

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2473

To require the repayment of appropriated funds that are illegally disbursed for political purposes by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

---

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2004

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. REED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

---

## A BILL

To require the repayment of appropriated funds that are illegally disbursed for political purposes by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Trust Fund  
5 Reimbursement Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPAYMENT TO THE MEDICARE TRUST FUNDS OF**  
2 **AMOUNTS ILLEGALLY DISBURSED FOR PO-**  
3 **LITICAL PURPOSES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
5 sion of law, if the Comptroller General of the United  
6 States determines that the Centers for Medicare & Med-  
7 icaid Services has violated the restriction on using appro-  
8 priated funds for publicity or propaganda purposes con-  
9 tained in section 626 of division J of the Consolidated Ap-  
10 propriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108–7; 117  
11 Stat. 470) or any other provision of law, the principal  
12 campaign committee (as defined in section 301(5) of the  
13 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C.  
14 431(5))) of the President of the United States shall reim-  
15 burse the Federal Government for the amount used in  
16 committing such violation.

17 (b) **REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICARE TRUST**  
18 **FUNDS.**—To the extent that the amount described in sub-  
19 section (a) was initially appropriated to the Federal Hos-  
20 pital Insurance Trust Fund under section 1817 of the So-  
21 cial Security Act or the Federal Supplementary Medical  
22 Insurance Trust Fund under section 1841 of such Act,  
23 the amount reimbursed under such subsection shall be  
24 credited to the Trust Fund to which the amount was ini-  
25 tially appropriated.