

satellite centers from non-Federal public and private sources;

(5) to establish the capability to electronically link the facility with other local and regional facilities that have collections and programs which interpret the history of the Underground Railroad; and

(6) to submit, for each fiscal year for which the organization receives funding under this section, a report to the Secretary of Education that contains—

(A) a description of the programs and activities supported by the funding;

(B) the audited financial statement of the organization for the preceding fiscal year;

(C) a plan for the programs and activities to be supported by the funding as the Secretary may require; and

(D) an evaluation of the programs and activities supported by the funding as the Secretary may require.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 249

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 249, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer, coverage for reconstructive surgery following mastectomies, and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage revenue bond financing, and for other purposes.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, non-repairable, and rebuilt vehicles.

S. 1089

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to terminate the effectiveness of certain amendments to the foreign repair station rules of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1220

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1220, a bill to provide a process for declassifying on an expedited basis

certain documents relating to human rights abuses in Guatemala and Honduras.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of private activity bonds which may be issued in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1252, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of low-income housing credits which may be allocated in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

S. 1321

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1321, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit grants for the national estuary program to be used for the development and implementation of a comprehensive conservation and management plan, to reauthorize appropriations to carry out the program, and for other purposes.

S. 1344

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1344, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to target assistance to support the economic and political independence of the countries of South Caucasus and Central Asia.

S. 1464

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1464, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to enhance Federal enforcement of hate crimes, and for other purposes.

S. 1609

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1609, a bill to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Next Generation Internet program, to require the Advisory Committee on High-Performance Computing and Communications, Information Technology, and the Next Generation Internet to monitor and give advice concerning the development and implementation of the Next

Generation Internet program and report to the President and the Congress in its activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1645, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 1723

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. FAIRCLOTH), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), and the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1723, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of the United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBAC) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1981, a bill to preserve the balance of rights between employers, employees, and labor organizations which is fundamental to our system of collective bargaining while preserving the rights of workers to organize, or otherwise engage in concerted activities protected under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2017

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. FORD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2017, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for breast and cervical cancer-related treatment services to certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a Federally funded screening program.

S. 2053

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign the \$1 bill so as to incorporate the preamble to the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and a list of Articles of the Constitution on the reverse side of such currency.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 88

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 88, A concurrent resolution calling on Japan to establish and maintain an open, competitive market for consumer photographic film and paper and

other sectors facing market access barriers in Japan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 176

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 176, a resolution proclaiming the week of October 18 through October 24, 1998, as "National Character Counts Week."

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 95—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO PROMOTING COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. CON. RES. 95

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. PROMOTION OF COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) As the baby boom generation begins to retire, funding Social Security and Medicare will put a strain on the financial resources of younger Americans.

(2) Medicaid was designed as a program for the poor, but in many States Medicaid is being used for middle income elderly people to fund long-term care expenses.

(3) In the coming decade, people over age 65 will represent up to 20 percent or more of the population, and the proportion of the population composed of individuals who are over age 85, who are most likely to be in need of long-term care, may double or triple.

(4) With nursing home care now costing \$40,000 to \$50,000 on average per year, long-term care expenses can have a catastrophic effect on families, wiping out a lifetime of savings before a spouse, parent, or grandparent becomes eligible for Medicaid.

(5) Many people are unaware that most long-term care costs are not covered by Medicare and that Medicaid covers long-term care only after the person's assets have been exhausted.

(6) Widespread use of private long-term care insurance has the potential to protect families from the catastrophic costs of long-term care services while, at the same time, easing the burden on Medicaid as the baby boom generation ages.

