

should be concerned about what is happening to this industry and to these facilities and their ability to care for our senior citizens.

The Senate Finance Committee, which got input from many Senators and many parts of America's health delivery system, reported out a very good bill in the area of skilled nursing homes and, likewise, in the other delivery components of American health care. In it, there are two provisions which are particularly important. First, it provides, over the next 3 years, for \$1.4 billion in higher payment rates for skilled nursing facilities. These increases are targeted at what everyone agrees is the problem—that current rates do not cover the high costs of medically complex cases. In other words, skilled nursing homes and the population of these homes have changed rather dramatically in the last 15 years, and there are more and more very sick people in the skilled nursing home facilities, and we call these medically complex cases. The reimbursements we are now giving skilled nursing homes do not cover the care for the medically complex cases. Secondly, it put a moratorium—that is, the Senate bill—on the \$1,500 therapy caps that have been so disruptive to care to many seniors.

Quite frankly, one of the messages I would like the Senate to hear today is that the House bill is completely inadequate in this area. In fact, the House bill puts only \$100 million—one-tenth of \$1 billion—directly into the payment rates to correct the problem of high cost cases. That is \$1.3 billion less than the Senate bill. Obviously, there is a problem, or there isn't a problem. If there is no problem, then the House is right. Fund it with \$100 million, which is almost nothing. But if there is a problem, obviously \$100 million over 3 years will not solve that problem. The Senate is more apt to be right at \$1.3 billion for skilled nursing homes.

The House bill tries to salvage the concept of putting caps on therapy services, which is the wrong way to be approaching and controlling the costs in this area.

The Medicare relief package reported by our Finance Committee—I give the Finance Committee great credit and Chairman BILL ROTH extraordinary credit—includes other provisions: \$1.8 billion for teaching hospitals, all hospitals \$2.5 billion more than today's plans, and for home health, \$1.3 billion to delay a 15-percent cut.

Many of us have looked at all of these and think they are needed and should be supported. But certainly to go to conference and tragically leave out of the package anything significant for skilled nursing homes, I tell you that we will rue the day. It will not be 6 months to a year when there will be closings across this land, and we will have sick senior citizens unattended in nursing home after nursing home across this country.

Even if the other provisions survive the conference and the nursing provi-

sions do not, let me repeat that I think we will have failed the No. 1 problem in the delivery system right now, especially for those who can do nothing for themselves. They are the very sick seniors in nursing homes.

I don't know any other way than to say that the Senate voted overwhelmingly for these provisions. I hope that means they will carry this message into this conference and will insist that the House concede when it comes to skilled nursing home parts of this bill and put substantially more into reimbursing provisions; that is, the two that I have mentioned here today.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 900) to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 609. An act to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 2:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3196. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 37. Joint resolution urging the President to negotiate a new base rights agreement with the Government of Panama in order for United States Armed Forces to be stationed in Panama after December 31, 1999.

The following bill was read twice and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3196. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The following joint resolution, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed on today, November 5, 1999, by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND):

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6037. A communication from the President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its formal management control review program for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6038. A communication from the Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its audit and internal management activities for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6039. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its audit and investigative activities for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6040. A communication from the Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its audit and investigative activities for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6041. A communication from the Director, the Woodrow Wilson Center, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its audit and investigative activities for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6042. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1978 for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6043. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-146, "Josephine Butler Parks Center Property Tax Relief Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6044. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-156, "Child Support and Welfare Reform Compliance Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6045. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-159, "Motor Vehicle Excessive Idling Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6046. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 13-154, "District of Columbia Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals Membership Simplification Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6047. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-155, "Adoption and Safe Families Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6048. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-147, "Separation Pay Adjustment Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6049. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-149, "Annuitants' Health and Life Insurance Employer Contribution Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6050. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-157, "University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees Residency Requirement Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6051. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-158, "Noise Control Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6052. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-148, "Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6053. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-163, "Temporary Real Property Tax Exemption for the Phillips Collection Temporary Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6054. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-161, "Lateral Appointment of Law Enforcement Officers Temporary Amendment Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6055. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-162, "Sex Offender Registration Temporary Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6056. A communication from the Chair, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6057. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to additions to and deletions from the Procurement List, received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6058. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Con-

