

related disciplines, practicing within the scope of their training and experience. They are currently licensed in 40 States and the District of Columbia.

I want to congratulate the American Mental Health Counselors Association on their designation of April 30 to May 6, 1995 as "National Mental Health Counseling Week," and urge each and every American to seek the assistance of a qualified mental health counselor when needed. After all, our mental health is just as important as our physical health.

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 Committee on the Judiciary.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 831. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

At 4:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1345. An act to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1345. An act to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-707. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 50; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-708. A communication from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the calendar year 1994 report of the Agency's activities under the Freedom of Information Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-709. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1994 report relative to the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-710. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 1993 annual report relative to veterans employment and training; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-711. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to rescissions submitted by the President of the United States on February 6, 1995; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, and to the Committee on Small Business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-87. A resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Granville, North Carolina relative to tobacco; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

POM-88. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

"RESOLUTION NO. 10

"Whereas, The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program to help low-income families pay their heating bills; and

"Whereas, Eligibility for the program is set at 135% of poverty level (maximum income of \$19,900 for a family of four) and LIHEAP reaches fewer than one-half of the eligible households in Pennsylvania; and

"Whereas, Persons can receive one LIHEAP I grant a year and crisis payments to a maximum amount of \$250 for emergency situations with the average LIHEAP I grant being \$167 and average crisis grant amounting to \$231; and

"Whereas, LIHEAP serves Pennsylvania citizens with great needs. Thirty-two percent of the persons receiving aid are Social Security recipients, 26% are welfare recipients, 20% are working poor, 11% are supplemental

security income recipients and 3% receive unemployment benefits; and

"Whereas, Due to funding reductions, the program is no longer available during times of greatest need, thereby exacerbating health and safety needs; and

"Whereas, For example, the average LIHEAP grant assisted the neediest gas utility customers with 40.6% of their gas bills in 1985, but only provided assistance for 17.4% of the gas bills in 1994, one of the worst winters in the history of the country; and

"Whereas, This heating season, 1994-1995, the Federal appropriation for LIHEAP in Pennsylvania is 87.9 million dollars, the lowest in the history of the program; and

"Whereas, Sources of funds used by states to supplement LIHEAP such as the Energy Conservation Assistance Fund (ECAAF) will be exhausted in 1995; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United States to maintain the 1994-1995 funding levels for LIHEAP and to refrain from any further reductions; and be it further

"Resolved, That Congress is urged to reject any proposal to reduce LIHEAP funding; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania."

POM-89. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

"SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 335

"Whereas, the Personal Responsibility Act, a bill introduced in the United States Congress, includes provisions that would consolidate all nutrition programs into block grants to the states with funding reduced to 95 percent of their Fiscal Year 1995 appropriation level; and

"Whereas, this block grant would include the food stamp program, the school lunch program, the Women, Infant and Children's Nutrition Program (WIC), and the Senior Nutrition components of the Older Americans Act; and

"Whereas, the Senior Nutrition Program has two service components: (1) meals at congregate sites as the base for a comprehensive program of wellness and recreation activities, educational programs and access to other services, and (2) home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels); and

"Whereas, the Senior Nutrition Programs are a fundamental part of a comprehensive service system aimed at keeping older people at home, supporting family caregivers, and avoiding unnecessary and costly institutionalization; and

"Whereas, although the current program is not means-tested, it does serve those with the greatest economic need and maintains the dignity of participants by providing mechanisms for participants to contribute according to their ability to pay; and

"Whereas, Senior Nutrition Programs have been long established in the community and are supported through a vast network of volunteers of all ages and through case and in-kind support from the private sector; and

"Whereas, Senior Nutrition Programs are time-tested, successful examples of low cost, locally managed programs; and

"Whereas, the Senior Nutrition Program is consumer focused and has broad community support due to its flexibility and its role as point-of-contact and link to the broader aging services system; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring. That the United States Congress be urged to maintain the integrity of the already established comprehensive aging service system by deleting the portion of the bill that would remove the Senior Nutrition Programs from this service system, thereby preserving the integrity of the Older Americans Act; and, be it

"Resolved further, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia."

