

NATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH  
CENTER WEEK

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 59 and the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 59) expressing the sense of Congress that there should be established a National Community Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

AMENDMENT NO. 1480

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand Senator HUTCHINSON has an amendment at the desk, and I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], for Mr. HUTCHINSON, proposes an amendment numbered 1480.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: Expressing the Sense of Congress that there should be established a National Community Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers)

On page 3, line 4, insert after "Week", the following: "for the week beginning August 19, 2001."

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 1480) was agreed to.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the above occurring with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 59), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 59

Whereas community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers are non-profit and community owned and operated health providers that are vital to the Nation's communities;

Whereas there are more than 1,029 of these health centers serving nearly 12,000,000 people at 3,200 health delivery sites, spanning urban and rural communities in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands;

Whereas these health centers have provided cost-effective, quality health care to

the Nation's poor and medically underserved, including the working poor, the uninsured, and many high-risk and vulnerable populations;

Whereas these health centers act as a vital safety net in the Nation's health delivery system, meeting escalating health needs and reducing health disparities;

Whereas these health centers provide care to 1 of every 9 uninsured Americans, 1 of every 8 low-income Americans, and 1 of every 10 rural Americans, who would otherwise lack access to health care;

Whereas these health centers, and other innovative programs in primary and preventive care, reach out to 600,000 homeless persons and more than 650,000 farm workers;

Whereas these health centers make health care responsive and cost-effective by integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation, and enabling support services;

Whereas these health centers increase the use of preventive health services such as immunizations, Pap smears, mammograms, and glaucoma screenings;

Whereas in communities served by these health centers, infant mortality rates have been reduced between 10 and 40 percent;

Whereas these health centers are built by community initiative;

Whereas Federal grants provide seed money empowering communities to find partners and resources and to recruit doctors and health professionals;

Whereas Federal grants, on average, contribute 28 percent of these health centers' budgets, with the remainder provided by State and local governments, Medicare, Medicaid, private contributions, private insurance, and patient fees;

Whereas these health centers are community oriented and patient focused;

Whereas these health centers tailor their services to fit the special needs and priorities of communities, working together with schools, businesses, churches, community organizations, foundations, and State and local governments;

Whereas these health centers contribute to the health and well-being of their communities by keeping children healthy and in school and helping adults remain productive and on the job;

Whereas these health centers engage citizen participation and provide jobs for 50,000 community residents; and

Whereas the establishment of a National Community Health Center Week for the week beginning August 19, 2001, would raise awareness of the health services provided by these health centers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) there should be established a National Community Health Center Week for the week beginning August 19, 2001, to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers; and

(2) the President should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested organizations to observe such a week with appropriate programs and activities.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed en bloc to the consideration of the following calendar items relating to postal designations: Calendar No. 125, S. 737; Calendar No. 126, S. 970; Calendar No. 128, S. 1026; Calendar No. 133, H.R.

364; Calendar No. 134, H.R. 821; Calendar No. 135, H.R. 1183; Calendar No. 136, H.R. 1753; and Calendar No. 131, H.R. 2043.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time, passed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, that the consideration of these items appear separately in the RECORD, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JOSEPH E. DINI, JR. POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 737) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 811 South Main Street in Yerington, Nevada, as the "Joseph E. Dini, Jr. Post Office" was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 737

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

SECTION 1. JOSEPH E. DINI, JR. POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 811 South Main Street in Yerington, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the "Joseph E. Dini, Jr. Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Joseph E. Dini, Jr. Post Office.

HORATIO KING POST OFFICE  
BUILDING

The bill (S. 970) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 39 Tremont Street, Paris Hill, Maine, as the "Horatio King Post Office Building" was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 970

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

SECTION 1. HORATIO KING POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 Tremont Street, Paris Hill, Maine, shall be known as the "Horatio King Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Horatio King Post Office Building.

PAT KING POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (S. 1026) to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the "Pat King Post Office Building" was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1026

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

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF PAT KING POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

The United States Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, shall be known and designated as the "Pat King Post Office Building".

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Pat King Post Office Building.

**MARJORY WILLIAMS SCRIVENS  
POST OFFICE**

The bill (H.R. 364) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 5927 Southwest 70th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Marjory Williams Scrivens Post Office" was read the third time and passed.

**W. JOE TROGDON POST OFFICE  
BUILDING**

The bill (H.R. 821) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 1030 South Church Street in Asheboro, North Carolina, as the "W. Joe Trogdon Post Office Building" was read the third time and passed.

**G. ELLIOT HAGAN POST OFFICE  
BUILDING**

The bill (H.R. 1183) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylva, Georgia, as the "G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building" was read the third time and passed.

**M. CALDWELL BUTLER POST  
OFFICE BUILDING**

The bill (H.R. 1753) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 419 Rutherford Avenue, N.E., in Roanoke, Virginia, as the "M. Caldwell Butler Post Office Building" was read the third time and passed.

**ELWOOD HAYNES "BUD" HILLIS  
POST OFFICE BUILDING**

The bill (H.R. 2043) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the "Elwood Haynes 'Bud' Hillis Post Office Building" was read the third time and passed.

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGE-  
MENT FOOD AND SHELTER PRO-  
GRAMS REAUTHORIZATION**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 129, S. 1144.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1144) to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.) to reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1144) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1144

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

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Section 322 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11352) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 322. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

"There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$160,000,000 for fiscal year 2003, and \$170,000,000 for fiscal year 2004."

**SEC. 2. NAME CHANGE TO NOMINATING ORGANIZATION.**

Section 301(b) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

"(5) United Jewish Communities."

**SEC. 3. PARTICIPATION OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ON LOCAL BOARDS.**

Section 316(a) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11346(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

"(6) guidelines requiring each local board to include in their membership not less than 1 homeless individual, former homeless individual, homeless advocate, or recipient of food or shelter services, except that such guidelines may waive such requirement for any board unable to meet such requirement if the board otherwise consults with homeless individuals, former homeless individuals, homeless advocates, or recipients of food or shelter services."

**FRANCHISE FUND PILOT  
PROGRAMS**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 137, S. 1198.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1198) to reauthorize Franchise Fund pilot programs.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1198) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1198

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

**SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF FRANCHISE FUND PILOT PROGRAMS.**

Section 403(f) of the Federal Financial Management Act of 1994 (31 U.S.C. 501 note) is amended by striking "October 1, 2001" and inserting "October 1, 2002".

**FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS  
RETIREMENT AGE FAIRNESS ACT**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 132, H.R. 93.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 93) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the mandatory separation age for Federal firefighters be made the same as the age that applies with respect to Federal law enforcement officers.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 93) was read the third time and passed.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today, I applaud my colleagues for passing the Federal Firefighters Retirement Age Fairness Act. This legislation raises the mandatory retirement age for Federal firefighters from 55 to 57.

Federal firefighters are first on the scene to many types of disasters in addition to fires. They respond to hazardous materials threats and terrorist incidents such as the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993.

Due to an oversight, however, Federal firefighters are currently the only Federal law enforcement employees required to retire at 55 years.

Because many Federal firefighters wish to continue providing their services to the American people after the age of 55, they are frequently hired back by the Federal Government as "consultants." Private consultants charge a higher fee than Federal firefighters' salaries. As a result, the Federal Government pays more money for the same individuals' services, simply because they are over the age of 55.

This bill does not change the minimum age to retire with full benefits. If an individual wishes to retire at 55, he or she may do so without penalty. The legislation gives firefighters the option of working until the age of 57 if they wish.

The bill enjoys broad bipartisan support and the endorsement of key labor