sumption; Polysorbate 60" (84F-0050), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6059. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Polymers" (99F-0345), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6060. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Listing of Color Additives for Coloring Meniscal Tacks; D&C Violet No. 2; Confirmation of Effective Date" (98C-0158), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6061. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Student Financial Assistance, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Student Assistance General Provisions-Student Eligibility", received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6062. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Immigration Appeals: Streamlining" (RIN1125-AA22), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6063. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, a report relative to the position of the Department of Justice in the Supreme Court in "Dickerson v. United States"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6064. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adequate Disclosure" (Rev. Proc. 99-41), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6065. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cost-of-Living Adjustments" (Rev. Proc. 99-42), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6066. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reopenings of Treasury Securities" (RIN1545-AX61) (TD8840), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6067. A communication from the Acting Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reduction of Title II Benefits Under the Family Maximum Provisions in Cases of Dual Entitlement" (RIN0960-AE85), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6068. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "North Dakota Regulatory Program", received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6069. A communication from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Status of Fisheries of the United States"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6070. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Fisheries Habitat Program: Request for Proposals for FY 2000" (RIN0648-ZA71), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6071. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Marine Biotechnology to Assess the Health of Coastal Ecosystems: Request for Proposals for FY 2000" (RIN0648-ZA74), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6072. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Sea Grant College Program—National Marine Fisheries Service Joint Graduate Fellowship Programs in Population Dynamics and Marine Resource Economics" (RIN0648-ZA69), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6073. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Portions of the Comprehensive Amendment Addressing Sustainable Fisheries Act Definitions and Other Required Provisions in the Fishery Management Plans of the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-AL42), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6074. A communication from the Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interconnection and Resale Obligations Pertaining to CMRS, et al." (CC Docket No. 94-54, WT Docket No. 98-100, and GN Docket No. 94-33; FCC 99-250), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6075. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Class E Airspace; Hebbonville, TX; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ASW-24 (10-29/11-1)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0359), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6076. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Class E Airspace; El Paso, TX; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ASW-26 (10-29/11-1)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0360), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6077. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Year 2000 Airport Safety Inspection" (RIN2120-AG83), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6078. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel,

Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to Class E Airspace; Beaumont, TX; Direct Final Rule; Request for Comments; Docket No. 99-ASW-25 (10-29/11-1)" (RIN2120-AA66) (1999-0361), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6079. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Model 407 Helicopters; Docket No. 99-SW-07 (10-28/11-1)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0426), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6080. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt and Whitney JT8D Series Turbofan Engines; Docket No. 92-ANE-15 (10-29/11-1)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0425), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6081. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model B Ae 146 and Avro 146-RJ Series Airplanes; Docket No. 99-NM-27 (10-28/11-1)" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0427), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6082. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model A32, L, and L1 Helicopters; Docket No. 98-SW-59" (RIN2120-AA64) (1999-0428), received November 2, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6083. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System—Regulations for Revision of the Water Pollution Control Program Addressing Storm Water Discharges" (FRL #6470-8), received November 3, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1374. A bill to authorize the development and maintenance of a multiagency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming (Rept. No. 106-215).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1503. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2003 (Rept. No. 106-216).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1907. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for inventors and innovators, protect patent terms, reduce patent litigation, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and an amended preamble:

S. Res. 217. A resolution relating to the freedom of belief, expression, and association in the People's Republic of China.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted on November 3, 1999:

By Mr. THOMPSON for the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

John F. Walsh, of Connecticut, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2006.

LaGree Sylvia Daniels, of Pennsylvania, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2007.

Joshua Gotbaum, of New York, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ROBB (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1867. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax reduction for small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1868. A bill to improve the safety of shell eggs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1869. A bill to authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Korea, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1870. A bill to authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of Singapore, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1871. A bill to authorize the negotiation of a Free Trade Agreement with Chile, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 1872. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act with respect to the definition of a member business loan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. MACK, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. HOL-

LINGS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GORTON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROBB, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1873. A bill to delay the effective date of the final rule regarding the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1874. A bill to improve academic and social outcomes for youth and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive personnel during non-school hours; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1875. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to remove the prohibition on the use of funds to pay for newspaper or periodical advertising space or radio time; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1876. A bill to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to require a report to Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 221. A resolution to authorize testimony and document production in the Matter of Pamela A. Carter v. HealthSource Saginaw; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 222. A resolution to revise the procedures of the Select Committee on Ethics; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. Con. Res. 69. A concurrent resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service issue a commemorative postal stamp honoring the 200th anniversary of the naval shipyard system; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

S. Con. Res. 70. A concurrent resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring the national veterans service organizations of the United States; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1868. A bill to improve the safety of shell eggs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EGG SAFETY ACT OF 1999

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Egg Safety Act of 1999. This legislation would improve the safety of our nation's egg supply by granting USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) the authority to regulate and inspect shell eggs from farm to retail level, requiring labeling on egg cartons, requiring uniform expiration dating for all shell eggs, and prohibiting repackaging of eggs.