

disease and delay the onset of dialysis. The ESRD Program, that is a part of the Medicare Program, currently serves about 200,000 beneficiaries at an estimated total per patient cost of \$51,000 a year.

The question that the 3-year demonstration program will work to answer is if the costs of applying preventive services to ESRD patients will delay the onset of complete renal failure, thus causing an increase in the quality of life of patients and a net savings to Medicare expenditures which is larger than the cost of the preventive services. One recent study has affirmatively answered this question. A recent report published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* concluded that a reduction of protein in patient's diets will slow the progression of chronic kidney disease.

The report cited five separate studies of nondiabetic patients who showed a 30-percent reduction in complications with the low-protein diet. A recent publication by the Iga Nephropathy Support Network reported that patients who reduced meat consumption, saved the kidneys a lot of hard work in clearing the body of the byproducts of protein metabolism. With 20 million Americans suffering from kidney and urinary tract diseases, these findings are monumental and a clear example of the need to provide funding for preventive services. A spokesperson for the National Kidney Foundation said that the recent breakthroughs in preventive care, " * * * not only helps the individual, but in the long-term it keeps patients off dialysis * * * saving money."

With an increasing number of patients entering the ESRD Program, this legislation is necessary for the containment of costs for treating dialysis dependent patients. Also, the high unemployment rate among patients who require dialysis to live will decrease as patients are able to stay in the workforce longer because of the careful management of their disease. With all of these suggestions about the benefits of prevention care and management, we must establish the demonstration program provided by this legislation.

THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY A. FRANKS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 1996

Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the Armenian victims of the genocide brought upon them by the Ottoman Turks and to commend my colleagues, the gentleman from Illinois, Congressman JOHN EDWARD PORTER and the gentleman from New Jersey, Congressman FRANK PALLONE, for organizing special orders today so that Members of the House may take the time to remember the one-and-a-half million Armenians who were brutally slaughtered by the Ottoman Empire.

Eighty-one years ago on April 24, 1915, the Ottoman Empire's horrible operation against the Armenian community was inaugurated. During the eight grisly years that followed that infamous date, the Armenian people would be subjected to a sick, ghastly campaign of systematic genocide and deportation. During the years of 1915 to 1923, over 1.5 million Arme-

nians were murdered by the genocidal Ottoman Turks while another 500,000 were subjected to forced exile from their homeland.

Mr. Speaker, the eight years of the Armenian genocide will always be considered one of the grimmest in the history of mankind. So that we never forget this travesty to the concept of human rights, we must always observe the date of April 24. To not do so would be equivalent to neglecting the remembrance of those Armenians who had perished, who were harmed or who were uprooted during the tyranny of the Ottoman Turks. Mr. Speaker, we must not and can not let that happen.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, in honor of the Armenian people whose human rights were trodden upon, I encourage all of my colleagues to take the time and remember the plight and situation of the Armenian people and remember that we must always fight hatred and bigotry wherever it can be found.

HONORING THE MILLERSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Millersville Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in firefighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW LONDON, CT

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the founding of New London, CT. Yesterday, I joined a wide array of State and local officials,

residents and others in celebrating this momentous event. New London is among a handful of communities across our great Nation which have achieved this milestone. I believe this longevity is a remarkable testament to generations of nutmeggers who have made New London their home and a vitally important city throughout our history.

New London was founded on May 6, 1646—merely 26 years after the Pilgrims landed in Plymouth, MA—by John Winthrop, Jr. who was the son of the Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Winthrop established a settlement on Winthrop's Cove. The community grew up around Winthrop and Shaw's Coves. The settlement was named New London formally in March, 1658 by the Connecticut General Court because the court believed the area exhibited many of the attributes of its namesake—"an excellent harbor and a fit and convenient place for future trade." Winthrop went on to serve as Governor of our State for 18 years—longer than any other Governor in our history. Winthrop's son, Fitz John, served as chief executive for more than 9 years while another New London native, Gurdon Saltonstall, served in this capacity for 17 years.

From its inception, New London has been a seafaring community. Early settlers fished in its coves and the nearby Thames River. As the 1700's progressed, New London became an important trading center. Vessels based in the city engaged in commerce with other colonial ports, Great Britain, Europe and the West Indies. Following the Revolutionary War, New London became a major whaling port. In fact, the city rivaled renowned whaling centers, such as New Bedford, winning the nickname it continues to hold today—the "whaling city." The first whaling company was established in 1805 by Dr. Nathaniel Lee. Vessels from New London traveled thousands of miles to harvest whales off the coast of Antarctica often staying at sea for up to 1 year. By 1845, New London was home to 78 whaling ships and by 1850 these vessels returned with thousands of barrels of whale oil valued in excess of \$1 million dollars. In the mid-1800's, prior to the development of petroleum products, whale oil fueled lamps, provided lubrication and served a wide range of other functions important to our growing Nation.

Like many other communities across Connecticut, New London played an important role during the Revolutionary War. Moreover, some of the most well-known figures of the time were associated with the city. Nathan Hale, a schoolmaster in the city, left his job to fight at Bunker Hill and ultimately gave his life for his country when captured spying on the British. Hale is most well known for proclaiming "I only regret I have but one life to lose for my country" as he went to the gallows.

Vessels which once traded with England, now engaged in privateering exacting a tremendous toll on British shipping. In one month in 1779, New London captains and their crews captured 18 English ships. In 1781, Captain Dudley Saltonstall seized the *Hanna*, which according to historical accounts, was carrying the richest cargo shipped from England during the War. New London paid a terrible price for this action. The British dispatched Benedict Arnold, who had turned traitor only months before, to punish the city for its "transgressions." Arnold attacked the sparsely defended city with 900 men and ordered it burned to the

ground. As a result of this dastardly action, New London has few structures remaining from the pre-Revolutionary era.

