

IN HONOR OF HEAD START  
AWARENESS MONTH

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to join with thousands of Americans who this month are celebrating Head Start Awareness Month.

There are few federal programs like Head Start. Since its creation in 1965, this marvelous program has provided comprehensive education, health, social and nutritional services to over 17 million young children and their families. Today, over 835,000 children are involved in Head Start, benefitting from the commitment of nearly 170,000 staff people and just over 2,000 Head Start agencies nationwide.

Head Start is clearly much more than a program. It is a community organized around the principle that we must together take care of our young children. Head Start brings together parents, teachers and others in the community to support young children and meet their needs. Sometimes that means health screenings and eye glasses; other times it means linking a parent up with job training services. The actions are diverse but the effects are the same—enriching and improving the child's life.

Next year, we will celebrate the 35th anniversary of this powerful program. And there is clearly much to celebrate. The anniversary will also provide us with an appropriate opportunity to reflect on Head Start and consider how to continue to promote, improve and expand this crucial program. In some ways, we began this process last year with the enactment of the 1998 Head Start reauthorization bill. This legislation increased support for additional staff training and professional development, authorized further research into the long term benefits of Head Start, improved program accountability measures, and expanded Early Head Start to serve more infants and toddlers, laying a strong foundation for Head Start in the next century.

However, I believe there remains unfinished business with Head Start. Most notably, the program still serves just 40 percent of those eligible. The President has proposed the laudable goal of serving one million children by 2002—but I think we must do more. We must also look to Head Start for further models of how to serve young children. For the last 35 years, the program has been a laboratory for the development of practices that are now commonplace in child care and preschool programs across the country. We must continue to build on the success of Head Start to better serve Head Start children as well as other young children.

One of our key partners in this effort is the National Head Start Association (NHSA). This organization is the voice of Head Start, representing parents, children and staff. Beyond being an active advocate for young children and

Head Start, NHSA is focused on a strong and vibrant future for Head Start, providing technical assistance, professional development opportunities, training tools and policy guidance to programs across the country. I am honored to join with NHSA and all in the Head Start community to celebrate Head Start Awareness Month—October 1999.●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 294 through 320, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed in bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

John F. Potter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 2005.

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

A.J. Eggenberger, of Montana, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2003.

Jessie M. Robertson, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2002.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 154:

To be general

Gen. Richard B. Myers, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air national Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Harold A. Cross, 0000  
Brig. Gen. Paul J. Sullivan, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Dwayne A. Alons, 0000  
Col. Richard W. Ash, 0000  
Col. George J. Cannelos, 0000  
Col. James E. Cunningham, 0000  
Col. Myron N. Dobashi, 0000  
Col. Juan A. Garcia, 0000  
Col. John J. Hartnett, 0000  
Col. Steven R. McCamy, 0000

Col. Roger C. Nafzinger, 0000  
Col. George B. Patrick III, 0000  
Col. Martha T. Rainville, 0000  
Col. Samuel M. Shiver, 0000  
Col. Robert W. Sullivan, 0000  
Col. Gary H. Wilfong, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Coolidge, Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment as Surgeon General of the Air Force and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8036:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Charles F. Wald, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Ronald C. Marcotte, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Keck, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Walter S. Hogle, Jr., 0000

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Myron G. Ashcraft, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the

grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be general*

Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Daniel B. Wilkins, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Raymond D. Barrett, Jr., 0000

James J. Grazioplene, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be general*

Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be general*

Lt. Gen. John W. Hendrix, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. James C. Riley, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. John A. Van Alstyne, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Anders B. Aadland, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. John T.D. Casey, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Hans A. Van Winkle, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Gary S. McKissock, 0000

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS, NAVY

Air Force nominations beginning Edwin C. Schilling, III, and ending Celinda L. Van Maren, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 12, 1999.

Air Force nomination of Ronald J. Boomer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 12, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Robert E. Wegmann, and ending Sandra K. James, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 23, 1999.

Army nominations beginning John H. Belser, Jr., and ending Thomas R. Shepard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 23, 1999.

Army nominations beginning \*Kathleen David-bajar, and ending Dean C. Pedersen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 23, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Gary A. Benford, and ending Kenneth A. Younkin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 12, 1999.

Army nominations beginning David A. Couchman, and ending Charles R. Nessmith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 12, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Rex H. Cray, and ending Lawrence A. West, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 12, 1999.

Army nominations beginning \*David M. Abbinanti, and ending X379, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 12, 1999.

Marine Corps nomination of Wendell A. Porth, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 23, 1999.

Marine Corps nomination of Fredric M. Olson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 12, 1999.

Navy nominations beginning Robert C. Adams, and ending Daniel L. Zimmer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 1999.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

HISTORY OF THE HOUSE AWARENESS AND PRESERVATION ACT

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2303, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 2303) to direct the Librarian of Congress to prepare the history of the House of Representatives and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise in support of H.R. 2303, the History of the House Awareness and Preservation Act, and wish to take a moment of the Senate to congratulate the author of this legislation, the Honorable JOHN B. LARSON of the First Congressional District of Connecticut.

JOHN has proven himself to be a skilled legislator and an articulate and creative advocate for the people of his district, the State of Connecticut, and indeed the entire Nation. For twelve years JOHN served with distinction in the Connecticut State Senate, serving as President Pro Tempore for eight years. It is altogether fitting that this initiative is JOHN's first legislative accomplishment. As a former high school teacher, JOHN is in a unique position to understand the significance and importance of recording the deliberations and history of the House for the benefit of future generations.

As a newly elected member of the House of Representatives, JOHN arrived in Washington at a time when it appeared that partisanship and acrimony would be the order of the day. True to his reverence for our system of government, and his respect and admiration for the institution he now serves in, JOHN initiated this idea in response to calls for a return to civility in the House of Representatives. It is a testament to his skill and effectiveness that this legislation garnered 313 cosponsors, including both the Speaker of the House, Mr. HASTERT, and the House Minority Leader, Mr. GEPHARDT, and was adopted by the House in just a little over four months from its introduction on June 22 of this year. The United States Senate is deeply indebted to our distinguished colleague, Senator ROBERT C. BYRD, for his considerable efforts to preserve the history of the Senate through his four-volume history. The House of Representatives, and students of government across this Nation, will be indebted to JOHN LARSON for his efforts as well.

I am privileged to count JOHN as a friend and an advisor and I commend him on the enactment of this, his first, legislative initiative. It is an honor for me, as the Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration, to play a small role in assisting his efforts to preserve the rich history of the House of Representatives for future generations. I urge the adoption of this legislation.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 2303) was read the third time and passed.