

3. A child's ability to learn, develop healthy family and social relationships, resist peer pressure, and control violent impulses depends on the quality and quantity of brain stimulation he receives. Research shows that children exposed to negative brain stimulation in the form of physical and sexual abuse and violence in the family or community causes the brain to be miswired making it difficult for the child to be successful in life. Intervention early in a child's life to correct the miswiring is much more successful than adult rehabilitation efforts.

(b) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall award grants, enter into contracts or cooperative agreements to public and non-profit private entities, as well as to Indian tribes, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Native non-profit corporations to establish national and regional centers of excellence on psychological trauma response and to identify the best practices for treating psychiatric and behavioral disorders resulting from children witnessing or experiencing such stress.

(c) **PRIORITIES.**—In awarding grants, contracts or cooperative agreements under subsection (a) related to the identifying best practices for treating disorders associated with psychological trauma, the Secretary shall give priority to programs that work with children, adolescents, adults, and families who are survivors and witnesses of child abuse, domestic, school, and community violence, and disasters.

(d) **GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION.**—The Secretary shall ensure that grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements under subsection (a) with respect to centers of excellence are distributed equitably among the regions of the country and among urban and rural areas.

(e) **EVALUATION.**—The Secretary shall require that each applicant for a grant, contract or cooperative agreement under subsection (a) submit a plan as part of his application for the rigorous evaluation of the activities funded under the grant, contract or agreement, including both process and outcomes evaluation, and the submission of an evaluation at the end of the project period.

(f) **DURATION OF AWARDS.**—With respect to a grant, contract or cooperative agreement under this section, the period during which payments under such an award will be made to the recipient may not be less than 3 years. Such grants, contract or agreement may be renewed.

(g) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the General Accounting Office shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives a report concerning whether individuals are covered for post-traumatic stress disorders under public and private health plans, and the course of treatment, if any, that is covered.

(h) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section fiscal year 2000 and subsequent fiscal years.

WELLSTONE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 364

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 254, supra; as follows:

On page 129, strike lines 6 through 14, and insert the following:

“(24) address juvenile delinquency prevention efforts and system improvement efforts designed to reduce, without establishing or requiring numerical standards or quotas, the

disproportionate number of juvenile members of racial minority groups who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

MCCONNELL AMENDMENT NO. 365

Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill S. 254, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . PROHIBITION ON PROMOTING VIOLENCE ON FEDERAL PROPERTY.

(a) **GENERAL RULE.**—A Federal department or agency that—

(1) considers a request from an individual or entity for the use of any property, facility, equipment, or personnel of the department or agency, or for any other cooperation from the department or agency, to film a motion picture or television production for commercial purposes; and

(2) makes a determination as to whether granting a request described in paragraph (1) is consistent with—

(A) United States policy;

(B) the mission or interest of the department or agency; or

(C) the public interest;

shall not grant such a request without considering whether such motion picture or television production glorifies or endorses wanton and gratuitous violence.

(b) **EXCEPTION.**—Subsection (a) shall not apply to—

(1) any bona fide newsreel or news television production; or

(2) any public service announcement.

SMITH (AND JEFFORDS) AMENDMENT NO. 366

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. SMITH of Oregon for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 254 supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . PROVISIONS RELATING TO PAWN AND OTHER GUN TRANSACTIONS.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the repeal of paragraph (1) and amendment of paragraph (2) made by subsection (c) with the heading “Provision Relating to Pawn and Other Transactions” of section 4 of the title with the heading “General Firearms Provisions” shall be null and void.

(b) **COMPLIANCE.**—Except as to the State and local planing and zoning requirements for a licensed premises as provided in subparagraph (D), a special licensee shall be subject to all the provisions of this chapter applicable to dealers, including, but not limited to, the performance of an instant background check.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a full committee hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, May 27, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nomination of David L.

Goldwyn to be an Assistant Secretary for International Affairs at the Department of Energy.

For further information, please contact David Dye of the Committee staff at (202) 224-0624.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet Wednesday, May 19, 1999 beginning at 10 a.m. in room SH-215, to conduct a markup.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 19, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on S. 613, that Indian Tribal Economic Development and Contract Encouragement Act of 1999, and S. 614, the Indian Tribal Regulatory Reform and Business Development Act of 1999. The hearing will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 19, 1999 at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 19, for purposes of conducting a Full Committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business. (See Attached)

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ALLAN “BUD” SELIG, COMMISSIONER OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to commend Mr. Allan “Bud” Selig for his tireless efforts to make the recent baseball series between the Cuban National Team and the Baltimore Orioles a reality. Not only did this series bring together teams from two nations with a great love of baseball, but it bridged a gap between two peoples who share a great deal in common.

Baseball is often called the "American Pastime," and with good reason. Few events are greater harbingers of the coming of summer than the first pitches in ball parks around the country. Millions of parents across this nation carve time out of their days to teach their child how to throw a baseball or to coach a little league team. And millions of American children count their first baseball glove among their most treasured possessions.

Baseball, however, is not only an American tradition. Rather, it is treasured with equal fervor and excitement by Cubans less than 100 miles from our shore. There, too, baseball is the national pastime. Countless Cuban and American children play little league baseball with visions of a future in the major leagues. Just as Americans eagerly count down to opening day, Cubans anticipate the first pitch of a new season with a mix of anticipation and excitement.

Not only do Cubans and Americans share their deep love of baseball, they also both play the game with great skill. Indeed, some of America's finest players hail from Cuba.

