

group insurance market to create affordable kids-only policies.

Shoring up the decline in employer-sponsored health care is one way to help get kids insured. Ten million American children need help. It's time for all of us—in both the private and public section—to pitch in and make sure they get it.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD D. ACTON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Richard D. Acton, a union leader for over 45 years who has worked tirelessly for his members and for his community.

Dick began his union career as a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union, Local No. 38. He rapidly earned the respect of his peers, and they chose him for higher union office. Dick rose to treasurer and business manager, a post he held for 21 years.

His fellow union leaders recognized Dick's leadership qualities and elected him to the IBEW International Executive Council in 1979, where he served until 1996. Dick was also elected to the post of executive secretary of the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor.

Dick devoted much of his time to improving the lives of his members and the Greater Cleveland community. As president of the United Labor Agency, the social service arm of the Cleveland AFL-CIO, the United Auto Workers and the Teamsters, Dick led the institution which embodies the generosity and social commitment of the union movement. The United Labor Agency provides programs in strike assistance, job counseling, training, youth job placement, services for laid-off workers, unemployed, and underemployed persons. Of particular note, the United Labor Agency developed a special economic response team that delivered a range of programs for people who were laid off or were subject to plant closing. The program was so successful that it was replicated around the country. The United Labor Agency also provides needed durable medical equipment, and offers programs for senior citizens and retired workers.

Mr. Speaker, let us recognize the achievements of Dick Acton, who will be honored by his peers on June 11, 1997, for a lifetime of giving, service, and achievement.

TRIBUTE TO EMMA P. URQUHART,  
DEACONESS OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 1997*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention Emma P. Urquhart, deaconess of Calvary Baptist Church in Paterson, NJ.

A faithful, dedicated, and active member of Calvary Baptist Church, Emma is president of the Senior Missionary Society. As a member

of the Progressive Women of Calvary, she supports the Christian ministries in both these organizations. She is also one of the devotion leaders for the Golden Keys senior group.

Emma is very active in Calvary's bereavement endeavors, whether helping in the kitchen, serving the congregation, or attending to the families spiritual needs during their time of sorrow.

Emma is an encourager to the youth, the sick and shut-in, the entire congregation of Calvary Baptist Church, and the community. She calls upon delinquent and past members, and invites them back to the church.

As part of her missionary duties, Emma visits the sick and shut-in at home, hospitals, and nursing homes. Beyond merely visiting, Emma and her group clean the homes and fix meals for the members who are unable to do so for themselves.

Emma volunteers as a teacher in the Saturday Outreach Program and Vacation Bible School. She supports these groups by preparing and serving refreshments for use during group activities. Emma is also a member of the Music Ministry Committee and is a supporter of the current youth leaders of the group.

Emma has served many years on the Board of Christian Education and on the Calvary Baptist Scholarship Committee. Her belief in the future of our children has led her to faithfully make a regular individual donation to the Calvary Baptist Scholarship Fund.

Emma provides a support role as a current and past member of Calvary's Trustee Group. She is a loyal and dedicated member of the Chancellor choir and actively supports all the programs and events the church sponsors each year, including Women's Day.

Emma religiously dedicates her time in prayer to the growth of Calvary Baptist Church and its programs. This time is not only given at Wednesday prayer service or Saturday morning prayer service but faithfully and regularly at home for the church, its people and its mission as well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Emma's family and friends, and the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church in recognizing Deaconess Emma P. Urquhart's outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

STATEMENTS BY ALYSSA LEACH  
AND SAM HERR, GAILER  
SCHOOL, MIDDLEBURY, VT,  
REGARDING THE INTERNET  
VERSUS THE FIRST AMENDMENT

**HON. BERNARD SANDERS**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 1997*

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues I would like to have printed in the RECORD this statement by high school students from Gailer School in VT, who were speaking at my recent town meeting on issues facing young people.

Ms. LEACH: Congressman Sanders, the United States government wants to regulate the information available on the Internet via the U.S. Communications Decency Act and Exxon-Garten Communications Decency legislation.

We as adult citizens in the United States believe that this legislation is violating our First Amendment rights to the freedom of expression.

The First Amendment was created by American's founders to protect the individual's rights, two of these rights being freedom of speech and freedom of expression. The CDA is going to be limiting these rights and violating the First Amendment. Is this right? No. The CDA calls for a \$100,000 fine and up to two years in jail for transmitting indecent material over the computer networks.

What is indecent? What is indecent to some may not be some to others. To others it is self-expression which is protected by the First Amendment. Expressing yourself is an American right. It may come in the form of unconventional speech down to pornography, but it is all self-expression.

Americans should be able to speak freely over the Internet about controversial issues such as abortion or sex without fear of prosecution. We are not a free people if we cannot speak freely and share our opinions. As for children, they are under their parents' responsibility for guidance on the Internet. Adult expression should not be prohibited for the protection of children. The government does not parent children, parents parent children.

So I say to you, please protect our rights. The Internet is a wonderful way to express and share our opinion with the world. Don't make us have to be afraid of prosecution if we have unconventional, maybe indecent opinions which we wish to express. If the CDA is passed we will start losing our First Amendment rights. Keep us a free people, free to express ourselves.

Mr. HERR. There are also important technological concerns. Forty percent of the websites on the Internet are located on the hard drives of computers that are physically located outside of any area in which the United States can be said to have jurisdiction and this number is growing. How would the Communications Decency Act prevent children within the United States from accessing information and pictures contained within these sites? In addition, it would be entirely possible for United States citizens to rent space on one of these foreign sites and post any information or pictures that he or she wanted to.

The Communications Decency Act makes it illegal for an Internet service provider such as America Online or Togethernet to provide material that is patently offensive to minors. It is possible for these organizations not directly to provide such information to minors by not carrying it on the Internet service which they control. However, there are many public Internet servers that are available for use by anyone attached to the Internet who state it could not be regulated by the Communications Decency Act. Therefore, any Internet service provider whose users could access any of these servers would be open to prosecution under the Communications Decency Act.

As you can see, Representative Sanders, it is clearly unfair to any Internet service provider and could in fact act to shut down the Internet within the United States whereby denying U.S. citizens access to a valuable tool.

Lastly, because of the way Internet protocols are written there is no way of confirming the age of persons accessing a website or a new server. The fear of prosecution has caused many Internet sites to provide material solely for adult audiences because they have been technically unable to prevent minors from accessing their sites. The Electronic ID is the best quick fix for this problem as minors can get these IDs and there