

Rep. Eshoo Floor Statement on H.R. 2, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act

Washington, D.C. - Rep. Anna G. Eshoo delivered the following statement in support of H.R. 2, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (SCHIP) to provide health insurance to 11 million low-income children.

Senator Hubert Humphrey was very fond of saying that a society is measured by how it treats those in the autumn of their lives and how it treats those in the spring of their lives. Today we rise to honor the young in our country with legislation that will provide for them what is one of the great necessities of life, and that is healthcare. We will not have healthy adults in our country unless we have healthy children.

Today, we put down a magnificent down payment to ensure healthcare for 11 million children in our country. This is a smartly drafted bill. Why? Because it is responsible; because it is paid for. Over 90 percent of the providers are private. So I think today is not only a profound moment in the Congress, but a sacred one, and I look forward to its passage and what it will do to strengthen our country by strengthening our country's children.