

What does all this sound like? It sounds very much like my personal takeaways from VISTA—taking responsibility; creating opportunity; building teams, teamwork and effective alliances; and developing leaders and leadership.

In just a few minutes, you are going to break into work groups and tackle the task of developing Pilot AmeriCorps VISTA projects for 2001 and beyond.

I urge you to be aggressive and ambitious in those deliberations. To recognize that, in a time of what many call unprecedented prosperity—there is still significant poverty in America. In fact, approximately 32 million Americans—one in nine—live on incomes below the poverty level.

I believe today's combination of prosperity and poverty makes each and every American's social responsibility even more demanding.

We must ask ourselves, in a nation as prosperous as ours:

Why do children still go to school hungry?

Why are so many still homeless?

Why are so many citizens isolated from health care by economics or geography?

Why is quality education or training still out of the reach of so many individuals desperately trying to better themselves?

In short, we must ask ourselves the tough questions—and then come up with the right answers—the programs it will take to address these issues—the programs that will close the gap between prosperity and poverty.

No one is going to do it for us. We must each take this responsibility, first as individuals and then as part of larger communities and organizations. But then again, that's why you are all here—because you are willing to take that responsibility, to act in ways that can truly make a difference.

I applaud that willingness and, seeing the spirit in this room, I am confident what you are doing will make a significant difference in communities across America.

Since we are meeting in our nation's Capitol, I'd like to close my remarks with a comment from a speech by former President Woodrow Wilson.

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement.

You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget this errand."

As VISTA celebrates 35 years of service, and embarks on year 36 as AmeriCorps VISTA, it is clear to me that the program and its people remain clearly focused on that task—on enabling the world to live more amply, developing a greater vision for all and generating a finer spirit of hope in communities across our nation.

Ultimately, the lives of each of you—and of the people you touch—will all be richer for it. I can guarantee it—and my daughter Katherine would agree.●

IN MEMORY OF DR. MICHAEL ASSEY

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr President, I rise today to remember one of South Carolina's finest doctors, Michael E. Assey, who passed away on October 28. A graduate of Georgetown University's School of Medicine, Michael joined the staff of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in 1979 and rose to the position of Professor of Medi-

cine, Chief of Cardiology. In 1998, he was named to the "Best Doctors in America" list. He served as governor of the American College of Cardiology and as president of the S.C. affiliate of the American Heart Association. Michael also authored numerous medical articles and medical textbook chapters. While at MUSC, he received the prestigious Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching. The President of MUSC, Raymond Greenberg, said, "his professional legacy lies in the generation of young doctors who, as Michael Assey's students, not only learned clinical skills, but compassion and commitment." With Michael's passing, the Medical University has lost a great doctor and great teacher and South Carolina has lost a great man. My wife, Peatsy and I send our thoughts and prayers to Michael's devoted wife, Valerie, and their two children.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 30, 2000, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2498) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 120. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 120. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 30, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 614. An act to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, busi-

ness, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands.

S. 835. An act to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1586. An act to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands, and for other purposes.

S. 2719. An act to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 2950. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site in the State of Colorado.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-11369. A communication from the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on audit and investigative activities for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11370. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of additions to the procurement list received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11371. A communication from the Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the inventory of commercial activities; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-11372. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closed Captioning Requirements for Digital Television Receivers" (ET Docket No. 99-254, FCC 00-259) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11373. A communication from the Chief of the Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Parts 2 and 87 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Radio-navigation Service at 31.8-32.3 GHz (ET Docket No. 98-197)" (ET Docket No. 98-197, FCC 00-353) received on October 27, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11374. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna; Adjustment of General Category Daily Retention Limit on Previously Designated Restricted Fishing Days" (I.D. 100300B) received on October 26, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11375. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting,