

conducted by the department, agency, bureau, or subdivision referred to in this resolution.

SEC. 15. (This section authorized funds for the select committee for the period May 19, 1976, through Feb. 28, 1977.)

SEC. 16. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as constituting acquiescence by the Senate in any practice, or in the conduct of any activity, not otherwise authorized by law.

APPENDIX B.—94TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION  
S. Res. 9

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES  
January 15, 1975

Mr. Chiles (for himself, Mr. Roth, Mr. Biden, Mr. Brock, Mr. Church, Mr. Clark, Mr. Cranston, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Hathaway, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Javits, Mr. Johnston, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Mondale, Mr. Muskie, Mr. Packwood, Mr. Percy, Mr. Proxmire, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Taft, Mr. Weicker, Mr. Bumpers, Mr. Stone, Mr. Culver, Mr. Ford, Mr. Hart of Colorado, Mr. Laxalt, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Haskell) introduced the following resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Resolution amending the rules of the Senate relating to open committee meetings

*Resolved*, That paragraph 7(b) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended to read as follows:

“(b) Each meeting of a standing, select, or special committee of the Senate, or any subcommittee thereof, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public, except that a portion or portions of any such meetings may be closed to the public if the committee or subcommittee, as the case may be, determines by record vote of a majority of the members of the committee or subcommittee present that the matters to be discussed or the testimony to be taken at such portion or portions—

“(1) will disclose matters necessary to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States;

“(2) will relate solely to matters of committee staff personnel or internal staff management or procedure;

“(3) will tend to charge an individual with crime or misconduct, to disgrace or injure the professional standing of an individual, or otherwise to expose an individual to public contempt or obloquy, or will represent a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual;

“(4) will disclose the identity of any informer or law enforcement agent or will disclose any information relating to the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that is required to be kept secret in the interests of effective law enforcement; or

“(5) will disclose information relating to the trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if—

“(A) an Act of Congress requires the information to be kept confidential by Government officers and employees; or

“(B) the information has been obtained by the Government on a confidential basis, other than through an application by such person for a specific Government financial or other benefit, and is required to be kept secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person

Whenever any hearing conducted by any such committee or subcommittee is open to the public, that hearing may be broadcast by radio or television, or both, under such rules as the committee or subcommittee may adopt.”

SEC. 2. Section 133A(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, section 242(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, and section 102(d) and (e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are repealed.

FIRST RESPONDERS PARTNERSHIP  
GRANT ACT OF 2003 INCLUDED IN  
THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT  
OF 2003

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Democratic Leader DASCHLE's request to bring before the Senate the Economic Recovery Act of 2003, S. 414, which includes legislation I introduced last month: the First Responders Partnership Grant Act of 2003.

I thank the Democratic leader for authoring this important economic stimulus package. In seeking to improve homeland security, I am proud that he saw fit to include the First Responders Partnership Grant Act—on which he, Democratic Whip REID and Senator BREAUX join me as cosponsors. This legislation will supply our Nation's first responders with the support they so desperately need to protect homeland security and prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.

I want to begin by thanking each of our Nation's brave firefighters, emergency rescuers, law enforcement officers, and other first responder personnel for the jobs they do for the American public day in and day out. Our public safety officers are often the first to respond to any crime or emergency situation. On September 11, the Nation saw that the first on the scene at the World Trade Center were the heroic firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel of New York City. These real-life heroes, many of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice, remind us of how important it is to support our State and local public safety partners.

But while we ask our Nation's first responders to defend us as never before on the front lines against the dark menace of domestic terrorism, we have failed to supply them with the Federal support they need and deserve to protect us, as we expect and need them to protect us.

Since February 7, 2003, the Federal Homeland Security Advisory System has kept State and local first responders on Orange Alert, a “high” condition indicating a high probability of a terrorist attack and when additional precautions by first responders are necessary at public events.

Since then, counterterrorism officials have warned that the threat of terrorist attacks on U.S. soil is at a higher level than in previous months due to the possibility of impending military action against Iraq. This is the second time since September 11, 2001, that the national warning level has been at Orange Alert—from September 10 to September 24 last year, Attorney General Ashcroft declared our country at Orange Threat level.

From March 12, 2002, until this month, we were at Yellow Alert, an

“elevated” threat level declared when there is a significant risk of terrorist attacks, requiring increased surveillance of critical locations.

Counties, cities, and towns in my home State of Vermont and across the United States find themselves overwhelmed by increasing homeland security costs required by the Federal Government. Indeed, the National Governors' Association estimates that States incurred around \$7 billion in security costs over the past year alone.

As a result, the national threat alerts and other Federal homeland security requirements have become unfunded Federal mandates on our State and local governments. Rutland County Sheriff R.J. Elrick, president of the Vermont Sheriffs' Association, recently wrote to me:

We are in dire need of financial support to keep our personnel trained and equipped to meet the challenges here at home as we continue our vigilant commitment to fight terrorism.

When terrorists strike, first responders are and will always be the first people we turn to for help. We place our lives and the lives of our families and friends in the hands of these officers, trusting that when called upon they will protect and save us.

Just how, without supplying them with the necessary resources, do we expect our Nation's first responders to realistically carry out their duties?

Our State and local law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency personnel are full partners in preventing, investigating, and responding to terrorist acts. They need and deserve the full collaboration of the Federal Government to meet these new national responsibilities.

Washington is buzzing about the literally hundreds of billions of additional dollars the President plans to ask Congress to provide for our military services to fight the war on terrorism abroad. The same cannot be said for helping security here at home, which is shamefully overlooked.

For a year and a half I have been working hard to remedy that, with allies like our distinguished Democratic leader and assistant Democratic leader, and New York Senators SCHUMER and CLINTON. As former chair and now ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, I have made it a high priority to evaluate and meet the needs of our first responders.

For these reasons, I commend the Democratic leader for including in the homeland security section of his economic stimulus package the First Responders Partnership Grant Act, which will give our Nation's law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel the resources they need to do their jobs. This legislation will establish a grant program at the Department of Homeland Security to provide \$5 billion nationwide for current fiscal year to support State and local public safety officers in their efforts to protect homeland security and prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.

Similar to the highly successful Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services—COPS—and the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Programs, the First Responder Grants will be made directly to State and local government units for overtime, equipment, training, and facility expenses to support our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel.

The First Responder Grants may be used to pay up to 90 percent of the cost of the overtime, equipment, training, or facility. In cases of fiscal leadership, the Department of Homeland Security may waive the local match requirement of 10 percent to provide Federal funds for communities that cannot afford the local match.

In a world shaped by the violent events of September 11, day after day we call upon our public safety officers to remain vigilant. We not only ask them to put their lives at risk in the line of duty, but also, if need be, give their lives to protect us.

If we take time to listen to our Nation's State and local public safety partners, they will tell us that they welcome the challenge to join in our national mission to protect our homeland security. But we cannot ask our firefighters, emergency personnel, and law enforcement officers to assume these new national responsibilities without also providing new Federal support.

The First Responders Partnership Grant Act will provide the necessary Federal support for our State and public safety officers to serve as full partners in the fight to protect our homeland security. We need our first responders for the security and the life-saving help they bring to our communities. All they ask is for the tools they need to do their jobs for us. And for the sake of our own security, that is not too much to ask.

I commend Senator DASCHLE for his leadership, and hope that the Senate will soon consider this desperately needed economic stimulus package.

#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. In the last Congress Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred July 22, 2001 in Pleasanton, CA. Two men assaulted an Afghani cab driver in an incident that police labeled a hate crime. The two attackers, Kenny Loveless and Travis Gossage, both 21, yelled racial epithets at the cab driver during their ride. Upon getting out of the cab they struck the outside of the cab. When the driver got out to inspect the cab the

two men attacked the driver and continued to yell racial slurs.

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

#### THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS: CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENT

Ms. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, "Success is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life, as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." This statement, made over 100 years ago by Booker T. Washington, rings true today.

Twenty-seven years ago, February was designated "Black History Month." Today, I am pleased to join in the celebration of the many achievements and contributions African Americans have made to our history. I encourage all of you to celebrate this rich history of achievement year-round.

America's history has been shaped by the courage, talent, and ingenuity of African-Americans. Each February we rediscover familiar stories of those who triumphed over bigotry and hatred to help move our Nation closer to living up to its greatest potential. In the lives of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks, and Thurgood Marshall we find heroes who dedicated their lives to liberty, freedom, and equality. During this month we also celebrate the achievements and vision of civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Medgar Evers and are reminded that we must continue the important work they started.

A look through our own State's history reveals a rich portrait of African American achievement in California.

In science, George Edward Alcorn, Jr. is a brilliant physicist and inventor who has made considerable contributions to semiconductor technology and other scientific fields. He graduated from Occidental College in Los Angeles with a B.A. in Physics, and received an M.S. and Ph.D. in Nuclear, Atomic and Molecular Physics from Howard University. He has been issued more than 25 patents for his groundbreaking work and is most well-known for inventing the Imaging X-ray Spectrometer used for detecting life on other planets.

Dr. Alcorn has also been extensively involved in community service. He was awarded a NASA-EEO medal for his contributions in recruiting minority and women scientists and engineers and for his assistance to minority businesses in establishing research programs. He is a founder of Saturday Academy, which is a weekend honors program designed to supplement and extend math-science training for inner-city students in grades 6 to 8.

Mae Jemison, an African American physician, scientist and engineer, was the first woman of color to go into space more than 10 years ago. Dr. Jemison was only 16 when she entered Stanford University; she graduated in 1977 at age 20 with degrees in both chemical engineering and African American studies. A few years later, she received a medical degree from Cornell University. Dr. Jemison was selected by NASA in 1988 for Astronaut training and in 1992 became a mission specialist aboard the space shuttle Endeavor.

Throughout her career, Dr. Jemison remained undaunted by the lack of role models in her area of expertise and instead paved the way as a hero for women and minorities interested in the science and technology fields. She once said, "I saw a world that was changing and I wanted to be a part of that."

Last year, she was honored by the Mentoring Center in Oakland during a ceremony where she stressed the need for caring adults to reach out for young people in these troubled times. Just recently, Dr. Jemison encouraged a young audience at the Modesto Community College to shoot for the stars and realize their capacity to dream. She said, "We have to have a vision of what we want the world to be in the future. We must combine lessons from the past with our responsibility for the present. It's the only way to have hope for the future."

Politics: African Americans in the political arena have worked tirelessly to advance the civil rights of all people in California. Largely as a result of their efforts, African Americans are well represented in California local, State and Federal Governments.

Below is a short list of other African-American Californians who have made similar contributions to our State and communities across the Nation:

Yvonne Brathwaite Burke was the first black woman to be elected to the California General Assembly and the first to be elected to represent California in the United States Congress.

Congressman Ronald V. Dellums was elected to Congress in 1970. He was the first African-American to serve on the Armed Services Committee and was its first black chairman.

Herb J. Wesson, Jr. is only the second African American in California history to be elected the 65th Speaker of the California State Assembly, one of the most powerful positions in the State. As a student at Lincoln University, a historically black college, Mr. Wesson was inspired to pursue a political career while listening to a speech by then Congressman Ron Dellums of California.

During his career, Mr. Wesson has introduced bills that protected labor rights for immigrant workers, ensured pay equity across gender lines, increased funding for low performing schools, and promoted job training for at-risk teens. He has earned a reputation as a natural born leader, mediator