

2 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Tri-County Area in Jackson;

6 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the Governor's Office of Literacy in Jackson;

9 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives in Jackson;

3 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the West Jackson Community Development Corporation in Jackson;

7 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the St. Andrew's Mission, Inc. in McComb;

39 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the Teach for America Mississippi Delta in Oxford;

24 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the InterACT in Oxford;

20 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the Literacy for Lee County: Young Readers Today in Tupelo;

6 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the We Care Community Services, Inc. in Vicksburg;

5 AmeriCorps Volunteers participate in the Yazoo Community Action, Inc. in Yazoo City;

10 Learn and Service America Volunteers participate in the Biloxi School District in Biloxi;

250 Learn and Service America Volunteers participate in Rust College in Holy Springs;

6 Learn and Service America Volunteers participate in the Jackson School District in Jackson;

700 Learn and Service America Volunteers participate in the Mississippi Department of Education statewide;

1,500 Learn and Service America Volunteers participate in the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service statewide;

425 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Hancock County RSVP in Bay St. Louis;

364 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Hancock County Volunteer Program in Clarksdale;

315 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Lowndes County RSVP in Columbus;

114 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Jones County FGP in Ellisville;

388 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Harrison County RSVP in Gulfport;

43 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the SCP of Harrison County in Gulfport;

72 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the SCP of Sunflower and Bolivar Counties in Indianola;

285 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Capital Areas RSVP in Jackson;

212 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Attala County RSVP in Kosciusko;

314 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Laurel-Jones County RSVP in Laurel;

186 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Simpson County RSVP in Mendenhall;

57 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the FGP Lauderdale County in Meridan;

519 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the RSVP Meridan/Lauderdale County in Meridan;

400 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the RSVP Adams County in Natchez;

84 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Lafayette County FGP in Oxford;

280 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Lafayette County RSVP in Oxford;

30 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the MDHS Jackson County SCP in Pascagoula;

370 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Lee and Calhoun Counties RSVP in Tupelo;

79 National Senior Service Corps Volunteers participate in the Hinds/Rankin FGP in Whitfield.

Mr. Chairman, the people who participant in the programs I have just mentioned want to see genuine change in their community and are willing to take action to bring about results. What better values could any of—Democrats or Republican—want to sponsor?

I urge Members to oppose this bill; we should not be forced for yet another year to rely on the Conference Committee to restore funding for the Americorps and the Corporation for National Service. Let us support the Americorps and Corporation for National Service's volunteers across the nation so they can continue "Getting Things done" in their community.

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to voice concern about what I consider an inappropriate use of Community Development Block Grant funding.

Late last year, it was revealed that the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony had decided to use \$450,000 of the funding they received from the Indian Community Development Block Grant program for the explicit purpose of constructing a "smoke shop" in Verdi, Nevada. Regardless of one's position on tobacco use or taxes, it seems clear to me that at a time when there is so much debate surrounding the issue of teen smoking, the tobacco industry, and tobacco vendors, taxpayer dollars should not be spent on the construction of smoke shops in our communities.

It is my understanding that the goals of the Community Development Block Grant Program are to provide financial resources to communities for public facilities and planning activities which have a direct, positive impact on the health and safety of that community's residents. Everyone knows that smoking is hazardous to one's health and can cause lung cancer. Smoking causes fully one sixth of all deaths in the United States each year—more than alcohol, all illicit drugs, AIDS, guns, automobiles, and all forms of air pollution COMBINED. With this in mind, how can we possibly allow money intended to be used for the betterment of communities to be used instead for the construction of smoke shops. I would like an explanation from HUD as to how this fits into the statute governing the Community Development Block Grant program.

Native American communities have a right to profit from business ventures but I don't think the federal government should assume the role of helping smoke shops compete with independent small business ventures such as shops and convenience stores which also rely on tobacco sales.

Mr. Chairman, this grant came to my attention only recently and has caused concern for

private small businesses and citizens in Verdi, Nevada. It was my desire to introduce an amendment today to recapture these federal dollars before they are spent, but I understand how carefully this bill has been crafted and do not wish to threaten the delicate balance you have achieved.

It is my sincere hope that the Department of Housing and Urban Development will ensure that taxpayer funds are expended in a manner consistent with the national concern on youth tobacco use. There are many ways to ensure that Native Americans are able to develop profitable businesses capable of providing the resources necessary for tribal needs without taxpayer-funded tobacco smoke shops.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SOL-OMON) having assumed the chair, Mr. Combest, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4194) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4250, PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 1998

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-643) on the resolution (H.Res. 509) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4250) to provide new patient protections under group health plans, which was referred to the House CALENDAR and ordered to be printed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall votes 319 through 322, last night and today, I was in my district on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 319; "yes" on rollcall 320; "no" on rollcall 321; and "yes" on rollcall 322.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. PETER T. KING, MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable PETER T. KING, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 14, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that I have been served with a subpoena issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.