

The bill (S. 984) was passed, as follows:

S. 984

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Steve Gleason Act of 2015”.

SEC. 2. PROVIDING MEDICARE BENEFICIARY ACCESS TO EYE TRACKING ACCESSORIES FOR SPEECH GENERATING DEVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended by inserting “and eye tracking and gaze interaction accessories for speech generating devices furnished to individuals with a demonstrated medical need for such accessories” after “appropriate organizations”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to devices furnished on or after January 1, 2016.

SEC. 3. REMOVING THE RENTAL CAP FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT UNDER MEDICARE WITH RESPECT TO SPEECH GENERATING DEVICES.

Section 1834(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in clause (iii), by adding “or” at the end; and

(3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following new clause:

“(iv) in the case of devices furnished on or after October 1, 2015, and before October 1, 2018, which serves as a speech generating device or which is an accessory that is needed for the individual to effectively utilize such a device.”.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be made and laid upon the table.

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

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 144, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week; S. Res. 145, Parkinson’s Awareness Month; S. Res. 146, Assistant Principals Week; and S. Res. 147, Historian Emeritus.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S. 782

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 782 be discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works and be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—H.R. 710

Mr. CORNYN. Finally, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 710 be discharged from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

Mr. CORNYN. I yield the floor.

JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2015—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I understand there are 4 more minutes on this side. Am I correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There are 2½ minutes of debate remaining on the Democratic side.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I yield back our time.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 301

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time having been yielded back, under the previous order, the question is on agreeing to amendment No. 301, offered by the Senator from Vermont, Mr. LEAHY.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 43, nays 55, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 156 Leg.]

YEAS—43

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Lists yeas: Baldwin, Heitkamp, Reed, Bennet, Hirono, Reid, Blumenthal, Kaine, Sanders, Booker, King, Schatz, Boxer, Klobuchar, Schumer, Brown, Leahy, Shaheen, Cantwell, Markey, Stabenow, Cardin, McCaskill, Tester, Carper, Menendez, Udall, Coons, Merkley, Warner, Durbin, Mikulski, Warren, Feinstein, Murphy, Whitehouse, Franken, Murray, Wyden, Gillibrand, Nelson, Heinrich, Peters.

NAYS—55

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Lists nays: Alexander, Casey, Cotton, Ayotte, Cassidy, Crapo, Barrasso, Coats, Daines, Blunt, Cochran, Donnelly, Boozman, Collins, Enzi, Burr, Corker, Ernst, Capito, Cornyn, Fischer.