

The Kid-Care idea began to take shape at Christmas 1989, when Carol came on a group of children eating out of a McDonalds' dumpster. "I saw Third World conditions a stone's throw from where I live," she says. Two years later, Kid-Care was created as a non-profit organization.

These days, the Porter's three-bedroom bungalow is hemmed in by Kid-Care vehicles. Industrial-size cans of beans, tomatoes, corn and spaghetti sauce line shelves tacked up in the family room. Bags of disposable diapers, bulk rice and dozens of loaves of bread are stacked alongside. In the center of the room is a banquet table, where the sandwiches are prepared in a huge assembly line. In the next room, a magnet stuck to one of four refrigerators reads, "Carol's Kitchen." "Hah!" snorts Carol. "This hasn't been my kitchen in years."

Until late last year, Kid-Care provided not only brown-bag lunches but also hot meals. That was when the Houston health department forced the Porters to suspend cooking operations until certain code violations were remedied. That problem should be solved by May. When the Porters hope to move Kid-Care into its newly acquired 11,500-square-foot building equipped to produce 4,000 hot meals a day. That is, of course, if they can increase their funding. Carol Porter's tireless fund-raising has given Kid-Care high visibility among corporations—Quaker Oats and long-distance company Heartline Communications are sponsors—but most of the current annual budget of \$500,000 comes from individual donations. The couple supplements Hurt's \$2,000-a-month stipend from Kid-Care with a contract to oversee Houston-area daycare providers for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Hurt III earns \$1,000 a month managing Kid-Care's transportation.

Carol, whose dream is to seed Kid-Care groups across the country, draws no salary. "People ask me what's in it for me," she says. "And I tell them to go the route with me and see my kids' faces. That's what's in it for me."

**WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE?  
THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES**

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, for 3 years I have made daily reports to the Senate regarding the exact Federal debt as of the previous day.

We must pray that this year, Federal spending will begin to be reduced—it hasn't yet. Indeed, if we care about America's future, Congress must face up to its responsibility to balance the Federal budget.

As of the close of business Friday, March 31, the exact Federal debt stood at \$4,864,115,841,256.92, meaning that on a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,464.61 as his or her share of the Federal debt.

It's important to note, Mr. President, that the United States had an opportunity to begin controlling the Federal debt by implementing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. Unfortunately, the Senate did not seize their first opportunity to control this debt—but rest assured they will have another chance during the 104th Congress.

If the Senate does not concentrate on getting a handle on this enormous debt, their constituents are not likely to overlook it 2 years hence.

**SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE ACT—CONFERENCE REPORT**

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume consideration of the conference accompanying H.R. 831

**CLOTURE MOTION**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The hour of 12 noon having arrived, under the previous order, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

**CLOTURE MOTION**

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 831, Self-Employed Health Insurance Act:

Robert Dole, Bob Packwood, John Ashcroft, Orrin Hatch, Richard Lugar, Lauch Faircloth, Larry Pressler, Thad Cochran, Trent Lott, Pete Domenici, Rick Santorum, Larry Craig, Alfonse D'Amato, Hank Brown, James Inhofe, and Slade Gorton.

**CALL OF THE ROLL VITIATED**

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). Pursuant to rule XXII, the chair now directs the clerk to call the roll to ascertain the quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent—and it has been cleared by the Democratic leader—I ask unanimous consent that the live quorum under rule XXII be vitiated.

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

**VOTE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the conference report accompanying H.R. 831, the Self-Employed Health Insurance Act, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DOLE. I announce that the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH], and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] would vote "yea."

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Alabama [Mr. HEFLIN], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN], and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. NUNN] are necessarily absent.

I also announce that the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] is absent because of illness.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] would each vote "aye."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 83, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 126 Leg.]

**YEAS—83**

Abraham	Dorgan	McCain
Akaka	Exon	McConnell
Ashcroft	Faircloth	Mikulski
Baucus	Feingold	Moseley-Braun
Bennett	Feinstein	Moyihan
Biden	Ford	Murkowski
Bingaman	Frist	Murray
Bond	Glenn	Packwood
Boxer	Gorton	Pell
Bradley	Grams	Pressler
Breaux	Grassley	Pryor
Brown	Gregg	Reid
Bryan	Harkin	Robb
Bumpers	Hatch	Rockefeller
Burns	Helms	Santorum
Byrd	Hollings	Sarbanes
Chafee	Inouye	Shelby
Coats	Jeffords	Simon
Cohen	Johnston	Simpson
Conrad	Kempthorne	Snowe
Coverdell	Kennedy	Specter
Craig	Kerrey	Stevens
D'Amato	Kerry	Thomas
Daschle	Kohl	Thompson
DeWine	Lautenberg	Thurmond
Dodd	Lieberman	Warner
Dole	Lugar	Wellstone
Domenici	Mack	

**NOT VOTING—17**

Campbell	Hutchison	Lott
Cochran	Inhofe	Nickles
Graham	Kassebaum	Nunn
Gramm	Kyl	Roth
Hatfield	Leahy	Smith
Heflin	Levin	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 83, the nays are zero. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. DODD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

**PERFECT SEASON FOR UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WOMEN**

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I am holding up in my hands the front page of today's Hartford Courant, which reads "Perfect." It shows a photograph of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team and the score of the game, 70 to 64, over Tennessee.

Mr. President, you will certainly appreciate the fact that there is a certain