

At worst, complying with my bill will only require a change in the form and minor adjustments to notices and procedures.

Second, consumers who want a choice about the disclosure of their new address can obtain it today. They can keep the Postal Service from releasing their new addresses. My bill will make sure that everyone has that choice. We should not restrict this option to those few who learn of this sneaky method of forcing the Postal Service to do the right thing. Let's tell everyone about this option.

A "SUNSET ACT"

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 1997

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Sunset Act. This legislation, which is similar to H.R. 216 from the 104th Congress, would require Congress to reauthorize Federal programs every 5 years. Programs that are not reauthorized or extended by Congress would be terminated.

Too many Federal programs are automatically reauthorized, often years after they are no longer needed. This legislation will require any new Federal program to terminate no later than 5 years after its date of enactment, unless reauthorized by Congress. Entitlement programs will be exempted from this legislation.

By requiring Congress to reevaluate and reauthorize Federal programs every 5 years, we ensure greater accountability in the programs we create and help curb Government waste. I invite my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this legislation.

THE HEALTH INSURANCE FAIRNESS ACT

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 1997

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly introduce legislation of the utmost importance to millions of American small businesses and the self-employed. The Health Insurance Fairness Act will once and for all provide small business owners and the self-employed with the same health insurance tax benefits enjoyed by larger corporations—the ability to deduct 100 percent of their health insurance premium costs.

Making health care costs fully deductible is not an arcane Tax Code issue known only to accountants and IRS auditors. This is an issue that touched the lives of millions of Americans who own or work at a small business. It is especially important to rural areas, like my district in southern Missouri, where small businesses and self-employed individuals, especially farmers and ranchers, form the backbone of the regional economy. However, they have too long been denied access to affordable health insurance for their families, children, and employees because the Tax Code makes it too expensive to purchase. The Health Insurance Fairness Act I am introducing today will help make health insurance

more affordable to the self-employed, small business operators, their employees, and equally important, their families.

The previous Congress took an important first step, Mr. Speaker, by enacting legislation to ultimately increase the insurance premium deductibility to 80 percent by the year 2006. Regrettably, this increase is phased-in too slowly, and will hamper the important work we must do to make health care less expensive and easier to get for all Americans—not through Government-run health care, but through private market incentives.

The Health Insurance Fairness Act will increase the premium deductibility rate to 100 percent in the first taxable year after enactment. Millions of self-employed, small business operators, workers and their families will be able to immediately enjoy the security afforded by a health insurance policy. It represents the type of results-oriented legislation the American public has asked this Congress to produce, and I ask my colleagues to support this important measure.

A BEACON-OF-HOPE FOR ALL AMERICANS: DR. JAMES MALONE

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 1997

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, with the 1996 election behind us, this Nation has completed another cycle for the ongoing democratic process which makes America great. The electoral process and the public officials selected through this process are invaluable assets in our quest to promote the general welfare and to guarantee the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is important, however, Mr. Speaker, that we also give due recognition to the equally valuable contribution of non-elected leaders throughout our Nation. The fabric of our society is generally enhanced and enriched by the hard work done year after year by ordinary volunteer citizens. Especially in our inner city communities which suffer from long public policy neglect, local grassroots leaders provide invaluable service. These are men and women who engage in activities which generate hope. I salute all such heroes and heroines as Beacons-of-Hope.

Dr. James A. Malone is one of these Beacons-of-Hope residing in the central Brooklyn community of New York City and New York State. Dr. James Malone currently serves as a professor of counseling and director of the Academy for Intergenerational Education at John Jay College. He taught 2 years in the Newark, NJ public schools before moving to John Jay College where he held the following positions: SEEK director, dean of students and vice president of administrative services.

Throughout the years, Dr. Malone has worked diligently in top positions that uplifted his community. His past civic offices include the president of the board of Weeksville and member of the District School Board #17 and Community Board #9. Dr. Malone is a member and trustee of the Church of the Evangel. In 1971, Dr. Malone developed the city sponsored Hawthorne Corners Day Care Center where he served as the first board president. Dr. Malone also helped to develop the Rutland Road Block Association and was elected the

second president. He headed a research effort, "They're All My Kids," which reaffirmed the necessity of commitment to our children, our schools, and our community.

Dr. Malone received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Akron; master of science in social work from Rutgers University; and a doctorate of philosophy in higher education from Union Graduate in Cincinnati, OH.

James Malone is a Beacon-of-Hope for central Brooklyn and all Americans.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEVIL'S SLIDE TUNNEL ACT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 7, 1997

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as we in the West cope with another series of devastating winter storms and floods, residents along the San Mateo County coast are relieved to find that a section of Highway 1, known locally as Devil's Slide, which lies precariously on a sea cliff high above the roaring surf of the Pacific Ocean, is still intact. Devil's Slide is a breathtaking, and all too often lifetaking section of California's scenic coastal highway which has slowly been sinking into the Pacific Ocean as it is battered by waves 600 feet below. Winter storms in previous years have closed Highway 1 at Devil's Slide for up to 6 months, leaving residents and businesses dangerously isolated. This area is 12 miles south of San Francisco in my congressional district.

Perennial closures of Devil's Slide have had a devastating effect on our coastal community. Residents have endured unbearable commutes, access to emergency medical care and other services have been threatened, businesses have lost thousands of customers, and some businesses have failed. For residents and businesses along the San Mateo County coast, it is absolutely essential to have Highway 1 open around Devil's Slide.

Mr. Speaker, 12 years ago, in 1984, Congress closely studied the closure of this vital transportation link and lifeline. After heavy winter rains washed out the road, leaving a 250-foot-long crevice in the road which made the road impassible for 4 months. Then Chairman Glenn Anderson of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee held a series of field hearings in Half Moon Bay and Pacifica, CA, and committee members carefully surveyed the unstable roadway which was sliding 3 inches a day into the sea. Committee members viewed 8-foot-deep cracks and fissures in the roadbed and determined that this vital transportation link was eligible for emergency Federal funds. At my request, the Congress provided funding for the permanent repair of Highway 1 at Devil's Slide.

The California Department of Transportation [CALTRANS] made temporary repairs to the roadway and proposed building a controversial 4.5 mile long bypass around Devil's Slide. Some residents opposed the bypass on environmental and antidevelopment grounds and blocked bypass construction in Federal court for over 10 years. A false sense of security brought on by 10 years of drought ended in January 1995, when heavy rains again closed Devil's Slide for 6 months. For the second time in 12 years this vital transportation link