

tested is not really reform, it's dismantling the program.

The effects of cuts on this scale may not be felt immediately, and the plans for how to achieve them are certainly being kept under wraps until the last minute, but sooner or later it will be clear that cutting \$270 billion out of Medicare goes too far, too fast.

I only hope it is not too late to save the program before the American people realize it, and that 30 years from now this Congress is known for having reformed but not reduced the Medicare Program that has gotten us so far.

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF SHERIFF JOHN T. PIERPONT

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to salute a good friend whose leadership in the field of law enforcement is exemplary. John T. Pierpont is currently serving his fourth term as Sheriff of Greene County, MO, which includes my hometown of Springfield, MO. John was first elected to serve Greene County in 1981 and is overseeing an office of 140 employees in seven different divisions, all dedicated to helping and protecting the people of Greene County and Southwest Missouri. Prior to serving Greene County, John was U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Missouri for 8 years. As U.S. Marshal for the Western District, John oversaw a jurisdiction of more than 66 counties.

While successfully leading law enforcement efforts throughout southwest Missouri, John Pierpont also has been an active leader within the Missouri and national law enforcement communities. Sheriff Pierpont is a former President of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association, the Missouri Peace Officers' Association, and the Retired U.S. Marshals. John was first elected to a leadership position in the 26,000 member National Sheriffs' Association in 1989 as Sergeant-at-Arms and moved up from Seventh Vice President to the position of First Vice President which he held in 1994. I am pleased to salute John Pierpont for his June 14, 1995 election as the National President of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Through his years of selfless service and dedication to his chosen profession of law enforcement, John Pierpont has displayed principled leadership and a devotion to the principles of justice, hard work, and family. His standard of leadership is an example to his colleagues in law enforcement and all other areas of public and private service.

THE LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise in support of S. 1060, the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, as amended last night by the compromise language developed by our distinguished colleagues, Senators MCCONNELL and LEVIN. I am pleased that the McConnell-Levin

amendment solves both of the principal problems with lobbying reform legislation that caused me to vote against it last year.

First, the McConnell-Levin amendment assures that this legislation is not directed at grassroots lobbying. Grassroots lobbyists will not be required to report their activities or disclose their contributors. Unlike last year's bill, moreover, S. 1060 does not threaten to make grass roots lobbyists divulge their entire mailing lists.

Second, the McConnell-Levin amendment removes from S. 1060 the provisions that would have created a new government agency, which would have been called the Office of Lobbying Registration and Public Disclosure. It replaces those provisions with language that establishes administrative enforcement by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Those officers, and not a new government agency, will receive the lobbying reports that will be required if S. 1060 becomes law.

Mr. President, S. 1060 represents a reasonable compromise that properly balances the first amendment rights of the people against the demand of the public for meaningful reform of the way in which Washington does business. I remain convinced that last year's bill went too far and threatened to abridge the first amendment rights of grassroots lobbyists. Moreover, last year's bill made the age-old mistake of attempting to address a problem by creating yet another new government agency. I am pleased that last year's bill was defeated and that, this year, the opposing sides in that battle have come together to produce this bill.

Mr. President, I commend the distinguished Senator from Kentucky, Senator MCCONNELL, for his able leadership with respect to this bill. He has done an outstanding job in achieving the imminent overwhelming approval of the Senate for this bill.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and doc-

uments, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1226. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the financial audit of the Resolution Trust Corporation for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1227. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to final decisions and actions in response to the recommendations of the Inspector General; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1228. A communication from the President of the Federal Financing Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1994 management report of the FFB; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1229. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period ending March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1230. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-77, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1231. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-76, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1232. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-67, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1233. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-68, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1234. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-69, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1235. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-71, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1236. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-70, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1237. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-72, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1238. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-73, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1239. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 11-74, enacted by the Council on June 19, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1240. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm