

(A) 43.4 million Americans are currently without health insurance, and that this number is expected to rise to nearly 60 million people in the next 10 years;

(B) the cost of health insurance continues to rise, a key factor in increasing the number of uninsured; and

(C) there is a consensus that working Americans and their families and children will suffer from reduced access to health insurance.

(2) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE INSURANCE.—It is the sense of the Congress that access to affordable health care coverage for all Americans is a priority of the 106th Congress.

(b) PRESERVING HOME HEALTH SERVICE FOR ALL MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.—

(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(A) the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 reformed Medicare home health care spending by instructing the Health Care Financing Administration to implement a prospective payment system and instituted an interim payment system to achieve savings;

(B) the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, reformed the interim payment system to increase reimbursements to low-cost providers, added \$900 million in funding, and delayed the automatic 15 percent payment reduction for one year, to October 1, 2000; and

(C) patients whose care is more extensive and expensive than the typical Medicare patient do not receive supplemental payments in the interim payment system but will receive special protection in the home health care prospective payment system.

(2) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON ACCESS TO HOME HEALTH CARE.—It is the sense of the Congress that—

(A) Congress recognizes the importance of home health care for seniors and disabled citizens;

(B) Congress and the Administration should work together to maintain quality care for patients whose care is more extensive and expensive than the typical Medicare patient, including the sickest and frailest Medicare beneficiaries, while home health care agencies operate in the interim payment system; and

(C) Congress and the Administration should work together to avoid the implementation of the 15 percent reduction in the interim payment system and ensure timely implementation of the prospective payment system.

SEC. 14. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON MEDICARE PAYMENT.

(a) FINDINGS.—The House finds that—

(1) a goal of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 was to expand options for Medicare beneficiaries under the new Medicare+Choice program;

(2) Medicare+Choice was intended to make these choices available to all Medicare beneficiaries; and unfortunately, during the first two years of the Medicare+Choice program the blended payment was not implemented, stifling health care options and continuing regional disparity among many counties across the United States; and

(3) the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 also established the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare to develop legislative recommendations to address the long-term funding challenges facing Medicare.

(b) SENSE OF THE HOUSE.—It is the sense of the House that this resolution assumes that funding of the Medicare+Choice program is a priority for the House Committee on the Budget before financing new programs and

benefits that may potentially add to the imbalance of payments and benefits in Fee-for-Service Medicare and Medicare+Choice.

SEC. 15. SENSE OF THE HOUSE ON ASSESSMENT OF WELFARE-TO-WORK PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of the House that, recognizing the need to maximize the benefit of the Welfare-to-Work Program, the Secretary of Labor should prepare a report on Welfare-to-Work Programs pursuant to section 403(a)(5) of the Social Security Act. This report should include information on the following—

(1) the extent to which the funds available under such section have been used (including the number of States that have not used any of such funds), the types of programs that have received such funds, the number and characteristics of the recipients of assistance under such programs, the goals of such programs, the duration of such programs, the costs of such programs, any evidence of the effects of such programs on such recipients, and accounting of the total amount expended by the States from such funds, and the rate at which the Secretary expects such funds to be expended for each of the fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002;

(2) with regard to the unused funds allocated for Welfare-to-Work for each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999, identify areas of the Nation that have unmet needs for Welfare-to-Work initiatives; and

(3) identify possible Congressional action that may be taken to reprogram Welfare-to-Work funds from States that have not utilized previously allocated funds to places of unmet need, including those States that have rejected or otherwise not utilized prior funding.

(b) REPORT.—It is the sense of the House that, not later than January 1, 2000, the Secretary of Labor should submit to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House and the Committee on Finance of the Senate, in writing, the report described in subsection (a).

SEC. 16. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON PROVIDING HONOR GUARD SERVICES FOR VETERANS' FUNERALS.

It is the sense of the Congress that all relevant congressional committees should make every effort to provide sufficient resources so that an Honor Guard, if requested, is available for veterans' funerals.

