

Still other groups are working with the business community. A coalition in Troy, MI, is working with the Chamber of Commerce to form an Employee Assistance Program for a consortium of small businesses who could not otherwise afford to have one.

These are just a few examples of the efforts that are making a difference and just a few of the reasons why I am proud to support community coalitions.

Drug abuse plagues the entire community. We all feel the consequences—crime, homelessness, domestic violence, child abuse, despair—and we all need to do something about it. Prevention messages must come from all sectors of the community, from a number of different voices. Coalitions bring those groups together, give them information they need, help develop programs that work, and nurture them to success.

I believe that the Drug Free Communities program is a powerful prevention initiative and I urge my colleagues to support its reauthorization.

I ask unanimous consent that the full text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to join my distinguished colleagues to support the reauthorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. Drug-Free Community grants have had an extremely positive impact on my home State of Oregon, and I know that the program has benefitted a great number of communities all across this country. I am proud to be an original cosponsor of this important bill.

Federal Drug-Free Community grants serve programs in 14 Oregon communities in urban, suburban, and rural areas alike. All Drug-Free Community grants go directly to communities to support a wide variety of innovative drug-abuse prevention programs, ranging from community education programs and after-school programs to parenting classes and youth camps. Communities are invested in the process through a dollar-for-dollar match requirement, ensuring their interest in getting results, and they are getting results. With help from Federal Drug-Free Community dollars, Oregon drug abuse prevention groups are increasing citizen participation and they have produced a measurable decrease in both adult and youth substance abuse.

Portland's Regional Drug Initiative, RDI, for example, has promoted the establishment of drug-free workplaces among the city's large and small employers. Over 3,000 employers have attended an RDI training session, and of those, 92 percent have instituted drug-free workplace policies, resulting in a 5.5 percent decrease in positive workplace drug tests. At the Southern Oregon Drug Awareness program in Medford, OR, 320 young people have participated in its violence prevention course, and upon completion, two-thirds of

those students report having no additional discipline referrals in school. These are two fine examples of how the Drug-Free Communities Support Program is directly responsible for positively impacting lives in Oregon and all across our Nation.

This bill will reauthorize the Drug-Free Communities Support Program to provide grants for an additional five years. The bill will also authorize the creation of a National Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute, which will serve as a valuable information clearing house for programs seeking to improve themselves by using the best practices of other successful community programs. The bill also establishes a new coalition mentoring program which will enable established coalitions like the Oregon Partnership to help communities develop their own local drug prevention coalitions.

Substance prevention works, and drug abuse is becoming less common through community prevention efforts, but this is no time to rest on our laurels. Over the next fifteen years, the youth population in the United States will grow by 21 percent, and we must ensure that the programs are in place to prevent these youths from succumbing to drug-related problems, such as academic failure, drug-related violence, and HIV infection. The Drug-Free Communities Support Program is an important partner in local efforts to prevent these problems, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting its reauthorization.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on June 26, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. in room 485 Russell Senate Building to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on the goals and priorities of the Great Plains Tribes for the 107th session of the Congress.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on June 28, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in room 485 Russell Senate Building to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on the goals and priorities of the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council for the 107th session of the Congress.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at 4 p.m., in executive session to meet with NATO Secretary General the Right Honorable Lord Robertson of Port Ellen to discuss alliance matters.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 20, 2001, to conduct a hearing on "The Condition of the U.S. Banking System."

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 20 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing. The committee will consider the nominations of Patricia Lynn Scarlett to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (for Policy, Management, and Budget); William Gerry Myers III to be the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior; and Bennett William Raley to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (for Water and Science).

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, to hear testimony regarding Trade Promotion Authority.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 20, 2001 at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing titled, "U.S. Security Interests in Europe" as follows:

"U.S. Security Interests in Europe," Wednesday, June 20, 2001, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Witness: The Honorable Colin Powell, Secretary of State, Department of State, Washington, DC.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 20, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing to examine the Role of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Associated with the Restructuring of Energy Industries.

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