room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on ''Proposed Constitutional Amendment To Establish a Bill of Rights for Crime Victims''.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 1996, for a hearing on organ tissue donation awareness.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled ''Keeping Up With the Trend: Issues Affecting Home-Based Business Owners.''

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 23 at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing to discuss Alzheimer's disease.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

EARTH DAY

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleagues to recognize April 22, 1996, as Earth Day.

On their 1804 expedition through my present day State of Montana, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark wrote of the abundant game, vast horizons, shining mountains and crystal clear streams littered with rainbow and cutthroat trout.

Today the Treasure State remains largely unchanged. As stewards of the land, Montana's farmers realize the importance of sound conservation methods in cultivating the soil. Montana ranchers have employed grazing practices that renew healthy foragable grasslands.

In an effort to increase the sustainability of Montana's ranges, Montana stockgrowers with grazing lands around Fleecer Mountain just south of Butte and in the Wall Creek area near Ennis participate in a rotational grazing practice that utilizes and stimulates healthier forage on state lands.

This new grazing practice ensures that livestock and wildlife alike will have access to healthy forage without overgrazing lands managed by the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department.

This effort of cooperation is just one example of what can be accomplished when local decisions are made in place of those coming out of Washington, DC. It is another piece of evidence that Montanans make sound environmental decisions compared to what has been mandated at a Federal level.

I believe we need to protect our environment. Generations of Montanans have made their living off the land and in return have learned to reap the benefits of preserving the land.

I greatly appreciate the environmental beauty of Big Sky Country, and I want my children and grandchildren to be able to appreciate it in the same way I have been able to.●

DOCTORS WILLING TO ACCEPT MEDICAID PATIENTS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I would like to call to your attention to the extraordinary generosity of a few outstanding citizens in my home State. Dr. James Elliot, Dr. Rae Johnston, and Dr. Van Kirke Nelson treated more Medicaid patients than any other doctors in Montana. These doctors are willing to accept Medicaid patients—and lots of them—even though they know that Medicaid will reimburse only a fraction of what a private insurance company would pay.

I want to publicly thank these doctors for their dedication to the medical profession and for helping people who depend on Medicaid. Dr. Elliot, Dr. Johnston, and Dr. Nelson are willing to make sacrifices for the benefit of others. We can learn from their benevolence and their valuable community service.

On average, Medicaid pays only 70 percent of what a doctor charges. The doctor is forced to either swallow the cost, or choose not to see Medicaid patients. This is what makes physicians like Dr. Elliot, Dr. Johnston, and Dr. Nelson so special.

For example, Dr. Elliot averages a staggering caseload of 40 to 60 patients a day, not counting the trips he makes to the emergency room. In 1995, he treated more Medicaid patients than any other doctor in Montana. His Medicaid caseload was so high that the State audited him a few years ago. The State not only found no evidence of improprieties, they also found that Dr. Elliot charges less than average for most services.

And listen to Dr. Nelson, a personal friend of mine, describe his Medicaid patients to the Daily Inter Lake:

> These are real people who may be on tough luck—

He explains,—

> people struggling to make ends meet on low-paying jobs, and single mothers with little income. These are the sons and daughters of a lot of my friends.

So when the Senate debates legislation concerning Medicaid, I urge you to remember these outstanding citizens—these doctors who are willing to make sacrifices in order to assure that ''people on tough luck'' receive the health care they deserve. Dr. Elliot, who serves Medicaid recipients in the Havre area; Dr. Johnston, a Missoula area physician; and Dr. Nelson of Kalispell, whose daughter and daughter-in-law, both physicians, will probably continue the tradition of caring for underprivileged patients, deserve our admiration. The State of Montana is indebted to them, and to all the physicians in my State who serve Medicaid patients, regardless of their income or ability to pay. I am proud to commend them before the U.S. Senate today.

WELCOME TO MICHIGAN CONSTITUENTS

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome a large group of Michigan constituents who have come here to Washington, DC, to express their opinions on the recent violence in Lebanon. I was pleased to be able to welcome them to the Senate this morning and host them for morning coffee prior to their planned events for the day.

Mr. President, this group comes here today with very deep sentiments and emotions about this issue. In fact many of them have family or friends who have lost their loved ones in the tragic bombing of the U.N. shelter in Qana. I share their deep sentiments and support the overall message of the urgency of an immediate end to this bloodshed in the form of a cease-fire and the need to deliver humanitarian aid to the refugees in Lebanon.

As I have been reiterating the past 2 days on the floor of the Senate, I urge the administration to persist in trying to negotiate a cease-fire in this region and to bring an end to the hostility immediately. The resulting peace will benefit everyone, but especially those innocent civilians and refugees in Lebanon, who have been most affected by the violence.●

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE WILL

● Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, today, there is a memorial service for Judge Hugh Will, a distinguished Illinois jurist and active humanitarian, who died in December after a long and productive career. Unfortunately, my Senate duties prevent me from being in Illinois to share my memories of Judge Will with his family, friends, and colleagues, so I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for his many contributions and my sense of loss at his passing.