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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20 (legislative day, JUNE 16), 2011

Ms. Ayotte (for herself, Ms. Snowe, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brown of Massachusetts, and Ms. Landrieu) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FIDUCIARY EXCLUSION.

Section 3(21)(A) of the Employee Retirement Income and Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(21)(A)) is amended by inserting “and except to the extent a person is providing an appraisal or fairness opinion with respect to qualifying employer securities (as defined in section
407(d)(5)) included in an employee stock ownership plan (as defined in section 407(d)(6)),” after “subparagraph (B),”.
