

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING
COLLEGE ACCESS FOR ALL
AMERICANS ACT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 16, 2003

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit, with my colleagues Representatives KILDEE, OBEY, OWENS, BISHOP, WOOLSEY, RYAN of Ohio, TIERNEY, DANNY DAVIS, KIND, HOLT, VAN HOLLEN and MCCOLLUM, the Ensuring College Access for all Americans Act.

Higher education is essential to ensure America's economic prosperity, national security, health and the success of individuals. Yet, as college enrollments swell, states slash higher education budgets and tuition continues to skyrocket, millions of American students and families continue to struggle to pay for a college education.

Despite these pressures, late last month the Bush administration decided to revise methods to determine student financial need, which will force a significant number of students and families to pay a higher price for a college education. As the June 13th New York Times article, "Change in Aid Formula Shifts More Costs to Students", documents, these revisions to the Federal needs analysis methodology for the 2004-2005 award year will result in substantially higher college costs for a large number of American students.

These updates, which were completed by the Department of Education without review or approval by the Congress, effectively will eliminate Pell grant eligibility for needy students or will reduce Pell grant awards or the amount of subsidized loans these students can receive. These changes will force students to mortgage their future by going further into debt to attend college.

At a time when the costs of attending college are growing higher every month, as states and private institutions raise tuition and other costs, I question the timing of these revisions.

The Department of Education's revisions to the allowance for State and other taxes are based on three-year-old data. At the time these numbers were compiled, our country had yet to enter the downward economic spiral that we find ourselves in today. Students are going to be denied critically needed financial aid because of the poor performance of the economy. Unfortunately, the failure of the Bush Administration to ensure economic viability has now come to rest on the backs of needy college bound students.

The Ensuring College Access for all Americans Act will reverse the Administration's revision and make certain that students are not denied critical financial aid. I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this tradition by supporting the Ensuring College Access for all Americans Act. It is an important step to making certain that all Americans can access a college education.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DONALD F.
WHALEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this

nation to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Donald Whalen of Durango, Colorado has touched countless lives. He has served as a coach, friend, and mentor to the students of Fort Lewis College. The respect for Donald in the Durango area cannot be overstated, and it is for this reason that Fort Lewis College has dedicated their gymnasium to him.

Donald has committed his life to Fort Lewis, serving in numerous leadership positions within the school. He has worked as a physical education teacher, head coach of the men's golf and basketball teams, director of athletics, and interim school president. While performing these duties, Donald has always made time for his students. He provides them with friendship, advice, counseling, and has an attentive ear. One student even refers to Donald as "Mr. Everything."

Mr. Speaker, Donald Whalen is an outstanding member of his community, a man who certainly deserves recognition before this body of Congress and this nation. The hard work and dedication that Donald has given to Fort Lewis has positively impacted the lives of many students. It is clear that Donald has influenced America's youth, and I hope that his message of kindness, generosity, and resiliency will spread. Thank you, Donald, for your dedication to the community.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE FICCO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Louise Ficco and thank her for her many contributions to Ouray, Colorado. Louise has spent over 30 years helping the less fortunate in the Ouray County Public Health Office and, as she plans her retirement, I am honored to speak of her contributions here today.

Louise began her service in Ouray in the early 1970's, helping the County Nurse with bookkeeping, and eventually expanded her duties to include home services and immunizations. Louise then began work in the "Women, Infants, and Children" division of the office, providing care for young mothers and their children. Her coworkers describe Louise as a "people person," doing everything necessary to make her patients comfortable. The Health Department was so worried about losing Louise that they have asked her to remain on as a consultant for the next four months.

Mr. Speaker, Louise Ficco has spent her life giving back to others. Public service is truly a noble calling which Louise has wholeheartedly embraced. Thank you, Louise, for your hard work and dedication to Ouray. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THERESA MCKINNEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the almost four decades that Theresa McKinney of Rocky Ford, Colorado has contributed to the children of my state. For the last twelve years, Theresa has been kitchen manager at Rocky Ford High School, rising early in the morning to begin

her many hours of cooking as she oversees the nutrition of Rocky Ford's children. Theresa will soon be retiring from her service at Rocky Ford, and I am proud to speak of her accomplishments here today.

