

tested is not really reform, it's dismantling the program.

The effects of cuts on this scale may not be felt immediately, and the plans for how to achieve them are certainly being kept under wraps until the last minute, but sooner or later it will be clear that cutting \$270 billion out of Medicare goes too far, too fast.

I only hope it is not too late to save the program before the American people realize it, and that 30 years from now this Congress is known for having reformed but not reduced the Medicare Program that has gotten us so far.

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF SHERIFF JOHN T. PIERPONT

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to salute a good friend whose leadership in the field of law enforcement is exemplary. John T. Pierpont is currently serving his fourth term as Sheriff of Greene County, MO, which includes my hometown of Springfield, MO. John was first elected to serve Greene County in 1981 and is overseeing an office of 140 employees in seven different divisions, all dedicated to helping and protecting the people of Greene County and Southwest Missouri. Prior to serving Greene County, John was U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Missouri for 8 years. As U.S. Marshal for the Western District, John oversaw a jurisdiction of more than 66 counties.

While successfully leading law enforcement efforts throughout southwest Missouri, John Pierpont also has been an active leader within the Missouri and national law enforcement communities. Sheriff Pierpont is a former President of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association, the Missouri Peace Officers' Association, and the Retired U.S. Marshals. John was first elected to a leadership position in the 26,000 member National Sheriffs' Association in 1989 as Sergeant-at-Arms and moved up from Seventh Vice President to the position of First Vice President which he held in 1994. I am pleased to salute John Pierpont for his June 14, 1995 election as the National President of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Through his years of selfless service and dedication to his chosen profession of law enforcement, John Pierpont has displayed principled leadership and a devotion to the principles of justice, hard work, and family. His standard of leadership is an example to his colleagues in law enforcement and all other areas of public and private service.

THE LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise in support of S. 1060, the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended last night by the compromise language developed by our distinguished colleagues, Senators MCCONNELL and LEVIN. I am pleased that the McConnell-Levin

amendment solves both of the principal problems with lobbying reform legislation that caused me to vote against it last year.

First, the McConnell-Levin amendment assures that this legislation is not directed at grassroots lobbying. Grassroots lobbyists will not be required to report their activities or disclose their contributors. Unlike last year's bill, moreover, S. 1060 does not threaten to make grass roots lobbyists divulge their entire mailing lists.

Second, the McConnell-Levin amendment removes from S. 1060 the provisions that would have created a new government agency, which would have been called the Office of Lobbying Registration and Public Disclosure. It replaces those provisions with language that establishes administrative enforcement by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Those officers, and not a new government agency, will receive the lobbying reports that will be required if S. 1060 becomes law.

Mr. President, S. 1060 represents a reasonable compromise that properly balances the first amendment rights of the people against the demand of the public for meaningful reform of the way in which Washington does business. I remain convinced that last year's bill went too far and threatened to abridge the first amendment rights of grassroots lobbyists. Moreover, last year's bill made the age-old mistake of attempting to address a problem by creating yet another new government agency. I am pleased that last year's bill was defeated and that, this year, the opposing sides in that battle have come together to produce this bill.

Mr. President, I commend the distinguished Senator from Kentucky, Senator MCCONNELL, for his able leadership with respect to this bill. He has done an outstanding job in achieving the imminent overwhelming approval of the Senate for this bill.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and doc-

uments, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1226. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the financial audit of the Resolution Trust Corporation for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1227. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to final decisions and actions in response to the recommendations of the Inspector General; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1228. A communication from the President of the Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1994 management report of the FFB; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1229. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1230. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-77, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1231. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-76, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1232. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-67, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1233. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-68, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1234. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-69, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1235. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-71, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1236. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-70, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1237. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-72, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1238. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-73, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1239. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-74, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1240. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm

Credit Administration, transmitting pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1994 to March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1241. A communication from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1242. A communication from the Inspector General of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's audit report register; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1243. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-81, enacted by the Council on June 28, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1244. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-82, enacted by the Council on June 28, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1245. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-83, enacted by the Council on June 28, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1246. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-85, enacted by the Council on July 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1247. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-88, enacted by the Council on July 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1248. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-89, enacted by the Council on June 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1249. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-90, enacted by the Council on July 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1250. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-91, enacted by the Council on July 6, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1251. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-92, enacted by the Council on July 10, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1252. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-93, enacted by the Council on July 10, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1253. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-94, enacted by the Council on July 13, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1254. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 1993 Annual Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1255. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of the Agency Fund of the Office of the People's Counsel for Fiscal Year 1994"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1256. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of the Award and Administration of Parking Ticket Processing and Delinquent Ticket Collection Service Contracts"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1257. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1258. A communication from the Inspector General of the Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit of the Department's Private Counsel Debt Collection Program; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1259. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to reports issued or released by the Justice Department in May of 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1260. A communication from the Deputy and Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Resolution Trust Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual management report for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1261. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1262. A communication from the Director of the National Science Foundation, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 to include the National Science Foundation; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1263. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the disposal of Federal records for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1264. A communication from the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1994 "Report for the President"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1265. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to reduce delinquencies and to improve debt-collection activities government-wide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1266. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1994 management reports of the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks and the Financing Corporation; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

S. 1069. A bill for the relief of certain persons in Clark County, Nevada, who purchased land in good faith reliance on certain private land surveys, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1070. A bill to amend chapter 30 of title 35, United States Code, to afford third parties an opportunity for greater participation in reexamination proceedings before the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1071. A bill to eliminate the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, to establish a National Endowment for Arts, Humanities, and Museum Services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 1072. A bill to redefine "extortion" for purposes of the Hobbs Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1070. A bill to amend chapter 30 of title 35, United States Code, to afford third parties an opportunity for greater participation in reexamination proceedings before the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE PATENT REEXAMINATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce today the Patent Reexamination Reform Act of 1995. This legislation will significantly improve the patent reexamination process, making it an inexpensive and expeditious alternative to patent validity litigation. More importantly, this legislation will not unreasonably increase the cost, complexity, or duration of a reexamination proceeding, nor will it impose an unreasonable burden on the Patent and Trademark Office, who must ultimately process and reexamine the patents. Individual inventors and small businesses alike will benefit from this legislation because costly and time consuming litigation can now be avoided through the use of a more fair reexamination process.

There are five key elements of this proposed legislation. First, the legislation would simplify and shorten procedures governing initiation or reexamination proceedings. Second, the legislation would significantly increase the opportunity for a third party requester to meaningfully participate in a reexamination proceeding. Third, it would broaden the basis and scope of reexamination proceedings before the Patent and Trademark Office. Fourth, it would prevent the multiple requests for patent reexamination. Finally, it would provide a third party requester a right to appeal any decisions of the Patent and Trademark Office to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

The patent reexamination process was originally designed to provide a low-cost administrative procedure to

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BRYAN (for himself and Mr. REID):