

being pursued in urban areas across this country to do just that. This legislation would boost these efforts through critical financial and structured technical assistance.

Funding under the ECP Program would be available for the expansion of primary care sites, development of information, billing and reporting systems, planning and needs assessment, and health promotion outreach to underserved populations in the service area. Facilities eligible to participate in the ECP networks—those designated as “essential community providers”—include Medicare disproportionate share hospitals, rural primary care hospitals, essential access community hospitals, and federally qualified health centers [FQHC] or those clinics which otherwise fulfill the requirements for FQHC status except for board membership requirements.

In order to facilitate the integration of hospitals and clinics into these community health networks, physicians at network clinic sites would be provided admitting privileges at network hospitals. In addition, the placement of residents at network-affiliated FQHC's would be counted in the total number of residency positions when determining the indirect medical education [IME] reimbursement to hospitals under Medicare. The authorized funding level for rural EACH and urban ECP would be increased tenfold, from the current level of \$25 to \$250 million annually.

I am introducing the Essential Health Facilities Investment Act of 1996 because I believe this legislation is an important and necessary component of the effort to reform our Nations' health care delivery system. The initiatives in this bill are essential to ensuring access to high-quality and efficient services for everyone in our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 404, I was unavoidably detained at a meeting off the Hill. I regret that I was absent for this vote.

COMMENDING THE WORK OF FORT GUIJARROS MUSEUM FOUNDATION

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the work of the Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation and the U.S. Navy Submarine Base, San Diego. The foundation and the submarine base have brought history alive to the people of California.

This effort began in 1980 when the U.S. Navy Commander, submarine force, U.S. Pacific Fleet invited a civilian volunteer committee to work with the submarine support facility to research the history of a 1796 Spanish fort on Ballast Point. Since that time the committee has conducted scientific investigation, analysis, reports, and public exhibits on their findings.

The foundation has established public education programs for our elderly and retired citizens. Through traveling exhibits to high schools, banks, and government buildings the foundation has brought hands-on history to our citizens. One particular exhibit in Old Town San Diego reaches 11,000 children each year. Further walking tours of the historical buildings, slide lectures, and education programs maximize use of the ruins of Fort Guijarros.

In addition, the foundation has been analyzing the thousands of artifacts in former U.S. Army World War II buildings assigned by the U.S. Navy. Recently, congressional legacy grant funding enable adaptive reuse of the former Army morgue to a refrigerated repository to ensure preservation of the artifacts and field notes well beyond the year 2000.

Each year, the submarine force hosts the annual battle of San Diego Bay fiesta at Monument Circle near the Fort Guijarros site. This year the event will be held on September 21 and I would like to take this opportunity to commend the work of both the submarine force and the Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation. Many people have given their time and effort to this important project. In particular I would like to recognize Capt. Bruce Scott for his support in preserving this part of our history.

I know my colleagues join me in recognizing the Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation and wish them continued success in the future.

CLUSTER RULE

HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the EPA's proposed cluster rule for the American pulp and paper industry. This rule is intended to simplify and coordinate air and water quality standard setting.

EPA's stated goal is to develop a long-term approach to environmental improvement consistent with reasonable capital expenditures. Its most recent proposal has two options that are to be given equal weight as a potential basis for best available technology. Option A calls for the elimination of elemental chlorine in bleaching operations by complete substitution of chlorine dioxide. Option B would supplement complete substitution with oxygen delignification.

Technical complexity aside, EPA acknowledges that both approaches will reduce the level of dioxins and furans in wastewater of bleached papergrade kraft and soda mills below the current analytical minimum level. By EPA's own estimate, option B would cost industry a billion dollars more than option A.

One facility where the difference between these two options is made abundantly clear is operated by Bowater Inc. in Catawba, SC. The facility employs 1,150 people and produces 2,300 tons of market pulp, coated paper, and newsprint per day. On a tour of this plant last year, I was shown how EPA's option B would require a complete overhaul and rearrangement of the plant's paper production processes including the shifting or replacement of most of their equipment. The cost such a shift would impose is simply unjustifiable given the

existence of an equally safe, and cheaper, option. This option, complete substitution, should be adopted in the final rule.

