

in far too many cases, the reason is simply lack of awareness of the need, or misunderstanding of the process.

In building the national organ donation and transplantation system, we have taken great care to ensure that individuals and families are not coerced into decisions to donate their organs. We have a strong shared commitment to respect personal and religious beliefs. Congress has made it illegal for organs to be sold—another measure to ensure freedom of choice. The Secretary of HHS has proposed a rule to encourage donation by training hospital personnel to explain the process. This rule, which I support, specifies that only trained hospital personnel are permitted to approach families of potential organ donors. But the most effective measure to increase organ donation is open discussion, long before a time of crisis. Families need to explore their beliefs and opinions, make personal commitments, and have an opportunity to honor the beliefs and commitments of loved ones who die.

In closing, I commend the First Family Pledge Campaign for all it has done to encourage and support these important efforts. Congress must continue to pursue legislation and policies to assure that all Americans in need have access to life-saving transplantation. Adequate funding is essential to support these services. We need to be sure that the distribution system is fair and effective. And we need to continue our nationwide efforts to educate the public about the need for and value of organ donation.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:53 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 46. An act to provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty.

H.R. 769. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1143. An act to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1189. An act to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code, and other laws.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent resolution congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999.

At 2:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 68) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 46. An act to provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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H.R. 1143. An act to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Diane Edith Watson, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal States of Micronesia.

Nominee: Diane E. Watson.  
Post: Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Nominated: January 4, 1999.  
The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

- Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
- 1. Self: (see Attachment).
- 2. Spouse: None.
- 3. Children and Spouses Names: None.
- 4. Parents Names: Dorothy Watson/None; William Allen Watson/"Deceased."
- 5. Grandparents Names: Lyle and Belle O'Neal/"Deceased"; William and Edith Watson/"Deceased."

6. Brothers and Spouses Names: William Watson/None; Chatera Watson/None.

7. Sisters and Spouses Names: Barbara Coleman/None; Patsy Bradfield/None; David Bradfield/None.

8. Political Contributions:

State Senator Diane Watson Schedule of Political Contributions—1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998

Date and payee	Amount
1994:	
Kay Ciniceros .....	\$500
California Democratic Caucus .....	2,000
California Democratic Party .....	174
Legislative Black Caucus .....	500
California Democratic Party .....	400
Valerie Lynn Shaw .....	200
Friends of Gwen Moore .....	1,000
David Roberti .....	1,000
Cewaer .....	500
Senate Victory Campaign .....	300
Congressional Black Caucus .....	230
Dorothy Ehrhart Morrison .....	500
Democratic National Committee .....	200
Paulette Riley Irons .....	200
Margelo Farrand .....	500
Sandy Hester .....	200
Ralph Dills .....	1,000
Art Torres .....	1,000
Hollywood Womens Pac .....	250
Golden State Victory .....	300
Delaine Eastin .....	1,000

Total ..... 10,954

1995:	
Legislative Black Caucus .....	500
State of California Moretti Funds .....	500
Friends of Paul Horcher .....	1,000
Friends of Lois Hill Hale .....	1,000
California Now .....	350
California Democratic Party .....	129
Democratic National Convention California Democratic Committee .....	300
Democratic National Committee .....	100
Lois Hill Hale .....	1,000
U.N. 50 Committee .....	125
Mary Landrieu .....	1,500
Willie Brown for Mayor .....	500
Barbara Lee for Senate .....	309
Congressional Black Women LDF .....	1,000
Barbara Lee for Senate .....	500
Dezzie Wood .....	500
California Democratic Victory Fund .....	300

Total ..... 9,813

1996:	
California Democratic Party .....	300
California Democratic Party .....	150

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr.

DOMENICI, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. KOHL, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 791. A bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. MOYNIHAN for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 792. A bill to amend title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide States with the option to allow legal immigrant pregnant women, children, and blind or disabled medically needy individuals to be eligible for medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 793. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require States receiving funds under section 106 of such Act to have in effect a State law providing for a criminal penalty on an individual who fails to report witnessing another individual engaging in sexual abuse of a child; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 794. A bill entitled the "Hospital Length of Stay Act of 1999"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. BREAU):

S. 795. A bill to amend the Fastener Quality Act to strengthen the protection against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, and counterfeit fasteners and eliminate unnecessary requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. REID, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 796. A bill to provide for full parity with respect to health insurance coverage for certain severe biologically-based mental illnesses and to prohibit limits on the number of mental illness-related hospital days and outpatient visits that are covered for all mental illnesses; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 797. A bill to apply the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 to the International Olympic Committee; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 798. A bill to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 799. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the tax brackets, eliminate the marriage penalty, allow individuals a deduction for amounts paid for insurance for medical care, increase contribution limits for individual retirement plans and pensions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 800. A bill to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 801. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SPECTER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 802. A bill to provide for a gradual reduction in the loan rate for peanuts, to repeal peanut quotas for the 2002 and subsequent crops, and to require the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase peanuts and peanut products for nutrition programs only at the world market price; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 803. A bill to make the International Olympic Committee subject to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. FRIST):

S. 804. A bill to improve the ability of Federal agencies to license Federally-owned inventions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 76. A resolution to commend the Purdue University women's basketball team on winning the 1999 National Collegiate Athletic Association women's basketball championship; considered and agreed to.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. KOHL, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 791. A bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program; to the Committee on Small Business.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS SUSTAINABILITY ACT OF 1999

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to introduce the Women's Business Centers Sustainability

Act of 1999, and I do so on behalf of myself and Senators BOND, HARKIN, BINGAMAN, LEVIN, ENZI, DOMENICI, ABRAHAM, SARBANES, AKAKA, KENNEDY, EDWARDS, FEINSTEIN, LANDRIEU, BOXER, CLELAND, KOHL, WELLSTONE, BURNS, and LEAHY.

As the title suggests, this bill addresses the funding constraints that are making it increasingly difficult for our women's business centers to sustain the level of services that they currently provide and, in some instances, to literally keep the doors open.

Some colleagues may ask the question, What is the Women's Business Center Program? The Small Business Administration started the Women's Business Center Program which provides 5-year grants matched by non-Federal dollars to private sector organizations so that they can establish business training centers for women. Depending on the needs of the community being served, the centers teach women the basic principles of finance, management, and marketing, as well as specialized topics such as how to get a government contract or how to start a home-based business.

These business centers are located in rural, urban, and suburban areas, and they direct much of their training and counseling assistance towards socially and economically disadvantaged women.

I might add, Mr. President, of all the changes in the social structure of the United States or in the marketplace in the last years, none has been more profound than the significant numbers of women entering the marketplace. As more and more women enter the marketplace and they assume roles as principal breadwinners or sole breadwinners within some families, it is more and more important that they have the capacity to participate fully in the economy and not be relegated simply to entry-level jobs.

Congress started this program in 1988 in response to hearings that revealed the Federal Government was not meeting the needs of women entrepreneurs and that there were very little other mechanisms for entry-level women entrepreneurs. Women faced particular discrimination in access to credit and capital, and they were shut out of many government contracts and had very little access to the kind of business assistance that they needed to compete in the marketplace. We have really come a long way since that first beginning. There are now 59 centers in 36 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

In addition to increasing self-sufficiency among women, the women's business centers have strengthened women business ownership overall and encouraged local job creation.

The numbers really tell a remarkable story, Mr. President. In 1998, women-owned businesses made up more than