centers have also made significant strides in preventing anemia and lead poisoning. And finally, centers have been reported to make the benefits of public insurance programs available to more eligible children and adults. The HHS inspector general recently commended health centers for their successful efforts in finding thousands of children and adults who are eligible for, but not enrolled in, the Medicaid and SCHIP program and assisting them to enroll in these programs.

In addition, we need to ensure that the reauthorization of the health centers program under section 330 of the Public Health Act occurs early during the 107th Congress. I especially want to stress the need to restore authority for facility construction and renovation as well as an appropriate allocation among the community, migrant, homeless and public housing health center programs.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues on Commerce's Subcommittee on Health to fully support community health centers and I urge my colleagues to actively support this critical health care program which provides so much in the way of services to low-income Americans.

IN MEMORY OF EL PASO CITIZEN AND WWII VETERAN FRANCISCO TORRES

HON. SILVESTRE REYES
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a proud and distinguished individual from my district of El Paso, Texas who passed away earlier this month. Mr. Francisco Camargo Torres was a longtime resident of El Paso and was a devoted member of the Catholic Church. When the time came for young men and women to answer the call of duty during World War II, Mr. Torres proudly offered service to his country as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Mr. Torres returned home a hero with several decorations including the American Defense Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and four Overseas Bars. Mr. Torres leaves a proud and honorable legacy for his family, friends, and for his nation to admire. The service he offered to his country is one that we, as a nation, recognize as the greatest sacrifice for the survival of freedom and liberty. Mr. Torres fought against the enemies of the United States and did so with distinction.

Upon his return home, Mr. Torres worked for and retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad. He returned to his community and worked to ensure its growth and prosperity. Mr. Torres is survived by his wife Roselia V. Torres, his sons Jose Francisco, Victor, Rosendo, Armando, and Jaime, daughter Lilia Maria Carter, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, individuals such as Mr. Torres chose to fight for the freedom of their country and returned to help build its future. The Torres family can rest assured that posthumously well served by Mr. Torres' accomplished life. Mr. Torres was laid to rest in Fort Bliss National Cemetery and his legacy and blessings to the city of El Paso and the family survived by him will never be forgotten. I honor this veteran and citizen of my district and offer my most sincere condolences to his family.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1261, ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCES FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

HON. STEPHEN HORN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, in 1996, Congress passed the Reclamation Recycling and Water Conservation Act to help western communities conserve precious water supplies by encouraging water reuse. The Act authorized a number of new projects, including a water desalination project proposed by the city of Long Beach and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The Act limited the federal cost share requirements to 50 percent of total project costs.

At the time of the Act's passage, the projected costs for the Long Beach desalination project were estimated to be $27 million. The expectation at the time was that the desalination project would process roughly 5 million gallons of water each day. Given the limitations in the Act, the federal government's responsibility was limited to $13.5 million. Since the original authorization, the project's sponsors have increased the scope of the project. Today, the plans call for processing 40 million gallons of water per day, an eightfold increase over the original projections. In turn, this has dramatically increased the total project cost, to well over $100 million.

Private resources have been identified to cover the increase in costs. However, there is concern that the federal cost share provision may be overly broad, imposing responsibility for up to $50 million on the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. The legislation that I have introduced today would clarify and emphasize that the responsibility of the federal government today is exactly the same as it was five years ago: not more than $13.5 million. It is, quite simply, a technical correction or clarification of the original authorization. And, in this day of fiscal restraint, is the type of restraining legislation that I believe will serve this project well.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues on Energy and Commerce's oversight of this critical health care program which provides so much in the way of services to low-income Americans.

H.R. 1261 is below.

H.R. 1261
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. LIMIT ON FEDERAL COST OF THE LONG BEACH DESALINATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Section 1406(b)(2) of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h-3(b)(2)) is amended by striking "50 percent of the total" and inserting "the lesser of 50 percent of the total or $13,500,000."
the RECORD, and I urge my colleagues to give thoughtful consideration to his excellent article.

[From The New York Times, March 27, 2001]

A STRANGE WALTZ IN VIENNA

(By Stanley B. Greenberg)

VIENNA — I am an American Jew, yet found myself in Vienna under attack by Jörg Haider, one of Europe’s more notorious anti-Semitic politicians. I was in Vienna doing what I normally do, conducting polls and providing advice to political leaders and their campaigns—this time for the Social Democratic candidate for mayor, the incumbent, Michael Häupl. I had provided similar services for Bill Clinton and Al Gore, Tony Blair, Nelson Mandela and Ehud Barak. As a rule, I keep to the background, offering my ideas privately and far away from the TV cameras. Vienna was to be different.

Mr. Haider led the Freedom Party to prominence by attacking foreigners and Jews, expressing admiration for some of Hitler’s policies and championing some populist ideas of his own. His party got 27.9 percent of the vote here in the local election in 1996.

Speaking at a city convention, Mr. Haider declared, “Häufl [a strategist called Greenberg],” eliciting giggles in the room. “He specially flew him in from the East Coast.” “East Coast” means New York City and powerful Jews, the people who brought down Austrian president Kurt Waldheim and have tried to extract reparations for the Jewish victims of Nazi aggression. Mr. Haider spoke more about the former stable. Mayor Häupl concluded his last campaign address with a warning about Mr. Haider: “His attacks against the East Coast and against our consultant Greenberg, against the president of the Jewish community” make him “personally responsible” for “anti-Semitism.” “This policy is against all of us,” Mayor Häupl said.

On Sunday Vienna voters made their choices. Mr. Haider’s Freedom Party lost almost one-third of its support, plummeting eight percentage points from the previous high. The Social Democrats made historic gains, taking up those eight points and winning an absolute majority on the city council.

I could focus on the fact that, last Sunday, one in five people in one of Europe’s most tolerant and progressive cities voted for the anti-Semite. But I prefer to dwell on the fact that I had the opportunity to help drive back one of the dark forces of our time and I did not fight alone.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRESTOLITE WIRE CORPORATION RECEIVING THE GEORGIA OGLETHORPE AWARD FOR PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Prestolite Wire Corporation, the year 2000 recipient of the Georgia Oglethorpe award for performance excellence. Prestolite is the first manufacturing and small industry applicant to receive the state’s highest honor. The Georgia Oglethorpe award is open to business, industry, government, education, healthcare, and non-profit organizations and is awarded for performance excellence.

I would like to commend all the people of Prestolite Wire Corporation on their outstanding performance and operation that makes them the sole recipient of the award for the manufacturing, small industry category. This award should make everyone involved with Prestolite proud to be a part of a corporation to earn such a prestigious award.

SENIATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized scheduling of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 3

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine issues surrounding Alzheimer’s Disease.
SH-216

10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine online entertainment and related copyright law.
SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold oversight hearings to examine issues surrounding nuclear power.
SD-124

Finance
To hold hearings to examine the process of finding successful solutions relative to Medicare and Managed Care.
SD-215

Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider proposed legislation to amend U.S. anti-drug certification procedures; S.Res.27, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the 1944 deportation of the Chechen people to central Asia; S.Res.60, urging the immediate release of Kosovar Albanians wrongfully imprisoned in Serbia; S.Con.Res.7, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should establish an international education policy to enhance national security and significantly further United States foreign policy and global competitiveness; S.Con.Res.23, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the involvement of the Government in Libya in the terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103; and the nomination of William Howard Taft, IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State.
SD-419

2 p.m.
Judiciary
Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Hart-Rudman Report, with respect to homeland defense.
SD-226