

As the Internet becomes as integral part of our daily lives, it is imperative that we in Congress take a common sense approach, like this proposed legislation, to ensure that businesses are able to benefit from this technology while citizens are able to retain a voice and aren't asked to involuntarily sacrifice their own personal privacy in the name of an undefined information age. The preservation of privacy is a cherished freedom which unchecked technology must not be allowed to circumvent or exploit.

TRIBUTE TO MERVYN MOSBACKER

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding young man and American who has dedicated his life to the pursuit of justice, Mervyn Mosbacker.

Mervyn is the new U.S. attorney for the Southern Judicial District of Texas. He is a native of Brownsville, TX, and an eminently qualified lawman. Last year, Mervyn was recommended unanimously, by members of the Texas Delegation who represent congressional districts in the Southern Judicial District of Texas, to fill the vacancy for the position of U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Texas in Houston.

The White House nominated him, and the Senate confirmed him in short order. Mervyn was an attractive candidate to us for his position for many reasons, not the least of which was the ease with which this clean-cut young lawyer already working in the U.S. Attorney's Office already would glide through the vetting process.

Mervyn was born in Mexico and his mother, who currently lives in Brownsville, is from Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas. He will bring a very unique understanding of the needs of this judicial district to the U.S. Attorney's Office. He knows what is important to us here in South Texas because of our shared experiences.

He is familiar with the issues that bring cases to the courts along the border such as drugs, trade law, international law, and illegal immigration. His tenure of service in the U.S. Attorney's Office brings a history of knowledge of how the office works.

The position of U.S. attorney is a sacred position of the public trust. This is the advocate of the interests of the taxpayers of South Texas. The U.S. attorney is the Federal representative for the interests of justice under our laws in local areas. It is an honor to hold this position, but it entails an enormous responsibility as well.

I am enormously confident that Mervyn Mosbacker will bring South Texas common sense to the Office of United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Mervyn today as he takes the oath of office as U.S. attorney.

TRIBUTE TO SHEET METAL WORKERS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate some of the most dedicated and skilled workers in northwest Indiana. On September 17, 1999, in a salute to their workers' durability and longevity, the Sheet Metal Workers Local #20, of Gary, Indiana, will honor their members with sixty, forty, and twenty-five years of continuous service. These individuals, in addition to the other Local #20 members who have served northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long time, are a testament to the prototypical American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hard-working.

The men and women of Local #20 are a fine representation of America's working families. I am proud to represent such dedicated men and women in Congress. The Sheet Metal Workers Constitution states, " * * * to establish and maintain desirable working conditions and thus provide for themselves and their families that measure of comfort, happiness, and security to which every citizen is entitled in return for his labor, from a deep sense of pride in our trade, to give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay." For sixty years, Edward Shirkko and Denator Migliorini have followed this creed. For fifty years, the following individuals have followed this creed: Mike Busika, James Cameron, Earl Chance, Melvin Crook, Marvin Forsythe, Vernon W. Hoehn, Eugene Hornrich, James Kocman, Eugene Koontz, Richard McClelland, Marcus Meyer, Charles D. Meyers, James Moscato, Raymond Mueller, Joseph E. Mullholland, William D. Nielsen, Chester Nowak, Ray Ritthaler, William Singel, Joseph Zeman, and Thomas M. Zimmer. In 1959, Jack Bacon, J.B. Bugg, Melvin Earnhart, Willima K. Hart, Vernon W. Hoehn, Louis Holzli, James R. Hood, Dellis Ivers, Leroy Johnson, Homer Keller, Robert Kish, Gordon LaBounty, Frank Macewicz, Jr., Clyde Martin, Gilbert Mecchia, Terry Messenich, Donald O'Dell, Homer Rachford, Lorne Rearick, John Sisco, and Daniel Wracker began their forty years of service to northwest Indiana and membership in the Sheet Metal Workers trade union. In addition to the great service and dedication displayed by the sixty, fifty, and forty-year continued service members, the members with twenty-five years of continued service that will be honored include: Daniel Bajda, Frank Beigelbeck, Lloyd Bielski, Timothy Bolster, Joseph L. Byres, Dan Gross, James Hirschfelder, Ted Jones, Vincent Macielewicz, James Odle, Peter Nielson, Larry P. Long, Tom Lopez, Donald McAuliffe, James Moskalick, John Moskalick, Leo Plawecki, Glen Shanks, Benito Torres, David Towasnicki, Thomas D. Zimmer, Melvin Lolkema, and William J. Singel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, upstanding members of the Sheet Metal Workers Local #20 for their hard work in fulfilling the American dream. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to these individuals, as they have worked arduously to make

this dream possible for others. They have proven themselves to be distinguished advocates for the labor movement, and they have made northwest Indiana a better place in which to live and work.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR THE ELDERLY SHOWS UNITED STATES LAGS FAR BEHIND MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, my staff recently conducted an analysis of eight industrialized nations and found that the United States is the only country lacking government-sponsored prescription drug coverage for its senior citizens.

