



U.S. Senator Mary L. Landrieu *Louisiana*



Senate Passes Landrieu Amendment To Double Adoption Tax Credit



Washington, D.C. (May 23) – An amendment by Sen. Mary L. Landrieu (D-La.) that permanently extends and doubles the adoption tax credit passed the U.S. Senate today as part of the \$1.35 trillion tax package. The amendment, known as “The Hope for Children Act,” doubles the current tax credit to \$10,000 for couples who adopt children and adjusts the current credit to make it more accessible to families who adopt children from foster care.

“Because of the generosity and love of so many Americans who have adopted children, families have been built and children have been given hope,” said Sen. Landrieu. “I am pleased that my colleagues have joined me in giving back to families who open their hearts and homes, as well as in creating opportunities for even more families to experience the joy of adoption.”

In addition to extending and doubling the adoption credit, The Hope for Children Act adjusts the tax code to include families who adopt children with special needs. The passage of the amendment, which was sponsored by Sens. Landrieu and Larry Craig (R-ID), Senate co-chairs of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, marks the end of a two-year effort by leaders of the adoption coalition. Last week, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Hope for Children Act last week by a vote of 420-0.

“There are currently half a million children in our nation’s foster care system and 6,000 in Louisiana,” said Sen. Landrieu. “We must continue to encourage and support parents who choose to take these children into their lives. Each time a child finds a permanent home, we have not only saved a future, we have also saved billions of dollars of taxpayer money.”