

America will soon find its words falling on deaf ears all around the world.

Almost exactly fifty years ago, in the first winter of the Cold War, President Harry Truman stood before a Republican Congress and called upon our country to meet its responsibilities of leadership. This was his warning: "If we falter, we may endanger the peace of the world—and we shall surely endanger the welfare of this nation." That Congress, led by Republicans like Senator Arthur Vandenberg, answered President Truman's call. Together, they made the commitments that strengthened our country for fifty years. Now let us do the same. Let us do what it takes to remain the indispensable nation—to keep America strong, secure and prosperous for another fifty years.

In the end, more than anything else, our world leadership grows out of the power of our example here at home, out of our ability to remain strong as one America.

All over the world, people are being torn asunder by racial, ethnic, and religious conflicts that fuel fanaticism and terror. We are the world's most diverse democracy. And the world looks to us to show that it is possible to live and advance together across those kinds of differences.

America has always been a nation of immigrants. From the start, a steady stream of people, in search of freedom and opportunity, have left their own lands to make this land their home. We started as an experiment in democracy fueled by Europeans. We have grown into an experiment in democratic diversity fueled by openness and promise.

My fellow Americans, we must never believe that diversity is a weakness—it is our greatest strength. Americans speak every language, know every country. People on every continent can look to us and see the reflection of their own greatness, as long as we give all of our citizens, whatever their background, an opportunity to achieve their greatness.

We are not there yet. We still see evidence of abiding bigotry and intolerance, in ugly words and awful violence, in burned churches and bombed buildings. We must fight against this, in our country and in our hearts.

A few days before my second inauguration, one of America's best known pastors, Rev. Robert Schuller, suggested that I read Isaiah 58:12. It says: "Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations, and thou shalt be called, the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in." I placed my hand on that verse when I took the oath of office, on behalf of all Americans. For no matter what our differences—in our faiths, our backgrounds, our politics—we must all be repairers of the breach. We may not share a common past, but surely we share a common future.

I want to say a word about two other Americans who show us the way to that common future. Congressman

FRANK TEJEDA was buried yesterday, a proud American whose family came from Mexico. He was only 51 years old. He earned the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart fighting for his country in Vietnam, and he went on to serve Texas and America fighting for our future in this chamber. We are grateful for his service and honored to have his mother, Lillie Tejada, with us tonight.

Gary Locke, the newly elected Governor of Washington State, is our first Chinese-American Governor, the proud son of two of the millions of Asian-American immigrants who have strengthened America with their hard work, family values, and good citizenship.

Rev. Schuller, Congressman TEJEDA, Governor Locke, along with Kristin Tanner, Chris Getsla, Sue Winski and Dr. Kristen Zarfos—all Americans from different roots, whose lives reflect our shared values and the best of what we can become when we are one America.

Building that one America is our most important mission, "the foundation of many generations," of every other strength we must build for the new century. Money cannot buy it. Power cannot compel it. Technology cannot create it. It must rise from the human spirit.

America is far more than a place. It is an idea, the most powerful idea in the history of nations. We are now the bearers of that idea, leading a great people into a new world. A child born tonight will have almost no memory of the 20th Century. Everything that child will know of America, will be because of what we do now to build a new century.

We don't have a moment to waste. Tomorrow morning, there will be just over 1,000 days until the Year 2000. 1,000 days to prepare our people. 1,000 days to work together. My fellow Americans, we have work to do. Let us seize the days and the century.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless America.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 35. That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Frank Tejada, a Representative from the State of Texas.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 637(b) of Public Law 104-52, as amended by section 2904 of Public Law 104-134, the Speaker reappoints Mr. PORTMAN of Ohio to the National Commission of Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 637(b) of Public Law 104-52, the minority leader accepts the resignation of ROBERT T. MATSUI of California from the National Commis-

sion on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service and hereby appoints Mr. WILLIAM J. COYNE of Pennsylvania to the Commission for the remainder of its term.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-942. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports of three deferrals of budget authority; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Finance, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-943. A communication from the Acting Executive Director of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to financial reporting, received on January 29, 1997 to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-944. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on salary range structure and performance merit pay matrix for 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-945. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the fluid milk promotion program, received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-946. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-947. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report a rule relative to home mortgage disclosure, received on January 28, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-948. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules including one rule relative to National Emission Standards, (FRL-5682-3, 5584-5), received on January 29, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-949. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the weighted average interest rate, received on January 29, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-950. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the alternative minimum tax, received on January 29, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-951. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue

Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Revenue Ruling 97-8, received on January 30, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-952. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-953. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to real property, (RIN3090-AF92) received on January 29, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-954. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the internal controls and financial systems in effect during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-955. A communication from the Director of the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-956. A communication from the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Legal Services Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-957. A communication from the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Exceptions to the Educational Requirements for Naturalization for Certain Applicants" (RIN1115-AE05) received on January 29, 1997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-958. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to the disaster reserve assistance program, received on January 30, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-959. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report on programs for the protection, control and accountability of fissile materials in the countries of the former Soviet Union; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-960. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement regarding transactions involving exports to Turkey; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-961. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement regarding transactions involving exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-962. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to liquefied natural gas, (RIN2137-AC91) received on January 27, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-963. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to fishing quotas, (RIN0648-XX70) received on January 30, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-964. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Ex Parte No. 542, received on January 30, 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-965. A communication from the Director of the Office of Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to endangered and threatened wildlife and plants, (RIN1018-AB88) received on January 31, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-966. A communication from the Director of the Office of Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule relative to endangered and threatened wildlife and plants, (RIN1018-AC83) received on January 31, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-967. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule regarding the release of individuals administered radioactive materials, (RIN3150-AE41) received on January 29, 1997; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-968. A communication from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Treasury Bulletin for December 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-969. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Human Rights Practices for 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-970. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-971. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-972. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to bid protest for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-973. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act during calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-975. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-414 adopted by the Council on October 1, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-976. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-495 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-977. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-499 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-978. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-498 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-979. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-507 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-980. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-510 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-981. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-511 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-982. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-513 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-983. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-514 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-984. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-515 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-985. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-516 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-986. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-517 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-987. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-518 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-988. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-519 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-989. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-520 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-990. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-521 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-991. A communication from the Chairman Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-523 adopted by the Council on December 3, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-992. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the impact to delaying USAID population funding; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-993. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Sequestration Preview Report for fiscal year 1998; pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977; referred jointly to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-994. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to parity price regulations, (RIN0560-AF08) received on February 3, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-995. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on contributions from other nations for relocation costs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 30, 1997, the following reports of committees were submitted on February 3, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, without amendment:

S. Res. 42: An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 30, 1997, the following reports of committees were submitted on February 3, 1997:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 1: A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget (Rept. No. 105-3).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 43: An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on the Budget, without amendment:

S. Res. 44: An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment and with a preamble:

S.J. Res. 5: A joint resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted on February 4, 1997:

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. Res. 46. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 255. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the reallocation and auction of a portion of the electromagnetic spectrum to enhance law enforcement and public safety telecommunications,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 256. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to require the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to regulate certain cash markets, such as the National Cheese Exchange, until the Commission determines that the market does not establish reference points for other transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 257. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to improve the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. 258. A bill to improve price discovery in milk and dairy markets by reducing the effects of the National Cheese Exchange on the basic formula price established under milk marketing orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 259. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to adjust the maximum hour exemption for agricultural employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KYL, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ROBB):

S. 260. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to penalties for crimes involving cocaine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. FORD, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COATS, Mr. MACK, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 261. A bill to provide for biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 262. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the prospective application of certain prohibitions relating to firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) (by request):

S.J. Res. 14. A joint resolution affirming certain findings of the President of the United States with regard to programs concerning international family planning; to the Committee on Appropriations, for not to exceed five calendar days pursuant to section 518A(d) of Public Law 104-208.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. Res. 45. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veter-

ans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. Res. 46. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs; from the Committee on Indian Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. FORD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KERREY, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GLENN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. BOND):

S. Res. 47. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the need for accurate guidelines for breast cancer screening for women between the ages of 40 and 49; submitted and read.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 48. A resolution providing for service on a temporary and intermittent basis by the Director of the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. GRAMM):

S. Res. 49. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate on the death of Representative Frank Tejeda; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 255. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the reallocation and auction of a portion of the electromagnetic spectrum to enhance law enforcement and public safety telecommunications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS EMPOWERMENT ACT

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Telecommunications Empowerment Act. This legislation addresses a longstanding need by police, fire departments, and emergency medical services for more channels of radio communication and for more state-of-the-art technology to use in their efforts to safeguard life and property.

Mr. President, the telecommunications needs of the public safety community have been a subject of widespread concern for many years. In many instances, channel capacity for safety-of-life communications is dangerously low. In many others, budgetary constraints have kept law enforcement and other public safety officials from getting new communications equipment and services that