

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