

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that Kennedy-Kassebaum bill might help about 550,000 people a year when they switch jobs or leave a job which offers health insurance and want to buy a policy of their own. It is a nice little bill and justifiably helps many worthy people. The Medicaid budget bill, on the other hand, will probably reduce Medicaid resources by a quarter of a trillion dollars over the next 6 years, and remove the guarantee of adequate health insurance from millions of children, parents, and grandparents. Thirty-seven million low-income blind, disabled, aged, and low-income children and their families are currently covered by Medicaid. Far more people will be hurt by the Medicaid cuts than will ever be helped by the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill.

If an individual pursued two such diametrically opposed actions, we'd say he was unbalanced and should seek professional help. The Senate in Kennedy-Kassebaum adopted an amendment to provide basically equal coverage of mental and physical health. I understand that that provision is being dropped. It is unfortunate. Members of Congress could use help.

NORTEL CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues a prestigious award received by a good corporate citizen in my district, Nashville, TN. The Committee on Economic Development recently honored Northern Telecom [NORTEL], a telecommunications equipment manufacturer with its domestic headquarters in my district, with the CED's first annual Corporate Citizenship Award.

I want to congratulate Donald Schuenke, chairman of NORTEL's board of directors and the over 1,000 employees NORTEL has in my district. The award salutes active involvement in the policy dialogue and a carefully considered commitment to social and community responsibility. The award recognizes the principle and values NORTEL has held throughout the 100 years it has been in business. They invest in research and development, in customer satisfaction, in the training and education of their work force, in the quality of their management and in their overall business performance. But they also have a strong and ongoing commitment to our Nation's communities.

For example, more than 50 community organizations are supported by contributions from employees of NORTEL's Nashville office. Employees there have a longstanding relationship with the students at Pennington Elementary School where they have served as tutors, judged science fairs and spelling bees, produced the school's semiannual creative writing magazine, and organized and run the school's annual field day. Moreover, NORTEL underwrites the cost of school books for disadvantaged students, provides computer training for teachers, and furnishes equipment for classroom use.

NORTEL employees work with Fisk University's Division of Business as adjunct faculty advisors and provide resources to students

preparing to enter the work force. Employees also serve as consultants to area schools in advancing technology in the classroom and the company provides computers and training.

Artistic endeavors are supported through events such as the NORTEL young musicians competition, a partnership with a school system's music education program and the Nashville Symphony to recognize outstanding young musicians. NORTEL volunteers have also turned out to build homes in their community in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, to donate blood, and to contribute food to the second harvest food bank.

My thanks to Donald Schuenke and to NORTEL CEO Jean Monty for their fine leadership and to all NORTEL employees for these and all the other many contributions they make to the State of Tennessee. Congratulations on winning this prestigious award, and I urge the corporate citizens of our country to follow your fine example.

RECOGNITION OF PARTNERSHIP TO FIGHT INSURANCE FRAUD ONLINE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin which has formed a unique partnership with State and Federal law enforcement agencies to help combat fraud in the insurance industry. The organizations are listing helpful information about health care fraud on Blue Cross & Blue Shield's World Wide Web site on the Internet. The site, HealthNet Connection, contains Wisconsin's first online library of free information about the State's health care system.

The company has now announced that it will join with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin and the State attorney general to use their Internet site to make even more information available to the public. This access can assist in ensuring that health care dollars are spent wisely by raising awareness, educating consumers, and giving them tools to help prevent insurance fraud.

Each of the participants will make available their own organization's efforts as well as a system for reporting suspected fraud. The U.S. attorney's office section will describe Federal laws and penalties, issue consumer alerts, and help for reporting suspicious incidents. The attorney general's office will outline State laws and penalties as well as how to relate potential violations. In addition, Blue Cross & Blue Shield already dispenses information to help health care providers, employers, government decisionmakers, researchers, and consumers make informed decisions about medical care.

This high-technology assistance for Wisconsin's health care consumers is an extraordinary service from the State's largest health insurer. Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin is to be commended for utilizing the information superhighway to form such a creative and useful partnership with law enforcement insurance fraud fighters.

TRIBUTE TO BETSEY SHOOBRIDGE

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, on June 17, 1996 the world suffered a loss and heaven enjoyed a gain. Our dear friend, Betsey Shoobridge graduated from this life.

As can be seen by the following, she was a public spirited citizen and faithful worshiper of God.

While she lived, she was like an angel. Now she is one.

[From the Indianapolis Star, June 19, 1996]

WRITER BETSEY M. SHOOBRIDGE ALSO HAD
LED UNITED WAY WOMEN'S GROUP

Services for Betsey M. Ress Shoobridge, 75, Greenfield, a writer and poet, will be at 1 p.m. June 20 in Harry W. Moore Lawrence Chapel, with calling from 2 to 8 p.m. June 19. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

She died June 17.

Mrs. Shoobridge worked 25 years for Walker Research, retiring in 1991.

She also had been a writer for Vital Christianity magazine, the Lawrence Journal, and had poems published in the Indianapolis Star and The Indianapolis News. She had received letters of recognition for her writing from author Somerset Maugham and comedian Red Skelton.

A longtime member of the United Way, she was past president of Indianapolis Women's United Way, a volunteer for Community Hospital, and a Democratic precinct committee-woman.

Mrs. Shoobridge, who worshiped at Bells Chapel Church of God and First Church of God, Greenfield, had been president of Women of the Church of God, a church youth leader and Sunday school teacher.

She was the widow of William J. Shoobridge.

Survivors: children William G., Janice Shoobridge, Eleanor Russell, Betsey Anne Lipps; eight grandchildren.

JAPAN PASSENGER AVIATION AGREEMENTS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 1996

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, there is a vast economic potential that remains untapped today. This resource could mean millions of dollars for many cities and States. It could aid consumers, help tourism, and create jobs.

I'm talking about the untapped potential of passenger aviation between Japan and the United States. Currently flights between the two countries are restricted by agreements that severely limit the number of flights, the cities served, and the carriers that can fly between the routes.

One additional flight per day from Newark to Japan would bring almost 100,000 additional passengers to the area, with an economic impact of almost \$700 million a year. There's an easy way to unlock this potential. The Clinton administration has the key. All it has to do is begin negotiation of a comprehensive new agreement to expand United States-Japan aviation service when officials of the two countries meet in Washington later this month.