



AMENDMENT NO. 226 Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require Members of Congress and congressional staff to enroll in a Federal health insurance program.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—111th Cong., 1st Sess.**

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To make quality, affordable health care available to all Americans, reduce costs, improve health care quality, enhance disease prevention, and strengthen the health care workforce.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN

Viz:

- 1 In the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. \_\_. FREEDOM NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL**
- 3 **HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS.**
- 4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
- 5 vision of law, on the date of enactment of this Act, all
- 6 Members of Congress and congressional staff shall enroll
- 7 in a Federal health insurance program—
- 8 (1) created under this Act (or an amendment
- 9 made by this Act); or

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(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Member of Congress” means any member of the House of Representatives or the Senate.

(2) CONGRESSIONAL STAFF.—The term “congressional staff” means all full-time and part-time employees employed by the official office of a Member of Congress, whether in Washington, DC or outside of Washington, DC.