SEC. 17. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON CHILD NUTRITION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) both Republicans and Democrats understand that an adequate diet and proper nutrition are essential to a child's general well-being;

(2) the lack of an adequate diet and proper nutrition may adversely affect a child's ability to perform up to his or her ability in school;

(3) the Government currently plays a role in funding school nutrition programs; and

(4) there is a bipartisan commitment to helping children learn.

(b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Agriculture should examine our Nation's nutrition programs to determine if they can be improved, particularly with respect to services to low-income children.

SAN JUAN COLLEGE LAND CONVEYANCE

The text of S. 293, a bill to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior

to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College, as passed by the Senate on March 25, 1999, follows:

S. 293

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. OLD JICARILLA ADMINISTRATIVE SITE.

(a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—Not later than one year after the date of completion of the survey referred to in subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to San Juan College, in Farmington, New Mexico, subject to the terms, conditions, and reservations under subsection (c), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property (including any improvements on the land) not to exceed 20 acres known as the "Old Jicarilla Site" located in San Juan County, New Mexico (T29N; R5W; portions of sections 29 and 30).

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, and the President of San Juan College. The cost of the survey shall be borne by San Juan College.

(c) TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND RESERVATIONS.—

(1) Notwithstanding exceptions of application under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (43 U.S.C. 869(c)), consideration for the conveyance described in subsection (a) shall be—

(A) an amount that is consistent with the Bureau of Land Management special pricing program for Governmental entities under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act; and

(B) an agreement between the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture and San Juan College indemnifying the Government of the United States from all liability of the Government that arises from the property.

(2) The lands conveyed by this Act shall be used for educational and recreational purposes. If such lands cease to be used for such purposes, at the option of the United States, such lands will revert to the United States.

(3) The Secretary of Agriculture shall identify any reservations of rights-of-way for ingress, egress, and utilities as the Secretary deems appropriate.

(4) The conveyance described in subsection (a) shall be subject to valid existing rights.

(d) LAND WITHDRAWALS.—Public Land Order 3443, only insofar as it pertains to lands described in subsections (a) and (b), shall be revoked simultaneous with the conveyance of the property under subsection (a).

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1999

Mr. VOINOVICH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until 11:30 on Tuesday, April 13. I further ask consent that on Tuesday immediately following the prayer the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m. under the following limitations:

Senator SESSIONS, 20 minutes; Senator LUGAR and Senator BAYH in control of a total of 20 minutes; Senator DODD and Senator LIEBERMAN in control of a total of 20 minutes.

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

Mr. VOINOVICH. Madam President, I further ask consent that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 until 2:15 on Tuesday to allow the weekly party caucuses to meet.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. VOINOVICH. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will reconvene tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. and begin a period of morning business. At 12:30 p.m. the Senate will recess until 2:15 to allow the weekly party caucuses to meet. When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15, it is the leader's intention to begin consideration of the bill introduced earlier today by Senator COVERDELL and others regarding a tax filing extension for certain members of the uniformed services. Therefore, Members should expect rollcall votes during Tuesday's session of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. VOINOVICH. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:21 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at 11:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 12, 1999:

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

DELMOND J.H. WON, OF HAWAII, TO BE A FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2002. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DAVID L. GOLDWYN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS), VICE ROBERT WAYNE GEE.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

JOHN T. HANSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (PUBLIC AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS), VICE KATHY ELENA JURADO, RESIGNED.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED, AND ALSO FOR THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS INDICATED HEREWITH:

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JOHNNY E. BROWN, OF SOUTH CAROLINA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TERESA J. HOWES, OF VIRGINIA
CHRISTOPHER P. RITTGERS, OF TEXAS

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CASEY E. BEAN, OF MARYLAND
RANDALL J. HAGER, OF VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THOMAS HARTWELL CARTER, OF NEW YORK
G. KATHLEEN HILL, OF TEXAS
HOWELL HOFFMAN HOWARD, III, OF WASHINGTON
PATRICIA ELLEN PERRIN, OF CALIFORNIA
SUSAN LONGINO REINERT, OF FLORIDA
ANN CODY WHITE, OF VIRGINIA

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

MARK LAWRENCE WENIG, OF ALASKA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS INDICATED:

CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DOUGLAS R. AUSTIN, OF VIRGINIA
MATEO MARTIN RAMIREZ AYALA, OF TEXAS
THESSALONIKA T. BENNY, OF WASHINGTON
CHRISTOPHER P. BUDAHL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WILLIAM T. CARPENTER, OF VIRGINIA
HARMONY ELIZABETH CATON, OF CONNECTICUT
JOHN F. CLIZBE, OF VIRGINIA
JAMES ANDREW COHEN, OF NEW YORK
CAROL ANNE COX, OF WASHINGTON
LOUIS JOHN CRISHOCK, OF VIRGINIA
JOAN MACKLEN CRISTINI, OF NEW YORK

ROBERT WELLS DREESEN, OF WASHINGTON
GREGORY G. GARRAMONE, OF MINNESOTA
ELSA PATRICIA GARZA, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
JOHN TAYLOR GODFREY, OF CALIFORNIA
JAMES BENJAMIN GREEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DIANA J. HABERLACK, OF WASHINGTON
GARTH HANCOCK, OF VIRGINIA
JAYNE ALLISON HOWELL, OF TEXAS
VAL E. HUSTON, OF VIRGINIA
JULIE STANTON JAMIESON, OF VIRGINIA
KAREN M. JANSZEN, OF VIRGINIA
RICKEY L. JASPER, OF VIRGINIA

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ANDREA KABLE, OF VIRGINIA
CHRISTINE MARIE KAGARISE, OF PENNSYLVANIA
KURT G. KESSLER, OF VIRGINIA
MICHAEL FRANKLIN KLEINE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RUTH ANN KURZBAUER, OF UTAH
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SANGMIN LEE, OF PENNSYLVANIA
CAITLIN A. LUND, OF VIRGINIA
DEEB B. MAALOUF, OF MARYLAND
TIMOTHY P. MEEHAN, OF VIRGINIA
KRISTINIA INDIRA MIDHA, OF ILLINOIS
JAMES R. MILLER, OF VIRGINIA
JENIFER H. MOORE, OF GEORGIA
STEPHEN FRANCIS MORRISSEY, OF VIRGINIA
DAVID W. NELSON, OF VIRGINIA
JILL ALANE NYSTROM, OF NORTH CAROLINA
LINDA S. O'DONOVAN, OF VIRGINIA
ANNE E. OHLRICH, OF TEXAS

DONI MARIE PHILLIPS, OF WYOMING
KATHRYN PONGONIS, OF KENTUCKY
TORYA M. POWELL, OF MARYLAND
CHRISTOPHER R. QUINLIVAN, OF WASHINGTON
KENNETH MICHAEL ROY, OF MICHIGAN
JAMES H. SCHAEFFER, OF VIRGINIA
WILLIAM E. SCHEIBNER, JR., OF CALIFORNIA
JOHN J. SCOTT, OF VIRGINIA
JUDSON DUNCAN FOREMAN SCOTT, OF LOUISIANA
MICHAEL JOHN SEARS, OF CALIFORNIA
JEFFREY A. THIEL, OF VIRGINIA
JON C. TIGHE, OF VIRGINIA
CHLOE CHACONAS TRUSLOW, OF SOUTH CAROLINA
SUSAN MARY TULLER, OF PENNSYLVANIA
ANDREW M. WARREN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LAURA B. WATSON, OF VIRGINIA
STEPHEN J. WEED, OF CALIFORNIA
MATTHEW A. WERNER, OF GEORGIA
REGINA I. WEST, OF VIRGINIA
J. BENEDICT WOLF, OF TEXAS
MEE JA YU, OF VIRGINIA

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive Nominations Confirmed by the Senate April 12, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THOMAS LEE STRICKLAND, OF COLORADO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

CARL SCHNEE, OF DELAWARE, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.