

**AMENDMENT TO S. CON. RES. 3**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MEEHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Add at the end of section 2002 the following:

1           (d) PROTECTING SENIORS' ACCESS TO MEDICARE.—  
2 In carrying out subsections (a) and (b), the committees  
3 named in such subsections should not submit changes in  
4 laws that would—

5           (1) reduce payment rates under title XVIII of  
6 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) for  
7 items and services furnished by providers of services  
8 (as defined in section 1861(u) of such Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 1395x(u)) or suppliers (as defined in section  
10 1861(d) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(d))); or

11           (2) increase Medicare beneficiary premiums  
12 under such title, increase Medicare beneficiary cost-  
13 sharing (including deductibles, coinsurance, and co-  
14 payments) under such title, or otherwise restrict  
15 benefits under such title or modify criteria for eligi-  
16 bility for such benefits.

