

and has been a national leader in developing and managing commercial properties, residential and senior living communities, and health care facilities since the 1970s. Sage is actually an acronym for Sidney Albert Goodman Enterprises; John B. Goodman Limited Partnership, a development and design company; Sage Travel, a full-service travel agency.

Sidney started this organization from a single real estate holding which he acquired in 1952. At that time, he had a Hamms beer distributorship, which was very successful. However, when Hamms was purchased in 1970, he preferred to run his own business. So, like any good entrepreneur, he sold it back to them and focused on developing his real estate business, Sage Company.

Through his business dealings, Sidney has been a mentor to hundreds of people over the years. He attentively listens to their challenges and offers guidance based on knowledge that can only be gained through experience. He does more than simply ask people to carry out an action; he explains why, based on wisdom that can only be attained from decades as a successful businessman.

Sidney is generous with his knowledge, the most valuable asset anyone can have, because he genuinely cares about people. Whether they are an assistant or a company president, he sincerely wants to know about their life, their hopes, and dreams. He loves to give people the opportunity to challenge themselves and expand their horizons. And when they think they can't succeed, he is there to tell them they can. And they do.

While Sidney is undoubtedly a very successful businessman, it is this concern for every individual that makes him an exceptional human being.

I am proud to be Sidney Goodman's friend and I wish him a happy and blessed birthday celebration.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its clerks, announced that it has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3. An act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, the order of the House of January 4, 2005, and clause 10 of rule 1, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: Mr. TANNER of Tennessee, Mr. ROSS of Arkansas, Mr. CHANDLER of Kentucky, and Mrs. TAUSCHER of California.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1332. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the removal to Federal court of certain State court cases involving the rights of incapacitated persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 686. A bill to provide for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo; considered and passed.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 687. A bill to regulate the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. Res. 92. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the Constitution of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Con. Res. 23. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. KYL, Mr. BOND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Con. Res. 24. A concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the recent passage of the anti-secession law by the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 686. A bill to provide for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo; considered and passed.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 686

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. RELIEF OF THE PARENTS OF THERESA MARIE SCHIAVO

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida shall have jurisdiction to hear, determine, and render judgment on a suit or claim by or on behalf of Theresa Marie Schiavo for the alleged violation of any right of Theresa Marie Schiavo under the Constitution or laws of the United States relating to the withholding or withdrawal of food, fluids, or medical treatment necessary to sustain her life.

SEC. 2. PROCEDURE.

Any parent of Theresa Marie Schiavo shall have standing to bring a suit under this Act. The suit may be brought against any other person who was a party to State court proceedings relating to the withholding or withdrawal of food, fluids, or medical treatment necessary to sustain the life of Theresa Marie Schiavo, or who may act pursuant to a State court order authorizing or directing the withholding or withdrawal of food, fluids, or medical treatment necessary to sustain her life. In such a suit, the District Court shall determine de novo any claim of a violation of any right to Theresa Marie Schiavo within the scope of this Act, notwithstanding any prior State court determination and regardless of whether such a claim has previously been raised, considered, or decided in State court proceedings. The District Court shall entertain and determine the suit without any delay or abstention in favor of State court proceedings, and regardless of whether remedies available in the State courts have been exhausted.

SEC. 3. RELIEF.

After a determination of the merits of a suit brought under this Act, the District Court shall issue such declaratory and injunctive relief as may be necessary to protect the rights of Theresa Marie Schiavo under the Constitution and laws of the United States relating to the withholding or withdrawal of foods, fluids, or medical treatment necessary to sustain her life.

SEC. 4. TIME FOR FILING.

Notwithstanding any other time limitation, any suit or claim under this Act shall be timely if filed within 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. NO CHANGE OF SUBSTANTIVE RIGHTS.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to create substantive rights not otherwise secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States or of the several States.

SEC. 6. NO EFFECT ON ASSISTING SUICIDE.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to confer additional jurisdiction on any court to consider any claim related—

- (1) to assisting suicide, or
- (2) a State law regarding assisting suicide.

SEC. 7. NO PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.

Nothing in this Act shall constitute a precedent with respect to future legislation, including the provision of private relief bills.

SEC. 8. NO EFFECT ON THE PATIENT SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 1990.

Nothing in this Act shall affect the rights of any person under the Patient Self-Determination Act of 1990.

SEC. 9. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the Sense of Congress that the 109th Congress should consider policies regarding the status and legal rights of incapacitated individuals who are incapable of making decisions concerning the provision, withholding, or withdrawal of foods, fluid, or medical care.

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