

Fred Rosen was a model citizen in Dalton, Georgia. After the war, he and his brother Ira opened Enduro Mills, one of the many factories that made Dalton the Carpet Capital of America. He was married to Anita James Rosen. Although the couple never had children, Mr. Rosen was a family man, maintaining long distance relationships with his cousins, his siblings and their children and grandchildren.

Fred Rosen will be sorely missed by the people of Dalton, Georgia and the Rosen family scattered throughout the nation. His Navy service helped bring freedom to Europe and the United States, his local successes in Dalton brought jobs to our community, and his personal charisma brought a whole family together. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Frederick W. Rosen.

HONORING THE SOUTHWEST H.S.
CHAMPIONSHIP COLOR GUARD

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the Southwest High School Championship Color Guard.

Under the direction of Daniel J.U. Garcia, a Vietnam Marine Corps Veteran, and Mike Singh, a Korean War Navy Veteran and Chief Deputy in California's Imperial County Sheriffs Office, the Color Guard has made history by earning five Championship Titles!

After being named the Imperial County High School Color Guard Parade Champions and the California Pageantry Productions Association Parade Champions, the team entered the Sharp Judging Association of California and the State Exhibition Color Guard Championship at Knotts Berry Farm, California and was named State Champions on March 22nd. They went on to become National Champions at the Sharp Judged Association Championship Competition on May 17th in San Dimas, California and were subsequently named International Champions at the Southwestern Regional International Championships on May 31st in Las Vegas.

From the beginning, the Color Guard made a pact to present our National Colors and our five Military Service Flags with pride, dignity, and honor. The Color Guard members provide their own funding through fundraising activities for individual uniforms and for food, lodging and transportation to the sanctioned parades and competitions. They also set a goal to represent their families, friends, teachers, and school with honor during competitions. The team members set high standards for themselves and adhere to a rigid, written contract that was signed by parents, team members and coaches. The focus became "team effort, team spirit, and team accomplishment."

During their quest for the five Championship titles, the Color Guard entered and participated in numerous parades, winning first place trophies in all parade entry competitions throughout California. In addition, they have performed at countywide elementary and high schools on special holidays and at college and university ceremonies, including many graduation exercises. They have appeared at the Ko-

rean War Veterans Association, the American Legion Post Ceremonies, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and at ground breaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies throughout Imperial County.

The members of the Color Guard include: Sindy De La Torre, Lieutenant, First Rifle; Maria Cabrera, Sergeant, Second Rifle; Cristobal Oviedo, Sergeant, Third Rifle; Maria Padilla, Sergeant, Fourth Rifle; Jessica Oviedo, Sergeant, American National Flag, First Flag; Marcia Luna, Sergeant, California Flag, Second Flag; Ivette Beltran, Sergeant, U.S. Army Flag, Third Flag; Eva Cabrera, Sergeant, U.S. Navy Flag, Fourth Flag; Brenda Hinojosa, Lieutenant, Marine Corp Flag, Fifth Flag; Adriana Villarreal, Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Sixth Flag.

I offer my congratulations to the Southwest High School Championship Color Guard on their fine achievements and their service to our community. They represent the best of our young men and women, and we can be proud of each individual, as well as of their team accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMPACT
IMPACT REIMBURSEMENT ACT

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague from Guam, Congresswoman MADELEINE BORDALLO, as an original cosponsor of the Compact-Impact Reimbursement Act, which she is introducing today. This legislation assists Hawaii and other U.S. jurisdictions with costs associated with migration resulting from the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The measure is a followup to hearings held by the House Resources and International Relations Committees on renegotiated expiring provisions of the Compact agreement.

At the outset, let me say that I fully support our country's continued recognition of the strategic importance of the Freely Associated States to our national security interests in the Western Pacific Region, and the special relationships our countries have shared based on the U.N. trusteeship system as well as mutual respect and friendship.

It should come as no surprise that my State of Hawaii continues to have great interest in U.S. policy toward these areas given our geographic proximity and close ties in the Pacific, and thus continues its historic support of the Compacts of Free Association. Having said that, however, we continue also our historic concerns with the U.S. Government's administration and coordination of Federal assistance and policy toward Micronesia, and especially the issue of Compact Impact Aid to Hawaii and other affected U.S. jurisdictions.