For 3 years, EPA and the pulp and paper industry have worked to identify a workable approach to the cluster rule. For the most part, this period of deliberation has been helpful in evaluating costs and benefits of various proposals. However, the uncertainty and the possibility of the huge costs associated with option B have made it difficult for plants like Bowater to plan for the future. It is time to for a resolution, and I call on EPA to finalize the water guidelines along with MACT I and III air standards by the end of the fiscal year with the selection of option A.

REPORT FROM INDIANA—THOMAS JACKSON

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my report from Indiana.

Each weekend, my wife Ruthie and I travel across Indiana to meet with Hoosiers.

And every time, we travel the Second District of Indiana, we become more amazed with the hundreds and hundreds of individuals who are out-there working day and night to make a difference taking responsibility to make our communities better places to live.

I like to call these individuals Hoosier Heros. Hoosier Heros because they do good things for their friends and neighbors.

Today I recognize, Thomas Jackson of Anderson, IN as a Hoosier Hero.

Ruthie recently spent a day with Thomas. Afterwards she shared with me Tom's tireless efforts to help children in Madison County.

You see Tom owns and operates his own restaurant—the “Prime Time Deli and More.”

And between spending time with his family and the responsibilities of running his own business, his free time is stretched thin.

But that doesn't stop Tom from helping others. He has taken on a crucial challenge.

Thomas has taken on himself, the mission, to spread the message “Just Say No!” to our young people.

Tom travels to schools in Madison County educating, warning and teaching children to say: “No to drugs and alcohol.” Thomas' mission is special and close to his heart.

Nine years ago, his own son Thomas Jr., became involved with a drug cartel in the neighboring city of Muncie.

His son almost lost his own life. Thomas Jr. was in pretty bad shape but with the love of his father and family, he survived. He turned his life around.

Thomas Jr. was recently married and today lives a happy life. Thomas Jackson decided that the best way for others to avoid the same tragedy as his own son, was to take a leadership role in warning children.

He started an alcohol and drug awareness program: “Youth Needs Prime Time.” that's reassuring.

Today he educates children about the very real danger and possible lethal consequences of drugs and alcohol use.

One of his volunteers is a 24-year-old, ex-gang member, Roosevelt Rees.

Roosevelt has turned his life around. And is now dedicated to making sure kids don't make the same mistake of using drugs like he did.

The effort—is crucial especially, when study after study tells us that drug use among America's children is at an alarming all time high.

Drug usage among 14 and 15-year-olds are up 200 percent since 1992. And that's frightening.

Every community in America needs a hero like Thomas Jackson on the front lines of the drug war defending and educating our children.

Madison County residents are privileged to have such a friend in their community.

And today I would like to say, "thank you" to Thomas Jackson and Youth Needs Prime Time for their hard work and dedication. He is a Hoosier Hero.

That concludes my report from Indiana.

GETTING CONNECTED TO THE 21ST CENTURY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce a bill commending California's NetDay96 activities and the tens of thousands of NetDay participants, and affirming this House's commitment to providing the Nation's school classrooms with the necessary technology for the 21st century.

The State of California is known for its high technology economy and as the birthplace of the personal computer. Yet, we rank 33d nationwide in overall technology spending per student in our schools, at \$3 per student per year. Most classrooms still lack telephone wires. Nationally, many schools are struggling with outdated textbooks and lack the resources to purchase the latest informational and instructional resources. Fieldtrips to museums, laboratories, and other off-campus sites are an expensive luxury that cannot be enjoyed frequently. And, only a handful of schools can afford to send their students to visit overseas locations.

Providing Internet access to our classrooms has the potential to be an important educational asset. This is more than about learning how to use a computer. It's about access to information. Information about scientific discoveries, information about historical findings, information about the latest legislative activities in government. It is also about the excitement of direct interaction. The excitement of interacting with top museums all over the world; the excitement of interacting with laboratories on the cutting edge of scientific research; the excitement of interacting with field scientists working at remote locations; the excitement of interacting with other children halfway around the world.

Such learning enhancement provided by the Internet is not limited to science and technology. A survey of more than 130 recent academic studies showed that technology-based instruction improved student performance in language arts, math, and social studies, as well as in science.

On March 9, 1996, my State of California held its NetDay96 to wire 3,500 schools statewide to give our students access to the

Internet. On this one Saturday, over 50,000 volunteers participated, ranging from students, teachers, and parents to local community groups. On this 1 day, over 1,000 sponsors contributed, ranging from high technology companies to donut shops. I was joined by President Clinton and Vice President GORE at Ygnacio Valley High School in my district, where we helped install wires.

