

match for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA), which serves jurisdictions in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia through its facility at Blue Plains. In fiscal years 1998 and 2000, the 80–20 match was included in appropriations bills. Because the Fiscal Year 2000 provision expires at the end of Fiscal Year 2001, this legislation to make the 80–20 match permanent is necessary.

The Blue Plains facility operated by WASA is the largest advanced waste water treatment plant in the world, serving two million users in the Maryland and Virginia suburbs as well as the District of Columbia. The financial and operational health of this facility is vital to the efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay as well as waters that serve the City of Vienna, and the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince George's. Blue Plains is responsible for the largest reductions of nitrogen into the Bay of any facility in the entire Bay Watershed.

WASA has only been able to undertake major facility improvements—including biosolids digestion and handling facilities, major renovations to preliminary treatment facilities, new chemical feed operations, and additional electrical system enhancements—because of the 80–20 formula.

We also seek this change as a matter of fairness. In enacting the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (Act), Congress recognized that the District, a city without a state, shoulders an unfair financial obligation in programs in which municipalities normally have state financial assistance. The Act provided for federal support for the state share of several such programs. The region has been unable to take advantage of the usual combination of state and city matches only because this facility, which serves regional partners, happens to be located in the District of Columbia.

A permanent 80–20 federal-local match would place the District on a par with other municipalities and states in the United States. The 20% that the District would continue to assume is equivalent to the burden borne by many other cities in the country. Of course, local rate payers in the region would continue to bear their share.

We urge our colleagues to join us in supporting this important provision that would provide tangible benefits to regional residents and to the Potomac and Anacostia rivers, as well as the Chesapeake Bay, a national treasure.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD A.  
BOWLES

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to Gerald A. Bowles for his 30 years of exemplary service to the House of Representatives. Each of us here in the House have benefited from Jerry's talent, professionalism and congenial manner. In the 30 years that Jerry has served with the office supply service, he has seen many changes.

From the limited scope of office equipment in the early seventies to the high tech demands of today, Jerry has managed to assure that each member's office has all of their supply needs ready and at hand.

Jerry started working for the office supply service on August 1, 1971, as a stock clerk. He was promoted to special orders clerk then to inventory control specialist, sales floor supervisor, assistant chief and then director of office supply service. Jerry will be retiring from office supply service on August 31, 2001.

Jerry was born on May 26, 1951, to John Ignatius Alberta Ellis Bowles of Compton, Maryland. Jerry is the fifteenth child out of sixteen children, having nine sisters and six brothers. Growing up in a family of this size, Jerry learned the importance of working hard, getting along with everyone and being able to figure things out. These skills have helped him to be an effective manager—well liked, yet able to get the job done. There never was any problem which didn't have a solution in Jerry's mind. He has always been able to find an available resource, offer an alternative fix and make the customer happy.

Staff from all around the Hill and particularly his colleagues from the office supply service will miss his smile, his willingness to listen and his "can do" attitude. Jerry has served the House well. His loyalty, determination and professionalism will long be remembered.

As Jerry retires to enjoy his home in St. Mary's County where he will fill his days with fishing and crabbing in the Patuxent River as well as working at the Drift Inn Crab House, we wish him well and a long happy retirement.

#### SENATE 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 schedule 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 Tuesday, June 26, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 27

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings on the nomination of Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, the nomination of Reginald Jude

Brown, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the nomination of Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, the nomination of Michael Montelongo, of Georgia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, and the nomination of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-106

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business, to be followed immediately by a hearing on the nomination of Vicky A. Bailey, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs and Domestic Policy; and the nomination of Frances P. Mainella, of Florida, to be Director of the National Park Service, and the nomination of John Walton Keep, III, to be Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation (pending receipt by the Senate), both of the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

9:45 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Clark T. Randt, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China; and the nomination of Douglas Alan Hartwick, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the protection of the innocent, focusing on competent counsel in death penalty cases.

SD-226

Finance

To hold hearings to examine prescription fraud, focusing on consultants selling doctors bad billing advice.

SD-215

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the outlook of the U.S. economy.

SD-608

Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the federal governments role in retaining nurses for the delivery of federally funded health care services, focusing on the effects nursing shortages have on health care and long-term care programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's and defense health.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine a report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights regarding the November 2000 election and election reform in general.

SR-301

11:15 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Pierre-Richard Prosper, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, the nomination of William A. Eaton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration,