

the subchapter and the application of that provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other circumstances shall not be affected thereby."

SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as modifying or affecting any provision of—

(1) the National Firearms Act (chapter 53 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1956);

(2) section 414 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954 (22 U.S.C. 1934), relating to munitions control; or

(3) section 1715 of title 18, United States Code, relating to nonmailable firearms.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.—Sections 942 and 945 of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 3, shall take effect on the date that is one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this Act.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-628 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is "Medical Records Privacy." For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a Executive Session of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-628 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The Committee will consider S. 385, "The SAFE Act." For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Thursday, April 29, 1999, 10 a.m., in SD-628 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is "ESEA Reauthorization." For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Aging will be held on April 30, 1999, 10 a.m., in SD-628 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is "Older Ameri-

cans Act." For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to receive testimony on, S. 698, a bill to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska, and for other purposes; S. 711, to allow for the investment of joint Federal and State funds from the civil settlement of damages from the Exxon Valdez oil spill, and for other purposes; and S. 748, a bill to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, May 13, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole or Shawn Taylor of the committee staff at (202) 224-6949.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be permitted to meet on April 26, 1999 at 1-5 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO DIED

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, a tragedy occurred in my home state of Kentucky on the morning of April 22nd. A UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter crashed at Ft. Campbell during a training mission. Seven of the United States Army's 101st Airborne Division's finest soldiers died in that crash.

I would ask us all to remember Sergeant Anthony Wade Brown, Specialist Earl Condary Eoff, Sergeant Robert Gerald Millward, Sergeant James Robert Murphy, Jr., Chief Warrant Officer Two Aaron King Power, Specialist Fury John Rice, and Sergeant Julius

Raymond Wilkes, Jr. We must also keep their fellow soldiers, friends, and especially their families in our prayers during this difficult time of mourning.

These seven soldiers took an oath when they joined the military to defend this great nation. We must not take for granted their service and their commitment to us. We should take an oath now that they will remain in our hearts forever and that we will never forget them.

God bless these men.●

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF GPCC YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PRO- GRAM

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition for its ten year anniversary of their Youth In Government and Business program.

The Greater Pontiac Community Coalition was founded by Reverend Douglas P. Jones, Pastor of the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan, who serves as President of the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition.

The program has promoted educational excellence among middle and high school students, with over 3,500 youth participating in this fine program.

This year students were taught about government, law enforcement, education and business through hands-on visits with state and local officials representing each of those segments of the community. Valuable experiences are garnered through the Youth in Government and Business, inspiring many to carry the torch of community leadership into the future.

Building on his past successes, Reverend Jones now plans to engage the program at the elementary school level, and his program is also being duplicated in other communities in Metropolitan Detroit. This is a testament to the success faith-based and community-based efforts can have in making a difference for our youth.

I want to express my congratulations to Pastor Jones and wish him and all graduates continued success. Most importantly, I would like to thank him for his commitment to the youth in our communities.●

PRIVATE BRYAN J. WHITE GRADUATION

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Private Bryan J. White of the 1st Battalion, C Company, Platoon 1038, on the occasion of his graduation from United States Marine Corps basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, on April 30, 1999.

Private White is fulfilling his boyhood dream of serving his country as a soldier in the Marine Corps. To that end, throughout high school he maintained himself in peak physical condition and excelled on the swim and

wrestling teams to meet the rigorous requirements of the Marine Corps.

His commitment to fight and sacrifice to protect the United States and the freedoms Americans cherish is to be commended. He deserves both respect and admiration for his dedication to country.

I want to express my congratulations to Private White and wish him the best of luck. Most importantly, I would like to thank him for his commitment to the United States of America.●

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ITALIAN TRIBUNE

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Ed and Marlene Baker as they celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Italian Tribune.

The Italian Tribune was founded as a weekly newspaper by Vincent and Mary O. Giuliano in 1909 and has chronicled Italian-Americans for most of the 20th Century.

The Italian Tribune has sustained the link between American life and Italian culture which is vital in exemplifying how we are a nation of immigrants and how America has provided opportunities for those who have come to her shores.

The Tribune is one of the oldest weekly, and now bi-weekly, Italian-American newspapers in the United States and has kept Italian-American residents in Michigan informed for nine decades, bringing them news in the accurate manner and serving as an important community forum.

The paper continually promotes loyalty to the United States, pride of Italian heritage and fraternal spirit to a community of over 350,000 first, second and third generation Americans of Italian descent in Michigan.

Since the original issue was printed, the Tribune has gone through many changes, and is now published by Edward and Marlene Baker, descendants of the founding Giulianos.

I want to express my congratulations to Ed and Marlene Baker as they celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Italian Tribune, making it a part of life for hundreds of thousands of people. The longevity of the paper is a testament to their diligence and the sacrifices made by Vincent and Mary O. Giuliano.●

TRIBUTE TO GIL CLARK

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friend Gil Clark. I have admired and respected Gil as a friend and coach for many, many years. My thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family today, as Gil continues a brave fight against liver cancer.

Gil and I go way back. I met Gil in the 1950's, when he was my little league baseball coach in Louisville. Gil began

coaching with the Beechmont Youth Program at its inception in 1955, and served faithfully as president of the program for more than 35 years.

Gil always taught our little league team that the most important thing about sports was that you practice hard and play your best, not necessarily that you win. He loved baseball without qualification, and all of us on the team could tell. His enthusiasm for the game was infectious, and his desire to teach us lessons about life through sports was inspiring. Gil wanted our team of aspiring players to understand that in life, you're not always going to win—but you should always perform to the very best of your ability. Gil certainly made a lasting impression on my life, and I'm sure that in his many years as a coach he has positively influenced the lives of numerous other young people as well.

Gil committed himself to teaching and coaching young people at Beechmont, and worked on the administration of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Parks service for many years. Gil practiced what he preached to those around him, and showed runners year after year that perseverance and spirit could get the job done.

In 1974, Gil was asked by Louisville's mayor to take on the challenge of directing the "Kentucky Derby Festival miniMarathon." Gil organized many races during his tenure with Metro Parks, but he especially enjoyed putting on the miniMarathon each year. Gil took the mayor's challenge seriously, built the race to its present glory, and is now known in Kentucky as the "father of the miniMarathon."

Gil, thank you for working with me and coaching me as a young little leaguer at Beechmont, and thank you for your dedication to so many other young people throughout the years. I am certain that your service to the Louisville/Jefferson County community is appreciated by all, and I am amazed at your continued commitment to others even in your time of illness. May God continue to bless you, and give you strength in your valiant fight.

Mr. President, please include a copy of a Louisville Courier-Journal article from Sunday, April 25, 1999 recognizing Gil Clark's accomplishments.

[From the Courier-Journal, Apr. 25, 1999]

THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN GIL CLARK

(By Jim Adams)

Gil Clark stood on a slope beside Iroquois Park at 7:59:50 a.m. yesterday (runners never round off their minutes) and beheld what he had built: A wide river of 6,500 runners was standing in place, looking up at him.

"Ten," he said into the microphone.

"Nine," he said, firm of voice.

"Eight," he said. He waived a starting pistol above the pith helmet he was wearing, the trademark headpiece some might think is stitched to his scalp.

This moment could last no more than 10 seconds, of course, but it was a sight that caused the hearts of some of Louisville's se-

rious road runners to soar yesterday at the start of the 26th Kentucky Derby Festival miniMarathon.

That's because the 78-year-old Clark—director of the 13.1-mile race since its inauguration on a Monday morning in 1974—was diagnosed with liver cancer last fall. Just a month ago, he lay unconscious in a hospital for five days; at death's door.

A stream of runners appeared at his bedside last month to say their personal farewells to the man who almost everyone acknowledges has done more than anyone else for road racing in Louisville.

He didn't invent the pre-Derby race—a politician did that—but Clark took it, built it, shaped it and nurtured it, and so a lot of people call him the father of the miniMarathon. The way the runners talk about him, he actually seems more like its favorite uncle.

"He's the one that made running in Louisville," said Jack La Plante, who has run in more than 20 miniMarathons and who stopped to grin for a picture with Clark yesterday morning. "He put the city on the map, as far as runners go," La Plante said right before running the race again.

"He's it," said Stan Clark, long one of the leading runners in the miniMarathon, who is not related to Gil Clark. At last month's City Run, Gil Clark's absence was a huge hole, Stan Clark said. "He's always present; he's always there. There's always been Gil Clark."

Mary Anne Lyons, the leading female runner in the miniMarathon in recent years, tells this story: An acquaintance told her that years ago, she had set the miniMarathon as a personal goal and had trained long for it, but then ran into an unyielding schedule conflict on race day—a sister's wedding, Lyons thought it was.

Grasping at straws, the woman—unsure why—called Clark to explain her dilemma. Ever sympathetic, Clark listened, then told the woman to go out and run the route on her own and record her time, Lyons said—and that woman told her that her name appeared on a listing of race finishers that year.

The story captures the essence of what runners clearly feel about Clark. "He's for the middle and the back of the pack," said Kathy Priddy, Clark's assistant for 18 years when he was Metro Parks' manager for recreation services. He's been an advocate of what's fair and decent.

His view is at the very core of the miniMarathon itself, a race open to everyone, where neighbors run against neighbors, co-workers against co-workers.

The miniMarathon has always known it could be flashier and draw a different type of runner if it wanted to, but Clark has never thought much of those impulses. "I don't want to be director of a race that gives away money," he said in a telephone interview Friday. "If we can't do it for the fun of it, for the fitness of it, and for the camaraderie, then I would want it to die."

Clark was an unlikely road-race god on Feb. 4, 1974, when he was hired for the park job at age 53 after a career in sales. No one in his family has ever raced. Clark himself has always been a baseball man; he played in high school in Alton, Ill., and spent decades running the youth baseball league in Louisville's Beechmont neighborhood.

But within two days, he was transformed from baseball man to running man. "On the sixth day of February, the mayor (Harvey Sloane) came to see me and told me we were going to have a mini. I think he called it a half-marathon," Clark said. "I'll give them