

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. JAVITS. Mr. President, I am very gratified that the provision for medicines in the voluntary part of the medicare program is at long last included in the law. When the medicare measure was before us originally I moved for such an amendment and I did my utmost to get it adopted, but it was defeated. Sometimes it takes a while around here for justice to catch up with the law, and in this case it has.

I congratulate the Senate from Louisiana [Mr. LONG] for including this provision. He told me at the time that if experience warranted it he would include it, and he did so in this bill. I extend to the Senator my appreciation.

Mr. LONG of Louisiana. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. JAVITS. I yield.

Mr. LONG of Louisiana. Mr. President, it was the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DOUGLAS] who offered the amendment. I voted for it, as did the majority of the committee. I think that this measure will meet the problem. While it is not recommended by the administration they are not fighting us on this measure.

The Senator from New York [Mr. JAVITS] was one of the early proponents of the suggestion. I commend him for his effort. Many of us have been in favor of it for a long time. The only consideration has been the revenue consequence of it.

Mr. JAVITS. The Senator had said that at that time, and I commend the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DOUGLAS] for his part in the matter.

Mr. FONG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I may call up my amendment in precedence over the amendment of the distinguished Senator from Texas [Mr. YARBOROUGH], and ask that it be considered at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the amendment of the Senator from Texas [Mr. YARBOROUGH] will be temporarily laid aside.

Mr. FONG. Mr. President, I call up my amendment and ask that it be stated.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The amendment will be stated.

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The legislative clerk proceeded to read the amendment.

Mr. FONG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered; and the amendment will be printed in the RECORD at this point.

The amendment submitted by Mr. FONG is as follows:

At the end of the bill to insert a new section, as follows:

"Sec. 404. That (a) the first sentence of section 203(a) of the Social Security Act is amended (1) by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (3) thereof and inserting in lieu of such period a semicolon followed by the word 'or', and (2) by adding after paragraph (3) thereof the following new paragraph:

"(4) when one of such individuals is a widow of such insured individual who is entitled, under section 202(e), to widow's insurance benefits for any month on the basis of the wages and self-employment income of such insured individual, the benefit to which she is entitled, on the basis of such wages and self-employment income, shall not be reduced for any month under this subsection on account of monthly benefits to which any other individual is entitled, on the basis of the wages and self-employment income of such insured individual, if (A) such insured individual died prior to 1966 and if (B) such other individual (i) is entitled to such benefits, under section 202(d), as a child of such insured individual, (ii) is not the child of such widow, and (iii) would not have been considered to be the son or daughter of such insured individual under section 216(h) as in effect prior to the enactment of the Social Security Amendments of 1965."

"(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to monthly benefits payable under title II of the Social Security Act for months after the month in which this Act is enacted."

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator has 5 minutes. How much time is he yielding himself?

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, will the Senator from Hawaii yield without using any of his time, so that I may suggest the absence of a quorum for 1 minute, with the time to be taken out of the bill?

Mr. FONG. I yield.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum for 1 minute.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The Chief Clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. How much time is the Senator from Hawaii allowing himself?

Mr. FONG. Mr. President, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. President, this is a very simple amendment, offered to correct a very serious inequity inflicted by Congress last year upon certain widows entitled to social security benefits.

In enacting the Social Security Amendments of 1965—Public Law 89-97—Congress included a provision entitling certain illegitimate children to social security benefits based upon the father's earnings record.