The chart I am submitting today clearly illustrates our Government's failure to provide pharmaceutical coverage for seniors who need it most.

Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, France, Sweden, and the Netherlands all provide universal prescription drug coverage for the elderly. The UK and France fully exempt the elderly from copayments for certain prescription drugs. Sweden provides a similar exception, but in no case charges seniors more than a \$10 copayment for prescription drugs or more than \$200 in annual out-of-pocket expenses. The findings clearly show that elderly Americans are being denied a fair system of drug coverage.

Further, recent analyses show that drug prices in the United States are surging by 18 percent per year, with the result that more seniors will be unable to purchase needed medications. Yet the elderly have a particular need for prescription drug coverage, as seniors purchase one-third of all prescription drugs while they only comprise 12 percent of our population.

As employer-sponsored retiree health coverage in the United States rapidly erodes and Medicare HMO's pull out of many markets and lower existing drug benefits, it is time to recognize that the private sector will never be able to guarantee drug coverage for all seniors. In contrast, adding an outpatient drug benefit to Medicare would do exactly that.

If so many other industrialized nations can provide prescription drug coverage for their senior citizens, why can't we?

I urge you to support legislation to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare. If we do not, we will do great harm to millions of seniors who lack any drug insurance to pay for medications their doctors prescribe.

Contrary to what the pharmaceutical industry would have you believe, the debate is not about price controls. The debate is about coverage.

GOVERNMENT SPONSORED PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

	Country—							
	United States	Canada	United Kingdom	Germany	Japan	Netherlands	France	Sweden
National Policy.	No outpatient prescription drug coverage for seniors under Medicare. Medicaid provides prescription drug coverage for some low-income seniors; policies vary by state.	All provinces provide prescription drug plans for senior citizens, with copayments that vary by province.	Prescription drug coverage with co-payments; exemptions from some copayments for people over age 60.	Copayments range from \$5 to \$7, depending on the prescription. Patients also pay the difference between government reimbursed price and the market price (typically the difference between generic and name brand.	Free medical care for all individuals over age 70 (over 65, if bed-ridden), with nominal co-payments. Free care includes "supply of medications." Additional nominal co-payment for individuals taking more than one, two to three, or six or more prescription drugs per day.	Patient cost sharing of 20 percent, up to a maximum level. In addition, patients pay difference between maximum reimbursed price and the market price, similar to Germany.	"Essential drugs" (e.g., cancer treatment) require no cost sharing. "Normal prescriptions" (e.g., antibiotics) require 30% cost sharing; "comfort" drugs (e.g., tranquilizers) require 60% cost sharing. Elderly individuals with a need for multiple drugs are reimbursed for all costs.	No charge for pharmaceuticals for treatment of chronic diseases. \$10 co-payment for all other prescription drugs. Annual copayments capped at \$200, for combination of prescription drugs, physician consultations, physical therapy, and hospital inpatient care
Does this coverage exist for non-elderly?	No. Low-income individuals may be covered under Medicaid. Varies by state.	No. Extent of coverage varies by province.	Yes. However, coverage for elderly is more generous.	Yes	Yes. However, coverage for elderly is more generous.	Yes	Yes. However, coverage for elderly needing multiple drugs is more generous.	Yes

Source: The Boston Consulting Group, Inc. "Ensuring Cost-Effective Access to Innovative Pharmaceuticals: Do market Interventions Work?"; April 1999. Graig, Laurene A., Health of Nations: An International Perspective of U.S. Health Care Reform. (Congressional Quarterly Inc. Washington, DC: 1999). Lassey, Marie L., Lassey, William, R., and Martin J. Jinks. Health Care Systems Around the World: Characteristics, Issues, Reforms. (Prentice Hall, New Jersey: 1997).

RECOGNIZING STANLEY M. CHESLEY UPON HIS RECEIVING THE SHALOM PEACE AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stanley M. Chesley, a distinguished constituent, who will receive the prestigious Shalom Peace Award from the Jewish National Fund on November 6, 1999.