In spite of this close connection, however, politics has kept American and Cuban teams from visiting each other's stadiums for nearly four decades. This artificial separation remained intact until this spring when the Cuban National Team hosted the Baltimore Orioles in Havana. That game marked the opening day, not just of a two game home-and-home series, but hopefully of a new season in the relationship between two of the world's greatest lovers of baseball.

The series, which continued in Baltimore this month, would never have come about if it were not for the courage and dedication of Bud Selig. His efforts succeeded where those of hundreds of diplomats and politicians have failed: he managed to bring the Cuban and American people together to celebrate the game they love so dearly.

I recognize that the process of arranging these two games was rarely easy. At times, it seemed that the opening pitch would remain forever out of reach. Yet, Mr. Selig persisted and brought the two teams closest to our capitals—and their fans—together for two historic games. Our nation should be proud of and grateful to Mr. Selig for his efforts and look forward to additional contact between the Cuban and American peoples, both on and off the baseball diamond.●

I LOVE AMERICA DAY

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Fulton, Missouri's "I Love America Day." Several years ago, the faculty of McIntire Elementary school became concerned that many of the students did not have a true sense of patriotism and national pride. What started out at one elementary school has spread to a communitywide celebration. Each year

they highlight all levels of government and place special emphasis on pride in the flag. This year's celebration will include a presentation of the colors by the VFW flag team, a twenty-one gun salute, taps to honor those lost in service, presentations by the VFW, Mayor Craghead, and others, and a special demonstration by the Army's Golden Knights parachute team. As you can see, Mr. President, this event has grown into a wonderful day of activities that will enrich the sense of patriotism not only in our youth, but also in the entire community. I commend the organizers of "I Love America Day" for the wonderful example they set for Missouri and the entire country.●

HONORING FEDERAL RESERVE CHALLENGE WINNERS

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate five outstanding High School students from University School at Milwaukee. Working as a team, these five students were recently named national champions of the 1999 Federal Reserve Challenge.

Mary Broydrick, Michelle Hill, Day Manoli, Nick Nielsen, all seniors, and Gus Fuldner, a junior, each received a \$10,000 scholarship for their presentation on monetary policy. The team was coached by John Stephens, a teacher at University School for 41 years. In addition, the school received a \$40,000 grant to develop an economics lab.

Their winning presentation included countless hours researching economic and monetary policy. Making recommendations based on their findings, the team was asked a series of grueling questions by Federal Reserve officials.

We are all extremely proud of our students from University School. They must be applauded for a job well done.●

TRIBUTE TO ILA MARIE GOODEY

● Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I would just like to take a moment to pay tribute to Ila Marie Goodey of Logan, Utah. I have just learned that Ila passed away on Saturday.

Ila was a tireless and effective advocate for individuals with disabilities and served as an early and active member of my Utah Advisory Committee on Disability Policy. I have always appreciated her counsel on these issues.

In particular, she believed in independence and self-sufficiency, and she directed as much of her energy to assisting others to reach this goal as she did to helping herself. She served as the first chairperson of the Utah Assistive Technology Program Management and Implementation Board. This consumer-responsive, interagency program has been hailed nationwide as a model for other programs of its kind.

I know that her friends and colleagues at Utah State University and among the disability community in my state will mourn her loss. But, I also know that they, as I do, appreciate all that she has contributed. There can be

no doubt that Ila has made a real difference.●

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT ANDREW RAMIREZ

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Staff Sergeant Andrew Ramirez who has served his country with bravery and valor. For Sergeant Ramirez, a resident of East Los Angeles, public service runs in the family—his brother is a detective with the Los Angeles Police Department.

On March 31, 1999, Sergeant Ramirez was taken as a prisoner of war by the Yugoslavia Army while he was serving as part of a U.S. Army detachment assigned to a U.N. monitoring force patrolling Yugoslavia's southern border. Sergeant Ramirez was part of the 4th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division based in Wurzburg, Germany. He had arrived in Macedonia in early March to relieve another contingent.

I cannot begin to imagine the terror experienced by Sergeant Ramirez and his fellow soldiers, Christopher J. Stone and Steven M. Gonzales, when they were surrounded, and under heavy fire, taken as prisoners of war.

Just a few days later, the soldiers were shown on Serbian television, battered and bruised. It is a picture that every mother hopes she will never see. It is a picture that every American hoped was not true. But, it was true, and these three men paid a dear price of over a month in captivity. They did not know what fate would befall them and if they were ever going to see their families again.

During the past weeks, Kosovo has witnessed carnage and bloodshed unseen in Europe for almost fifty years. These events are the culmination of a decade-long campaign of terror and bloodshed in the Balkans—and it has created a refugee crisis unparalleled in recent years.

Sergeant Ramirez was in Yugoslavia because his country asked him to go. He was there to protect our promise that the civilized world will never again do nothing in the face of genocide, ethnic cleansing, mass rape and rampant violence to thousands of innocent people. If the most powerful alliance in the world fails to stop ethnic cleansing, it will send a green light to every tyrant and dictator with similar intentions that they can do the same, and that the world community will be unable or unwilling to muster the resolve to stop it.

None of these words would mean anything without individuals like Sergeant Anthony Ramirez. He is the truest of patriots—the bravest of the brave. Our country is forever indebted to him, and there are not words nor deeds that could ever repay his dedicated service—or that of his family. He is a testament to the human spirit that keeps the light of peace and human freedoms alive.

Sergeant Ramirez, we thank you, we honor you, and we are so very, very glad that you are home.●