

the prosecution has now had him plead guilty.

The third person referred to was Webb Hubbell. We know that case. Webb Hubbell has pled guilty. It is a sad day. He is a good friend. But it was nothing that related to Whitewater Development Corp., absolutely nothing that related to Madison Guaranty, nothing whatsoever. Web Hubbell pled guilty to overbilling his clients; nothing to do with the RTC, nothing to do with Whitewater; totally irrelevant.

If we continue spreading this dragnet out further, if we go after every person that has ever had contact with Bill Clinton or Hillary Clinton or James McDougal or whatever, if they have ever made a phone call to them, if they have ever borrowed money or given them a campaign contribution, Lord only knows how long this investigation is going to go. It will go beyond the year 2000.

I just hope that our colleagues on the Banking Committee will realize that we must focus this investigation as it relates to Whitewater and to its original mission.

Mr. President, I thank the distinguished Senator, ranking member, and the distinguished chairman for yielding me this time.

I yield the floor.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I am prepared to yield back time.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, we yield back the remainder of our time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time having been yielded, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] is necessarily absent.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 96, nays 3, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 171 Leg.]

YEAS—96

Abraham	DeWine	Inouye
Akaka	Dodd	Jeffords
Ashcroft	Dole	Johnston
Baucus	Domenici	Kassebaum
Bennett	Dorgan	Kempthorne
Biden	Exon	Kerrey
Bond	Faircloth	Kerry
Boxer	Feingold	Kohl
Bradley	Feinstein	Kyl
Breaux	Ford	Lautenberg
Brown	Frist	Leahy
Bryan	Gorton	Levin
Bumpers	Graham	Lieberman
Burns	Gramm	Lott
Byrd	Grams	Lugar
Campbell	Grassley	Mack
Chafee	Gregg	McCain
Coats	Harkin	McConnell
Cochran	Hatch	Mikulski
Cohen	Hatfield	Moseley-Braun
Conrad	Hefflin	Moynihan
Coverdell	Helms	Murkowski
Craig	Hollings	Murray
D'Amato	Hutchison	Nickles
Daschle	Inhofe	Nunn

Packwood	Roth	Specter
Pell	Santorum	Stevens
Pressler	Sarbanes	Thomas
Pryor	Shelby	Thompson
Reid	Simpson	Thurmond
Robb	Smith	Warner
Rockefeller	Snowe	Wellstone

NAYS—3

Bingaman	Glenn	Simon
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NOT VOTING—1

Kennedy

So the resolution (S. Res. 120) was agreed to.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. SARBANES. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business.

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

Mr. THURMOND. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. THURMOND pertaining to the introduction of S. 812 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. DOLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, it has been our hope that we could work out some agreement on H.R. 483, the so-called Medicare Select bill. I know Senator ROCKEFELLER has some concerns about it. What we would like to do is bring the bill up, and if anybody has amendments, they can offer the amendments and see if we cannot complete action. It is a program that expires on June 30. I am not an expert on the program itself. I think Senators PACKWOOD and CHAFEE will be happy to manage the bill. I will not do that.

I would like to ask unanimous consent that we turn to the consideration of H.R. 483, the Medicare Select bill, but I am not going to make that request yet.

Is the Senator from West Virginia prepared to object to that?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I am afraid I will have to.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate turn to consideration H.R. 483 under the following time agreement: 1 hour on the bill to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Finance Committee, with one amendment to be offered by Senator ROCKEFELLER relative to Medicare, 1 hour for debate to be equally divided in the usual form, and that no motion to table be in order; further, that following disposition of the Rockefeller amendment, the bill be advanced to third reading and that final passage

occur without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. I do object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

#### EXTENDED USE OF MEDICARE SELECTED POLICIES—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. DOLE. In light of the objection, I move to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 483.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the motion to proceed.

Is there debate on the motion?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, this is not one of the most broadly understood issues. But it is a very important one, Medicare Select. There are, I guess, two issues that concern me. One—and this is less important, but nevertheless important to me—is the area of process. I had written Senator DOLE, the majority leader, a number of months ago asking for a hearing on the subject of Medicare Select. I was told in a letter back from the majority leader that we would have hearings on Medicare, obviously, and that Medicare Select would be a part of those hearings. The Finance Committee has not had any hearings on Medicare Select and, therefore, that constitutes a problem.

Second, there is a study on Medicare Select which is going to be completed by the end of the summer, and it is not a frivolous study or a frivolous problem. It is a serious problem involving seniors and Medicare supplementary insurance. Currently, 15 States are participating in the 3½-year experimental Medicare Select Program. This bill would expand Medicare Select to all 50 States for 5 years.

One of the States that has Medicare Select is, in fact, the State of Florida. I cosponsored legislation sponsored by Senator GRAHAM that would temporarily expand Medicare Select for another year. So this is not just a question of those States that have Medicare Select wanting to continue to expand it, or to make it permanent, or whatever. We have genuine concerns.

There are other issues involved. One of the conclusions of the preliminary evaluation of this study which I have been referring to, which will be completed at the end of the summer—and that is why I hoped we could wait until that time, this being the first year of a 2-year session—was that about half of the savings in the form of cheaper MediGap premiums for beneficiaries came about as a result of discounting payments to hospitals.

Now, theoretically, if seniors are having their care actually managed, the Medicare Program would realize savings from the lower use of health care services.