The Shalom Peace Award is given to those who have made outstanding contributions to Israel and peace. It has been presented to an individual only eight times in the 99 year history of the Jewish National Fund. In receiving the award, Mr. Chesley joins other esteemed recipients, including Elie Weisel, Lady Margaret Thatcher, General Colin Powell, and Jihan Sadat.

Stan Chesley was born on March 26, 1936 in Cincinnati. He received his B.A. from the University of Cincinnati in 1958 and his LL.B. in 1960. He was admitted to the bar in 1960, and joined the law firm that is now known as Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley, L.P.A. Mr. Chesley currently serves as President of the firm. He is a member of the bars of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Supreme Court of Ohio, and the United States District Court of Appeals for the Second, Fourth and Sixth Circuits. For eight years, he served on the Supreme Court of Ohio's Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, and was Vice Chair for two years. He has been a lecturer and author for the American Bar Association and many other legal organizations.

While Stan Chesley is an accomplished and successful attorney, he also is well known for his dedicated public service. In 1995, he was appointed to the United States Holocaust Museum Council by President Clinton. He also serves on the National Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College, the National Executive Committee of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the National Board of Directors of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati and Board of Directors of the University of Cincinnati Foundation. He generously gives of his time to these and many other worthwhile organizations and causes in Greater Cincinnati.

Cincinnati salutes Stan Chesley as he receives this well deserved recognition.

WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN TO THE WOMEN, SPIRITUAL MIDWIVES OF THE MILLENNIUM CONFERENCE

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, this weekend women from across the world will gather in Windsor, Ontario to celebrate 300 years of international diversity at the "Women, Spiritual Midwives of the Millennium" Conference.

This weekend's conference will emphasize the important role women play in breaking down the walls of racism and will celebrate the differences that make each woman unique. I would like to extend my enthusiastic support to the conference participants as they unite women from all corners of the world with their healing message of love and understanding.

Leading the conference will be two dynamic women whose strong spirituality has defined their careers, Marianne Williamson and Reverend Ortheia Barnes-Kennerly.

Marianne Williamson has earned international acclaim for her talents as an author and lecturer. Her words have motivated and inspired. Ms. Williamson co-founded The Renaissance Alliance, a non-profit organization applying spiritual principles to social and political issues, and is committed to causes benefiting people with life-threatening illness. In addition to her other accomplishments, Marianne Williamson is the spiritual leader of the Church of Today, the Unity Church of Warren, Michigan. Ms. Williamson is a role model for young women everywhere and an extraordinary example of the selflessness of the human spirit.

Reverend Ortheia Barnes-Kennerly's life has been defined by her commitment to diversity and spirituality. She and her husband, Robert E. Kennerly, founded the SpiritLove Ministries in Detroit. Through both words and song, Reverend Barnes-Kennerly has moved people of all colors and creeds to love and heal.

Today I recognize the efforts of Marianne Williamson and the Reverend Ortheia Barnes-Kennerly and encourage them to continue to preach their messages of unity and strength.

TRIBUTE TO THE ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF GUAM

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, fifty years ago, Bishop Apollinaris William Baumgartner laid the groundwork for the establishment of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. With the assistance of my aunt, Sister Mary Inez Underwood, the Academy first opened its doors on September 8, 1949—the first class consisting of 36 freshmen who received classroom instruction from within a section of the Agana Cathedral Activities Hall. Within that hall, the students developed skills in the sciences, mathematics, language and fine arts under the able direction of the Sisters of Mercy.

Under Monsignor Felixberto Camacho Flores, the future Archbishop of Agana, construction of a permanent structure for the school commenced in 1960. Since then, the Academy has attained high standards of education and has been at the forefront in delivering quality educational services to the young women of Guam. From an initial enrollment of 36 students in 1949, the student body now consists of over 400 young women. In 1973, it became the first high school on Guam to receive full accreditation. Under the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the Academy has gone through the accreditation process four times since—the last being in March of 1996.

Through the years, the Academy has distinguished itself as one of the finest college and career-bound preparatory schools on Guam and the Western Pacific. Due to the school's high academic standards, Academy students have brought honors to the island of Guam. As presidential scholars, national merit scholars and national and international sports competition champions, Academy students have garnered honors and brought them back to Guam. Today, we find the school's graduates in various leadership positions. The Academy has generated, among others, doctors, judges, lawyers, corporate executives, diplomats, and public officials.

As this fine Catholic institution celebrates its golden jubilee, I extend my sincerest congratulations to the administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumnae of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. For fifty years, the Academy