(7) The Federal Government has endorsed the concept of private long-term care insurance by establishing Federal tax rules for tax-qualified policies in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

(8) The Federal Government has ensured the availability of quality long-term care insurance products and sales practices by adopting strict consumer protections in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the Federal Government should take all appropriate steps to inform the public about the financial risks posed by rapidly increas-

ing long-term care costs and about the need for families to plan for their long-term care needs;

(2) the Federal Government should take all appropriate steps to inform the public that Medicare does not cover most long-term care costs and that Medicaid covers long-term care costs only when the beneficiary has exhausted his or her assets;

(3) the Federal Government should take all appropriate steps not only to encourage employers to offer private long-term care insurance coverage to employees, but also to encourage both working-aged people and older citizens to obtain long-term care insurance either through their employees or on their own;

(4) appropriate committees of Congress, together with the Department of Health and Human Services and other appropriate Executive Branch agencies, should develop specific ideas for encouraging Americans to plan for their own long-term care needs;

(5) the congressional tax-writing committees, together with the Department of the Treasury should determine whether the tax rules for long-term care insurance need to be modified to ensure that the rules adequately facilitate the affordability of long-term care insurance; and

(6) the National Summit on Retirement Income Savings should consider the importance of planning for long-term care in its discussion of retirement security.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am pleased to submit, with my colleague Senator GRASSLEY, a Senate resolution that will focus attention on an extremely important health care issue for American families—long-term care needs.

Rapidly increasing long-term care costs pose huge financial risks to families. With the average cost of nursing home care at \$40,000 per year, early planning is required to ensure that long-term care needs don't leave the spouses or children of the elderly and disabled destitute.

What most Americans do not realize is that Medicare is very limited in the type of long-term costs it covers. Medicare only provides coverage for "acute" health care costs, such as short-term stays in certain kinds of nursing homes, or short-term nursing care in the home following a hospitalization. Medicare was never meant to cover chronic long-term health needs.

Medicaid does offer assistance with long-term costs, but only after an individual has totally exhausted his or her assets. This means that families must become completely impoverished in order to get Medicaid coverage for nursing home care.

What fills in the gaps? We know that sixty-five percent of many elderly who live at home and need help rely exclusively on unpaid sources, such as family and friends. But this help is not without a price—it takes a huge toll on families. Caregiving frequently competes with the demand of employment and requires caregivers to reduce work hours, take time off without pay, or quit their jobs. Families whose members must be in institutional settings often exhaust all of their resources paying privately for nursing home care.

As a country, we need to have better alternatives so that our Golden Years can be lived out with dignity. Our job as policy makers is to inform the public of the importance of planning ahead. Employers need to be encouraged to make private long-term care insurance coverage available to their employees. In turn, families should be encouraged to prepare themselves financially well in advance for this potential expense.

A similar proposal by my fellow Connecticut colleague in the House of Representatives, Congressman CHRIS SHAYS, has received strong bi-partisan support. My hope is that this common-sense, forward-looking proposal will receive the same kind of support by my colleagues here in the Senate. This Senate resolution truly represents an investment in our future.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I am pleased to join Senator DODD in submitting a common-sense Senate resolution to raise public awareness of the need for all Americans to plan ahead for their long-term care needs.

Earlier this year, the Special Committee on Aging, which I chair, held a hearing to explore the challenges of providing long-term care for the baby boomer generation. A key message from that hearing was that policy makers need to encourage personal responsibility for financing long-term care.

It is difficult to pay for long-term care even when one has worked hard and saved for retirement. It's impossible when a family is not prepared. Unfortunately, many seniors and their families find out too late that they have not saved enough. Today's average cost of nursing home care is about \$40,000 a year. When individuals are faced with a chronic or disabling condition in retirement, they often quickly exhaust their resources. As a result, these individuals turn to Medicaid for help. In fact, the care for nearly 2 out of every 3 nursing home residents is paid for by Medicaid.

As policy makers, our job is to develop policies for public programs that can deliver efficient and cost-effective services. Yet, equally important is the role of private long-term care financing. We must inform everyone about the importance of planning for potential long-term care needs. And, we must provide incentives now for the baby boomer generation to prepare financially for their retirement.

As Congress works to prepare for a growing demand for long-term care services, the role of private long-term care insurance must not be ignored. Over the past ten years, the long-term care insurance market has grown significantly. The products that are available today are affordable and of high quality.

This common-sense proposal has also been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congress SHAYS where it has received strong bi-partisan support. I encourage my colleagues in the