The Administration has proposed, as part of the renegotiated Compact agreements, \$15 million in Compact Impact Aid to be collectively shared by affected U.S. jurisdictions, including Hawaii.

This level of assistance is completely inadequate, given the actual costs that all of our jurisdictions have incurred since 1986. Moreover, the Administration has provided no clear

justification on where it even came up with the \$15 million figure. In fact, in recent years, the Department of Interior has reported that supportable "best estimates" in 1997 for fiscal impact costs in our jurisdictions are over \$30 million annually.

While Hawaii has spent more than \$100 million on State benefits to FAS citizens since 1986, it has received less than \$10 million in Compact Impact Aid from the Federal Government. In 2002 alone, the State of Hawaii estimates that it has spent over \$32 million in assistance for FAS citizens, most on educational costs.

I have repeatedly said that since our costs are primarily in the field of education and health care, then other Federal agencies, particularly the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services, should be part of an overall Federal and Compact Impact assistance strategy and program. The easiest route, of course, would be to simply increase the Compact proposal of \$15 million to at least \$35 million in mandatory spending.

Other ways to ameliorate Compact Impact costs include making FAS citizens eligible for key Federal social programs that will offset the costs borne by our jurisdictions and providing our jurisdictions with the clear authority to receive other Federal assistance and make referrals to DOD medical facilities. Today's legislation gives the Administration these other alternatives to providing assistance to our areas.

A section-by-section summary of our proposal is as follows:

THE COMPACT-IMPACT REIMBURSEMENT ACT

Objective—To amend the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-239) to provide for more adequate Compact-Impact aid to Guam, the State of Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and American Samoa.

Section 1. Short Title. The Compact-Impact Reimbursement Act.

Section 2. Appropriations and Medicaid Eligibility. Increases Compact-Impact aid to \$35 million per year to mitigate impact on Guam, the State of Hawaii, the CNMI, and American Samoa. Funding would be based on a pro rata formula reflecting a census, to be conducted no less than every five years, of citizens of the Freely Associated States (FAS) living in Guam, the State of Hawaii, the CNMI, and American Samoa; would provide FAS citizens who migrate to Guam, Hawaii, the CNMI or American Samoa eligibility for Medicaid. The Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for providing health services would be 100 percent.

Section 3. Food Stamps Eligibility. Would provide FAS citizens who migrate to Guam, the State of Hawaii, the CNMI or American Samoa eligibility for the food stamp program under the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

Section 4. Extension of Communicable Disease Control Programs to Affected U.S. Jurisdictions. The Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 would be amended to reauthorize appropriations for grants to the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, Guam, the State of Hawaii, the CNMI, and American Samoa. Current law simply authorizes this assistance for the Federated States of Micronesia.

Section 5. Extends Referral Authority to Affected U.S. Jurisdictions. Reauthorizes the availability of medical facilities of the Department of Defense (DoD) for FAS citizens upon referral by government authorities responsible for the provision of medical services in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, Guam, the State of Hawaii,

the CNMI, and American Samoa. Current law only allows use of DoD facilities for FAS citizens currently referred by the governments of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Section 6. Authorizes Reconciliation of Medical Referral Debts. Directs the United States Government to make available to the governments of Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau funds needed to pay obligations incurred for the use of medical facilities in the United States, including in Guam, the State of Hawaii, the CNMI, and American Samoa, prior to October 1, 2003. Under current law, such authorization applies to debt accrued before September 1, 1985.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I want to reiterate my support and, I believe, the support of my State for the Compacts, but also the great importance of adequate Compact Impact Aid to Hawaii, whether by appropriate general funding or legislation such as this or both.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF DON MOSER

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Don Moser for his 32 years of service as chairman of the Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Water and Sewer Board. He was appointed to the board on July 20, 1971, and retired on July 3, 2003.

As a member of the Water and Sewer Board, Don was responsible for general supervision and control of operation, maintenance, and improvement and extension of the city's Water and Sewer Department. He has been a key leader in developing the plans for building and enlarging facilities for both drinking water and wastewater treatment in my hometown of Murfreesboro. Also, his experience as a banking professional allowed him to provide sound fiscal expertise to the Water and Sewer Board.