POM-90. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

"ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2

"Whereas, there is an urgent need to modify federal mandates because the implementation of these mandates by the state wastes the financial resources of Wyoming school districts, the citizens of Wyoming and the state and does not properly respect the rights of the state, its school districts and citizens; and

"Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution directs that powers not delegated to the United States are reserved to the states or to the people; and

"Whereas, Wyoming, as one of the sovereign states within the union, has constitutional authority to enact laws protecting the environment of the state and safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Wyoming; and

"Whereas, this authority has too often been ignored by the federal government which has intruded more and more into areas better left to the states; and

"Whereas, it is essential that the dilution of the authority of state and local governments be halted and that the provisions of the Tenth Amendment be accorded proper respect; and

"Whereas, current federal mandates, as reflected in P.L. 103-382, often do not reflect the realities of the Rocky Mountain region and federal regulators frequently do not understand the needs and priorities of the citizens of Wyoming; and

"Whereas, the citizens of this state can create and wish to create innovative solutions to Wyoming's problems, but Wyoming is currently denied the flexibility necessary to address these problems: Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the members of the legislature of the State of Wyoming:

"Section 1. The members of the Wyoming legislature strongly request the United States Congress to repeal the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, P.L. 103-382.

"Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to United States Secretary of Education and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation."

POM-91. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

"A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

"Whereas, the people of Wyoming have benefited from the development of stronger and more accessible arts activity in every county of the state because of the assistance provided by the Wyoming Arts Council with support from the National Endowment for the Arts; and

"Whereas, NEA funding of \$601,300 in Fiscal Year 1994 combined with \$296,281 provided by the State helped generate \$12.3 million in cash from local Wyoming communities; and

"Whereas, the Fiscal Year 1994 audience for arts activities in Wyoming exceeded 1,135,000 citizens and tourists; and

"Whereas, beyond the intrinsic value of arts education, the teaching of art in the schools develops higher order thinking, creativity and problem solving in students or skills that carry over into all area of study; and

"Whereas, thousands of Wyoming school children of all ages benefit from quality arts activities assisted by NEA funding awarded through the Wyoming Arts Council; and

"Whereas, funding by the National Endowment for the Arts through the Wyoming Arts Council helps Wyoming artists gain regional and national attention; and

"Whereas, Direct National Endowment for the Arts funding assists some of Wyoming's major arts institutions who bring national and international attention to the state for their artistic achievements; and

"Whereas, National Endowment for the Arts funding in Wyoming and in other parts of the nation has enabled arts organizations to win matching support from private sources; and

"Whereas, all great nations support the arts knowing the arts are vital to a society's well-being and Congress in 1965 noted 'An advanced civilization must . . . give understanding of the past, a better analysis of the present, and a better view of the future.'; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the 1995 Wyoming House of Representatives and the Wyoming Senate do hereby encourage the Congress of the United States of America to reauthorize continuation of the National Endowment for the Arts and its sister agencies, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute for Museum Services, and to provide adequate funding to enable them to continue their leadership roles in our nation on behalf of our country's culture.

"It is further resolved, that the Secretary of State or Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation."

POM-92. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

"RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO PREVENT THE EROSION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS.

"Whereas, the veterans of the armed services of the United States have consistently risen above and beyond the call of duty to our Nation; and

"Whereas, in the selfless defense of democracy and the rights inherent in all men and women, the veterans of our Nation have made incalculable and unyielding sacrifices in the face of adversity and during the hardship of military conflict; and

"Whereas, the scars of war remain in the minds and bodies of those who have served our country bravely; and

"Whereas, the price of democracy and freedom is eternal vigilance and our Nation must always call and rely upon our armed services to preserve and expand these blessings; and

"Whereas, today, military personnel serve our Nation throughout the world in such places as Korea, the Middle East, Haiti and Somalia; and

"Whereas, there are those in our Nation presently who would propose to alter, modify

or diminish our solemn covenant to provide for the needs of those who perform military service on our behalf; and

"Whereas, the Congressional Budget Office, the Concord Coalition, the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform and the Office of Management and Budget have all recently advanced proposals before the Congress and the administration to reduce, restrict or eliminate those benefits provided to our veterans; and

"Whereas, this Nation owes a great debt to those men and women who have served and continue to serve on its behalf; Now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Massachusetts General Court expresses its grateful appreciation to those men and women who willingly gave their last ounce of devotion to their country to keep the light of freedom glowing for this and future generations and in furtherance of that appreciation the Massachusetts General Court urges the United States Congress to recognize the sacrifices of these men and women and to prevent the further erosion of those benefits provided to the veterans of our Armed Forces; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the Senate to the presiding officers of each branch of Congress and to the Members thereof from this Commonwealth."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATFIELD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1995" (Rept. No. 104-26).

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Government Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Governmental Affairs" (Rept. No. 104-27).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 384. A bill to require a report on United States support for Mexico during its debt crises, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Shirley Ann Jackson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term of five years expiring June 30, 1999.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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: