

Law 104-4. These provisions relate instead to the operation of the State Department's refugee and migration assistance programs. While states would face additional costs if more refugees and asylees are allowed to remain in this country, these costs would result either from state public assistance requirements that are not controlled by the federal government, or from an increase in the number of people eligible for federal entitlement programs. Because the bill would not increase the stringency of conditions for these entitlement programs, these provisions do not constitute mandates under the law.

Section 1256, the remaining provision of the conference agreement cited in your letter, falls within the section 4 exclusion, because it is necessary for the implementation of the international obligations of the United States under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of the act, CBO did not analyze its potential impact on state, local, and tribal governments.

Please let me know if you have further questions or concerns about this estimate or about the implementation of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The CBO staff contact is Pepper Santalucia, who can be reached at 225-3220

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL,
Director.

DAMON WILLIAMS, LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence he has compiled in academics, leadership, and community service, that I am proud to salute Damon Williams, winner of the 1996 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Scholarship, Damon is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, MI.

Damon Williams is an exceptional student at Homer High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Damon has been a member of the National Honor Society, and was listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". He has excelled academically and athletically. He participated in both the Science Olympiad and Quiz Bowl Team. Damon was a member of the track team, Future Farmers of America, and 4-H.

In special tribute, therefore, I am proud to join with his many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Damon Williams for his selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Scholarship. The honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support, and active participation contributed to his success. To this remarkable young man, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all his future endeavors.

COMMONSENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACT OF 1996—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104-207)

SPEECH OF

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 9, 1996

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of overriding President Clinton's veto of the Product Liability and Legal Reform Act and urge my colleagues to support this effort.

I think it's unfortunate that the President fails to understand the plight of small businesses and manufacturers—those entities that are the engines that drive our economy—who are the victims of unreasonable liability lawsuits. These lawsuits stifle innovation, erode competitiveness, and cost money that would otherwise be reinvested to increase productivity and job growth. Whether or not the President appreciates it, this plight is real and affects companies all across our Nation. I can point to a typical example from a small company in my own district, Mattison Technologies in Rockford, IL.

Mattison has been manufacturing machine tools for 100 years and presently employs 150 workers. Yet, despite establishing a stellar record for quality and craftsmanship, Mattison is facing liability lawsuits involving some of its products that are as old as the company itself. Recently, it was sued for a machine tool it built way back in 1917. In 1917—the year Americans went off to fight in World War I. Mattison's general manager, Robert Jennings, justifiably complains that they are being penalized for machines built 60 and even 70 years ago, "for building quality and longevity into our equipment, yet we believe this is what Made in America is all about."

The bill the President vetoed would help rectify this problem by preventing lawsuits against manufacturers of products more than 15 years after delivery. This is certainly a reasonable step and one that would have a tremendous impact on the approximately 1,800 companies in the district I represent.

Mr. Chairman, these types of liability lawsuits do not have to happen. They should not happen. The one obstacle that prevents them from stopping is the President's veto pen. Today, we here in this body have an opportunity to support small businesses and manufacturers and encourage productivity and economic growth. We can do this by voting to override the President's veto. I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort.

TRIBUTE TO ANGELO PETRINO

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, one of the pleasures of serving this legislative body is the opportunity we occasionally get to publicly acknowledge the outstanding individuals of our communities. I rise today to recognize one such individual, Angelo Petrino of Massachusetts, who was named

"Man of the Year" of the Belmont Men's Lodge #1094.

Mr. Petrino is a leading member of the Italian community in the Greater Boston area and has played an important role in preserving and promoting appreciation of Italian culture. His civic and community service is a testament to his rich Italian heritage and community spirit. He is an example of how one individual can truly make a difference in the lives of others. Mr. Petrino has always displayed exceptional dedication to helping those in need, and he will continue to be an inspiration to all.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor and a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to recognize this outstanding humanitarian. I am sure I speak on behalf of many members of the community who have either worked with Mr. Petrino, or have experienced the benefits of his hard work, when I offer him my heartfelt congratulations.

COMBATING CHILDHOOD HUNGER

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 10 organizations which are doing outstanding work to combat childhood hunger in our Nation. These organizations are the recipients of the Third Annual Victory Against Hunger Awards, presented by the Congressional Hunger Center and Victory Wholesale Grocers. Victory Wholesale Grocers is based in my district of Dayton, OH, and founded by my good friend, Milt Kantor.

Each organization receiving this tribute was nominated by a Member of Congress, and chosen from a pool of nominations by a panel at the Congressional Hunger Center. The following winners were selected based on their community participation, effective delivery of service, geographic diversity, and innovative ideas.

The Hunger Connection, of Rockford, IL, nominated by Representative DON MANZULLO, is a food bank and food rescue program, provides food baskets to families in exchange for a modest fee and community service. It also has distributed more than 17 million dollars' worth of donated food, free of charge, since it was founded 11 years ago.

The Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee, WI, nominated by Representative TOM BARRETT, distributes food through its Emergency Food Pantry and facilitates long-term solutions to the problem of hunger. It feeds children in cooperation with the School Breakfast Program, and its Kids to Kids Program provides antihunger and nutrition education.

The Free Market, of Los Angeles, CA, was nominated by Representative MAXINE WATERS. In this establishment families and individuals receive vouchers of up to \$350 to shop for groceries free of charge. The market in the neighborhood of Watts was burned down in the recent riot and had to be rebuilt. I am pleased that the Free Market's founders, Reverend Bynum and his wife, and five others were on hand to receive this well-deserved honor.

Food-PATCH S.T.E.P.S., nominated by Representative SUE KELLY, is a program which uses forward-looking strategies to feed families in Millwood, NY. They seek to help parents, particularly single mothers, achieve self-