Following the war, New London was rebuilt and maritime commerce resumed. As the 19th century progressed, manufacturing increased and New London began to take advantage of new markets up and down the east coast via the New Haven and New London Railroad. During World War I and II, New London once again played an important role as training center for service personnel. New London has been closely associated with national defense throughout the 20th century due to its proximity of the Naval Submarine Base and submarine-builder Electric Boat on the opposite bank of the Thames River. Moreover, New London has been home to the Coast Guard Academy since 1910.

Mr. Speaker, as we honor New London on its 350th anniversary it retains many of the attributes which have distinguished it for more than three centuries. Thanks to the concerted efforts of the State and local officials, our congressional delegation and others, important port facilities are being rehabilitated. These improvements will allow New London to resume its position among the most important ports along the eastern seaboard. Whale oil has been replaced by high-tech products bound for markets across the country and around the globe. Commercial fishermen leave New London every morning bound for Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Much like they did 300 years ago, residents and visitors continue to stroll through the historic district along State, Water and Bank Streets and the waterfront of Shaw's Cove.

On this truly special occasion, the residents of New London have a right to be proud. Their city is among a select few in the Nation to reach this milestone. This community has endured through good times and bad, war and peace and prosperity and despair. Its citizens have built an incredible legacy which I know our great grandchildren will celebrate on New London's 450th anniversary. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the city of New London on this special occasion.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 641,
RYAN WHITE CARE ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. SKAGGS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 1996

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Speaker, this bill is long overdue, and it's the least we can do for those of our fellow citizens suffering from HIV and AIDS. I want to thank the conferees for this good final product and this step forward in the long fight against this disease.

In the Denver metro area, nearly 6,000 Coloradans and their families struggle with HIV or AIDS every day. For them, Ryan White programs provide some hope and some small measure of security.

As we take this good step today, we should also keep our eye on the ultimate goal of unlocking the secrets of this disease and someday making these Ryan White programs as obsolete as the iron lung. The research mission here has begun producing real results

and fresh hope, and we should rededicate ourselves to that effort today.

This isn't a perfect bill, and I do have concerns about the provisions that could lead us down the path to mandatory HIV testing. While it's good for physicians to encourage testing, for the sake of children and mothers at risk, we must guard against the unintended and unwanted effect of discouraging women from getting the help they need. The bill does give us a couple of years of breathing room on this, and I hope we reexamine this issue with the attention it deserves.

That significant issue aside, this bill meets a dire need, and I urge my colleagues to support it—along with the other prevention and research components that are just as crucial to the fight against HIV and AIDS.

HONORING THE PLEASANT SHADE
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Pleasant Shade Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

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THE PUBLIC HOUSING THAT
SUCCEEDS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, sometimes I read an article so relevant to our work, and so thoughtful and informative, that I write a short gloss highlighting its main points and have it printed here so our colleagues can benefit from it.

Occasionally, I come across an article so insightful and compelling that it would be pre-

sumptuous to summarize or paraphrase it. Nicholas Lemann's brilliant rebuttal of Senator DOLE's attack on Government funded housing is such a piece.

I ask that it be printed here so that Members can read it before our debate and votes on the Housing bill tomorrow.

[The article follows:]

THE PUBLIC HOUSING THAT SUCCEEDS

(By Nicholas Lemann)

PELHAM, N.Y.—One of the endearing things about Senator Bob Dole is that he is so quintessentially the consensus-oriented legislator that his forays into the realm of wedge issues always have a tinny, false feeling, as if he isn't emotionally connected to the words coming out of his own mouth. His statement last week that American public housing "is one of the last bastions of socialism in the world" is a good example. It's hard to believe that Mr. Dole was candidly revealing his most deeply held views.

Still, the idea that public housing has failed and should be abolished is something many Americans believe. High-rise public housing projects such as the notoriously dangerous and bleak Robert Taylor Homes in Chicago are the leading visual symbol of the idea that liberal Government programs, especially antipoverty programs, don't work and may actually cause poverty to increase.

If public housing were in fact a bankrupt and doomed idea, it would be a very sad end to the oldest and most visible strategy in the struggle against poverty. Jacob Riis' "How the Other Half Lives," published in 1890 and arguably the first American book to propose a plan for improving conditions in urban slums, ended with a call for the construction of "model tenements." If Mr. Dole is right, the whole antipoverty cause would be powerfully undermined.

The truth, however, is that housing for the poor stands out among antipoverty strategies as the area where the most progress has been made over the past generation and where there is the most cause for optimism. Senator Dole's comments were so completely wrong that they could help bring a halt to genuine progress rather than pull the plug on something unworkable.

Before the World War II, public housing in America was considered a great success. It "worked" in the sense of being clean, safe and, for most residents, a huge improvement over the slums where they had been living. There were long waiting lists for apartments.

One reason for the projects' good reputation was that their constituency was not the very poor but people with jobs one notch higher on the economic ladder. (Probably the most famous product of the public housing of that era is Elvis Presley.) Most projects wouldn't admit single parents, and many wouldn't admit welfare recipients. Virtually all maintained strict rules about keeping apartments and hallways neat and about who was allowed to be where when. Those who broke the rules or committed crimes were swiftly kicked out.

Then in the late 1940's, the nation embarked on the course that led to the perception that public housing doesn't work: the construction of enormous high-rise projects. It wasn't just the architecture, or the mere presence of Government subsidies, that caused these places to go so horribly awry. There was also a big change in the tenant population, from carefully screened working people to the very poor. Because of changes in Federal rules, people who got jobs actually had to leave the building, and it became nearly impossible to kick out tenants who were criminals.

Even so, it's not all public housing that doesn't work. It's just the large-scale, all-