

that AHCPR has only a small, but important, role in the area of data collection, the Agency took the lead in proposing a major restructuring of its medical expenditure survey to eliminate areas of duplication with other HHS surveys. The new medical expenditures panel survey that they are now undertaking reflects those survey integration efforts. I agree with the committee that it is important that the other agencies of the Department explore greater integration of their survey and data collection efforts; AHCPR has stepped up to the plate on this issue and their contribution should be acknowledged.

In light of the responsiveness of AHCPR to our concerns, I think it is time to move forward. We have seen major reform and restructuring at this Agency and now we need to let it get on with its mission of identifying what works and what is cost-effective in health care. Its research has already demonstrated that better quality care can cost less if clinicians and patients have the information they need to make more informed choices. This research is crucial to our committee's efforts to reform and save the Medicare Program and we now need to let them do their job.

COSPONSORSHIP OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LEGISLATION

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I recently overcame a challenge in the Pennsylvania Democratic primary, where, we believe, my opponent was able to spend more campaign funds than my campaign spent. I came away from that campaign with the certain belief that we spend too much time concentrating on campaign fundraising and that there is too much money in the political process. We must reform the way we finance our political campaigns. I have signed the discharge petition to require the Republican majority to do what they do not want to do: bring campaign finance reform legislation to the floor.

I come to the floor today to announce that I am cosponsoring two pieces of campaign finance reform legislation.

First, I am cosponsoring the Meehan-Shays-Smith campaign finance reform bill. This bill would make fundamental changes in the way we fund our campaigns. The sponsors of the bill should be applauded for the contribution they have made in moving this debate forward.

I am also cosponsoring SAM FARR's American Political Reform Act. While the two bills are similar in important respects, but there are aspects in the Farr bill that I prefer. First, it better recognizes the constitutional infirmity in banning political action committees by setting expenditure limits, restricting PAC contributions in the mix of total contributions and lowering the maximum contributions from individual PAC's. Second, it does not contain the in-State, in-district requirements, included in the Meehan-Shays-Smith bill. Those of us who seek to run in poor districts, especially challengers, would be sorely handicapped by this limitation. Moreover, it would put entities like Emily's List and the groups that come together to fight for the State of Israel out of business,

for all practical purposes—these groups have genuine first amendment interests. Third, it correctly restricts bundling but carves out a responsible exception for PAC's that do not lobby.

I hope that the Republican leadership will see the light and work with us to reform the political process.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO BOB WINTERS

HON. JAMES A BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, a good education is an important tool to prepare for a successful future. Without excellent educators to provide our future generation with the kind of education they need to succeed in our technical job market, our country would not be the great Nation it is today. The people who teach or develop innovative teaching tools are the key to our continuing success. Over his 36 years as an educator, administrator, and visionary, Bob Winters has used his skills to improve the education system locally and nationally. In recognition of how much this community appreciates and acknowledges his dedication to education, they are honoring him on Friday, May 17, 1996.

Bob Winters graduated from Detroit Southeastern High School and received his B.A. in education from Wayne State University. After graduation, he began his lifelong commitment, not only providing the best education to his students, but also working to improve education for students all over the country. Bob taught social studies, history, and English in Ferndale, MI, for 5 years.

Knowing the importance of education, he returned to school to receive a masters degree from Michigan State University. Using this new knowledge, he became the assistant principal at a junior high school in Birmingham, MI. In this position he coordinated a new approach to teaching called team teaching. This new approach encouraged teachers to work and plan curriculum together to help students understand the connection between subjects. Each teacher brings his or her strengths to the school curriculum to provide students with the best possible curriculum.

Recruited to share this new teaching technique with others, Bob moved to upstate New York in 1970 to serve as the associate director of a regional educational planning center to advise other schools on implementing team teaching on a national level. Always trying to improve the education system, Bob moved to Washington years later to serve as the Senior Associate to the National Institute of Education. He shared his research and planning of the \$50 million experimental schools program as a consultant and conference planner at the National Rural Experimental Schools Conference, Little Rock, AR.

Eager to return to educating on a personal level, Bob moved back to Michigan to serve as the deputy superintendent and director of instruction for the East Lansing Public Schools. In 1979, he became the superintendent of Essexville-Hampton Public Schools where he has served for the past 17 years. As superintendent he made several significant

changes in the area including allowing student representation on the board of education and implementing substance abuse-drug awareness programs. Bob also served as a member of the Michigan Association of School Administrators [MASA] 1985 to 1987 and served as president, secretary-treasurer and served on the legislative committee.

Bob is also active in his community and is a member of the Alliance for Bay County Schools, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce legislative affairs committee, Bay Medical Center, Delta College Community advisory board, Partnership for Kids Committee, and United Way to Bay County.

Bob could not have achieved these great accomplishments without the support of his wife, Kay. As an avid golfer and member of the Saginaw-Bay Yacht Club, Bob will have many activities to keep him occupied in his retirement. He is also a member of the Bay City Players, a barber shop quartet, and is active with the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

Mr. Winters is a shining example of the ability of individuals to improve our society. He is the embodiment of the finest qualities expressed in the word "citizenship." I commend Bob for his lifelong achievements and I urge my colleagues to join me in extending him our best wishes in his retirement.

NEPTUNE HIGH SCHOOL NAVAL J.R.O.T.C. UNIT MILITARY BALL AND AWARDS CEREMONY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 16, 1996

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker on Friday, May 31, 1996, at the Waterview Pavilion in Belmar, NJ, the Neptune High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit will hold its Military Ball and Awards Ceremony.

It is with great honor that I pay tribute, on this day, to the Neptune High School Naval JROTC unit. Existing since 1977, this 4-year program is designed to teach high school students leadership and citizenship. To achieve this, the program stresses self-discipline, patriotism, and high self-esteem. All of this is practiced within the organization and administrative structure of the U.S. Navy.

The Neptune High School JROTC boasts a membership of 103 members with 47 of its members recently completing a 3-day mini-boot camp training weekend at Fort Dix, NJ. On November 20, 1995, the unit successfully completed their 1005-96 Navy area manager inspection with an overall grade of outstanding. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud these outstanding young men and women for their commitment and allegiance to the JROTC and also for their overall outstanding grade.

Mr. Speaker, this ceremony is an important event, not just for the proud members of the JROTC but for all of us. It should remind us all of the importance of citizenship and patriotism and what it means to be an American.