Theresa has seen many kids come and go in her years at Rocky Ford and I know she will miss the spirit and laughter that the children have brought into her life. Her dedication to the school system has provided the children with an exemplary model of hard work. Theresa always arrived early and worked hard until her job was done.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the contributions Theresa has made to the well being of Colorado's children. Her hard work and dedication to Rocky Ford High School is certainly deserving of recognition before this body. Theresa, I wish you well in all of your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO RAY CANDELARIA

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a man who was willing to sacrifice in the service of our country. Ray Candelaria of Cortez, Colorado served this nation in World War II, going on to dedicate his time and effort toward the betterment of the Cortez community.

In order to serve his nation during a time of need, Ray left high school early to enlist in the Armed Forces. Ray joined up shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, serving in the Army for two years. He was injured and returned home, where he became active in numerous veterans' causes. Ray served as Commander of the Ute Mountain Post of the American Legion, Chairman of the Ute Mountain Rodeo Parade, and currently commands the Disabled American Veterans Post. His hard work and dedication to veteran's affairs have truly made Ray a leader in the Cortez community.

On May 22, 2003, Ray walked across the stage at Montezuma-Cortez High School and received his diploma after 60 years of service. He was one of several veterans who took advantage of a new Colorado law that enables those who fought in World War II to receive full high school diplomas.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ray Candelaria and commend him for his service to our country. He and the other heroes of "the greatest generation" defeated totalitarianism and fascism, ensuring the freedom of all Americans. Ray left the simple pleasures of life in Colorado for the serious work of defending this great nation and it gives me immense pleasure to honor Ray and offer my congratulations on his graduation. Our country will always be grateful for his service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 18

9 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

SR-328A

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Fern Flanagan Saddler, Judith Nan Macaluso, Joseph Michael Francis Ryan III, and Jerry Stewart Byrd, all of the District of Columbia, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the New Basel Capital Accord, a proposal issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision to make final modifications for a new capital adequacy framework.

SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Employment, Safety, and Training Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Workforce Investment Act.

SD-430

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine Native American sacred places.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 498, to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Joseph A. De Laine in recognition of his contributions to the Nation, and the proposed Check Truncation Act of 2003.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the NewsCorp/DirecTV deal, focusing on global distribution.

SD-226

Foreign Relations

East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the development of democracy in Burma, to be immediately followed by full committee hearings to examine the nominations of Robert W. Fitts, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu, and Greta N. Morris, of California, to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands.

SD-419

4 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John E. Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, and George A. Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus.

S-116, Capitol

JUNE 19

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 865, to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users, S. 1234, to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission, S. 1244, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, S. 247, to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, S. 1106, to establish National Standards for Fishing Quota Systems, S. 861, to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order to better ensure their protection from development, S. 1152, to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, S. 189, to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, S. 877, to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet, S. 1046, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations, and the nomination of Annette Sandberg, of Washington, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, and other pending calendar business.

SR-253

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the growing problem of identity theft and its relationship to the Fair Credit Report Act.

SD-538

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to conduct an initial review of the ULLICO matter, focusing on self-dealing and breach of duty.

SD-342

10:15 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine teacher union scandals, focusing on closing the gaps in union member protections.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, focusing on grazing permit renewal, BLM's potential changes to grazing regulations, range monitoring, drought, and other grazing issues.

SD-366

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 24

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the cost of federal health programs by curing diabetes.

SD-342

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine bus rapid transit and other bus service innovations.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine changes over time in the relationship between the Department of Energy and its predecessors and contractors operating DOE laboratories and sites to determine if these changes have affected the ability of scientists and engineers to respond to national missions.

SD-366

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine controlling the cost of Federal Health Programs by curing diabetes, focusing on a case study.

SH-216

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-485

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine support for military families.

SD-106

JUNE 25

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings to examine the Inspector General's Report on the 9/11 detainees.

SD-226

JUNE 26

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1218, to provide for Presidential support and coordination of interagency ocean science programs and development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research and monitoring program, proposed legislation authorizing funds for National