Don's role as chairman over the years has been instrumental in facilitating growth within the department. With the completion of Interstate 24 in the early 1970s, the department extended water and sewer service to the Murfreesboro interchanges and brought new industries and jobs to the city. During his tenure on the board, many new standards and upgrades were established to improve efficiency and service. In 1971, more than 27,000 people lived in Murfreesboro, and the Water and Sewer Department served more than 7,000 customers. Today, the department

serves more than 27,000 customers, and the city has a population of more than 75,000. And the assets of the utility plant at the department have grown from \$14 million dollars in 1971 to well over \$196 million in 2002.

Don has served his community in a variety of roles, including being a member of the city's Pension Committee since December 3, 1971. He has served the city under four mayors: Hollis Westbrooks, Joe Jackson, Richard Reeves and the current mayor of Murfreesboro, Tommy Bragg.

Don has earned the respect of the entire community during his tireless service to the public, as has his wife, Jean, who has been a steadfast partner in all this. Don's leadership and work ethic will be sorely missed on the Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Board. I cordially congratulate Don on his distinguished career as a public servant and wish him well in future endeavors.

PROJECT BIOSHIELD ACT OF 2003

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I hereby submit for inclusion in the RECORD the cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 2122, the Project BioShield Act of 2003, reflecting that implementing H.R. 2122 would increase discretionary spending by \$0.3 billion in 2004. The Public Printer estimates that the cost of including the CBO estimate in the RECORD is \$975. Because this estimate dated July 9, 2003, was not received by the Committee in time for inclusion in the Committee Report on the legislation.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, July 9, 2003.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER COX,
Chairman, Select Committee on Homeland Security, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 2122, the Project BioShield Act of 2003.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Jeanne De Sa, who can be reached at 226-9010, and Sam Papenfuss, who can be reached at 226-2840.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS HOLTZ-EAKIN,
Director.

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE, JULY 9, 2003

(H.R. 2122: Project BioShield Act of 2003—As ordered reported by the Select Committee on Homeland Security on June 26, 2003)

SUMMARY

H.R. 2122 would amend the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) to authorize appropriations of up to \$5.6 billion for fiscal years 2004 through 2013 for procurement of certain security countermeasures (drugs, devices, and biological products to treat, identify, and prevent the public health consequences of terrorism). Of that amount, \$890 million could be obligated in fiscal year 2004 and up to \$3.4 billion could be obligated during fiscal years 2004 through 2008. Funding to buy these security countermeasures would be provided to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), but the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would be responsible for procuring and stockpiling the countermeasures.

In addition, H.R. 2122 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million in 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for 2005 and 2006 for DHS to hire analysts to assess biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological threats. The bill also would authorize appropriations of such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2003 through 2006 for DHS to acquire and deploy secure facilities to receive classified information and products.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts and including administrative costs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2122 would increase discretionary spending by \$0.3 billion in 2004, \$3.2 billion for fiscal years 2004 through 2008, and \$5.7 billion over the 2004-2013 period. In addition, H.R. 2122 would relax certain requirements for federal agencies related to the development and approval of countermeasures. The bill would provide HHS with increased authority and flexibility to award contracts and grants for research and development of qualified countermeasures, hire technical experts, and procure items necessary for research. Those provisions might result in higher discretionary spending, but CBO does not have sufficient information to estimate their budgetary effect.

The bill also would authorize the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to approve the use of certain security countermeasures during emergencies designated by the Secretary of HHS. CBO estimates this provision would have no budgetary effect.

H.R. 2122 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2122 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars										
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CHANGES IN DISCRETIONARY SPENDING											
Project BioShield:											
Estimated Authorization Level		890	2,528			2,175					
Estimated Outlays		270	680	870	770	510	440	560	650	490	250
Personnel:											
Estimated Authorization Level		5	5	5							
Estimated Outlays		5	5	5							
Infrastructure:											
Estimated Authorization Level	20	20	20	20							
Estimated Outlays	10	16	18	18	12	4		2			
Administrative Costs:											
Estimated Authorization Level		9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	11	11
Estimated Outlays		7	8	9	9	10	10	10	10	11	11
Total:											
Estimated Authorization Level	20	924	2,562	34	9	10	2,185	10	10	11	11
Estimated Outlays		292	709	902	797	532	454	572	660	501	261