

The legacy of Washington cannot be overestimated. Noble in spirit, honorable in deed, George Washington was a just leader, whose firm moral character provided an enduring example for the young nation he had fought so courageously to win. Over the past two centuries, the traditions Washington set forth for his country—patriotism, generosity, honesty, and diplomacy—became the paragons for countries attempting to inaugurate democracy throughout the world. Perhaps President Lincoln, an ardent admirer of Washington, said it best in his remarks,

Washington is the mightiest name of earth . . . To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name, and in its naked deathless splendor, leave it shining on.

Despite his role in the founding of our Nation, and the high esteem in which all Americans hold our first President, less and less in known about this great leader. Educators lament that history textbooks are woefully inadequate in documenting the strong and engaging constitution of Washington, and the many lesser known aspects of his life. Washington was an innovative farmer, a skillful surveyor, a gifted debater and orator, as well as a courageous and indeed visionary soldier and President. In an era when role models in the United States and the world at large, possessing good judgment and character, are in decline, let us further examine the life of one so fervent in his convictions.

As the bicentennial of Washington's death approaches, I ask the Senate to join me in celebrating the life of our distinguished first President, and dedicate this year long commemoration to learning more about his fascinating life and career. On December 14th, 1999, let flags throughout our great Nation be lowered to commemorate this life of this heroic man. Let bells everywhere extoll his steadfastness. Let the entire year of 1999 be the year in which we rediscover the legacy of the man who is still "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Heart of his Countrymen."

SENATE RESOLUTION 194—DESIGNATING "NATIONAL KICK DRUGS OUT OF AMERICA WEEK"

Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 194

Whereas the overwhelming problems in our country resulting from drug abuse are staggering;

Whereas youth violence and gangs are serious problems in America today;

Whereas in inner-city and suburban schools drug and gang related peer pressures are at all time high;

Whereas tragically, many young people today receive little or no guidance or direction from family, role models, or schools; and

Whereas one method of helping fight the war on drugs and youth violence is to sup-

port educational and motivational programs aimed primarily at the youth of America that help guide young people and support their decisions to reject drugs and violence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates the week of April 20 through April 26, 1998, as "National Kick Drugs Out of America Week".

SENATE RESOLUTION 195—DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CORROSION PREVENTION WEEK"

Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES 195

Whereas corrosion undermines the physical integrity of structures and endangers the public and environment;

Whereas corrosion leads to catastrophic failures and wastes scarce resources;

Whereas corrosion is the deterioration of a material resulting from a reaction with its environment and costs the United States over \$300,000,000,000 every year, which amounts to more than 4 percent of the gross national product;

Whereas it is estimated that over 1/3 of the costs from corrosion (approximately \$100,000,000,000) are preventable through the application of existing corrosion control technology;

Whereas corrosion engineers in the United States and around the world save taxpayers money through the application of state-of-the-art, time-proven corrosion control technology; and

Whereas corrosion engineers are committed to protecting public safety, preserving the environment, and preventing the premature deterioration of infrastructure facilities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates the week of March 22 through March 28, 1998, as "National Corrosion Prevention Week" in order to raise public awareness of the problems associated with it and the measures available to prevent it.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1998

SESSIONS AMENDMENT NO. 1939

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 1676 proposed by Mr. CHAFEE to the bill (S. 1173) to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 88, line 13, after "greater" insert "and for States in which administrative jurisdiction over federally owned land has been or is at any time transferred to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the preservation of rare botanical ecosystems (including long leaf pine ecosystems)".

ALLARD (AND GRAMS) AMENDMENT NO. 1940

Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. GRAMS) proposed an amendment to

amendment No. 1931 proposed by Mr. D'AMATO to amendment No. 1676 proposed by Mr. CHAFEE to the bill, S. 1173, supra; as follows:

On page 68, line 21, strike "The next" and all that follows through "(7)" on page 70, line 1.

SPECTER (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1941

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, and Mr. D'AMATO) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1931 proposed by Mr. D'AMATO to amendment No. 1676 proposed by Mr. CHAFEE to the bill, S. 1173, supra; as follows:

On page 55, strike line 12, and insert the following:

"SEC. 14. JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE GRANTS."

On page 56, line 13, strike "and".

On page 56, line 18, strike the period and insert "; and".

On page 56, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"(9) many residents of cities and rural areas would like to take advantage of mass transit to gain access to suburban employment opportunities."

Beginning on page 57, strike line 9 and all that follows through page 58, line 4, and insert the following:

"(2) ELIGIBLE PROJECT AND RELATED TERMS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'eligible project' means and access to jobs project or a reverse commute project.

"(B) ACCESS TO JOBS PROJECT.—The term 'access to jobs project' means a project relating to the development of transportation services designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment, including—

"(i) capital projects and to finance operating costs of equipment, facilities, and associated capital maintenance items related to providing access to jobs under this section;

"(ii) promoting the use of transit by workers with nontraditional work schedules;

"(iii) promoting the use by appropriate agencies of transit vouchers for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals under specific terms and conditions developed by the Secretary; and

"(iv) promoting the use of employer-provided transportation including the transit pass benefit program under subsections (a) and (f) of section 132 of title 26.

"(C) REVERSE COMMUTE PROJECT.—The term 'reverse commute project' means a project related to the development of transportation services designed to transport residents of urban areas, urbanized areas, and areas other than urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities, including any project to—

"(i) subsidize the costs associated with adding reverse commute bus, train, or van routes, or service from urban areas, urbanized areas, and areas other than urbanized areas, to suburban workplaces;

"(ii) subsidize the purchase or lease by a private employer, nonprofit organization, or public agency of a van or bus dedicated to shuttling employees from their residences to a suburban workplace;

"(iii) otherwise facilitate the provision of mass transportation services to suburban employment opportunities to residents of urban areas, urbanized areas, and areas other than urbanized areas."

On page 59, line 20, insert "access to jobs grants and reverse commute" before "grants".