I would like to extend my appreciation to President Clinton and Vice President GORE for their leadership and support in providing technology to our schools. I also thank the two co-founders of NetDay96, Mr. John Gage of Sun Microsystems and Michael Kaufman of KQED, the thousands of sponsoring companies, and the tens of thousands of volunteers, for bringing the Internet to California schools.

After hearing about California's successful NetDay96, some 40 States and 15 countries have asked the NetDay96 organizers to put together a similar event in their State or country. The organizers responded with a nationwide NetDay96 Month, to be held over four Saturdays this October. Members of Congress, and anyone else, can find out if their State has signed on for this event by going to the NetDay96 Web site at www.netday96.com.

Mr. Speaker, more and more companies are eager to contribute to this effort. Just recently, the cable TV industry announced that it would assist in providing Internet connection to schools all across the Nation. I urge my colleagues to take advantage of this opportunity and help their States' schools to gain access to this valuable tool called the Internet and join me in this resolution promoting NetDay96 throughout the entire Nation.

As wonderful as the Internet is in providing information, we must also keep in mind that it is an unregulated medium and that there is much unverified information. To guard against inappropriate or inaccurate information, proper technological barriers should be put in place, proper supervision provided, and proper information review exercised. In that regard, teachers must be trained not only on how to use the Internet, but also to be aware of and compensate for the pitfalls in the system.

We must remember that the Internet is only a tool; how this tool is used by teachers, students, and parents will determine its usefulness and effectiveness. Regardless of the availability of the Internet in schools, we must not forget that we still need dedicated teachers, effective administrators, concerned parents, and adequate funding to have the best educated children and work force in the world for the 21st century.

SUPPORT GROWS FOR SPORTS AND NON-VIOLENCE SUMMIT

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 1996

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that this week the House is considering Monitoring of the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990.

As you know, the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act requires colleges in receipt of Federal funding to report to students, faculty and prospective students once a year on the number of crimes reported in a

number of categories, including murder; sex offenses, forcible or nonforcible; robbery; aggravated assault; and burglary. This law helps assist students in taking appropriate steps to protect themselves from becoming victims, and it assists families and students in making the most appropriate decisions about the schools they may wish to attend.

On February 6, 1996, ABC news reported that at Clemson University 100 students met with the football coach to discuss their safety on the campus following the arrest of the 9th Clemson football player this year. Since January, more than 50 college athletes in 13 States have been charged with assault, theft, trespassing, burglary, sexual assault, and drunk driving.

I was pleased to hear the remarks of the chairman of the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee, Mr. GOODLING, expressing his concern over violence among athletes at universities. In his remarks Chairman GOODLING appealed to all the presidents of colleges and universities to:

Stand tall and be firm against those who would pressure them, be they coaches on the campus or alumni. There is no excuse for some outstanding athlete to go free after battering women or committing rape or breaking laws in relation to alcohol and other drugs. To use the excuse that you are trying to save that individual cannot be used when you are thinking about the other thousands who are there:

Mr. Speaker, several months ago, Representative CONNIE MORELLA and I wrote to the national sports associations with concern over a growing number of reported acts of violence against women by professional and college athletes. We have since met with representatives of the National Football League, Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, the National Athletic Association and other major sports associations to discuss our desire to have these organizations join with us in our national effort to eradicate violence against women.

This August, Representative MORELLA and I introduced a sense-of-congress resolution calling for a national summit on sports and non-violence to help develop a national campaign to eradicate domestic violence. Our legislation addresses three realities of American society: first, that we have an epidemic of domestic violence in this country; second, that America has a fascination with sports, from the Olympics to the Super Bowl to the Final Four; and third, that professional and collegiate athletes are viewed as sports heroes by Americans.

Sports leaders, as role models, are often emulated both on and off the field, and we are asking that our national and collegiate sports leaders make it a top priority to help publicly condemn domestic violence and sexual assault and join us in a national awareness campaign. As role models, these sports leaders can send a strong message that the rough and tumble, hard-nosed competition stops when players leave the field and that there is no excuse for domestic violence and sexual assault.

I am pleased to report that since the introduction of that resolution we have received letters of support from numerous individuals and organizations, including: American College of Nurse Midwives; American Psychological Association; AYUDA; Larry Brown, Coach, Indiana Pacers; Catholics for a Free Choice; Jacquelyn Campbell, director of doctoral studies,