

and Ready Engine Co., No. 5 for their many acts of generosity and good will within their community, and in wishing them continued health and prosperity.●

AMENDMENT NO. 1854 TO THE  
RYAN WHITE CARE ACT.

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise in support of the Ryan White CARE Act. The purpose of the act is to provide health care services in a cost effective way to people with HIV and AIDS. The Ryan White CARE Act is working in my State and throughout the Nation. I am very concerned about any amendment that would undermine the effectiveness of this program. Senate HELMS' amendment 1854 would prohibit the use of Federal funding to "promote or encourage, directly or indirectly, homosexual activities or injection drug use." Senator HELMS' amendment could be broadly applied and therefore potentially undermine one of the most cost effective Federal programs we have.

Under the Helms amendment, it would be difficult to determine what services provided by a clinic would be considered to "promote or encourage homosexual activities or injection drug use." In particular, prevention programs that discuss sexual behaviors that contribute to the spread of AIDS might be judged to promote homosexual activities. Prevention programs that discuss and advocate clean needles for drug addicts might be judged to promote injection drug use. Although the Ryan White Act does not pay for preventive services, clinics that deliver Ryan White-funded health services often have prevention programs. If these clinics which provide comprehensive care to people with AIDS are considered to indirectly promote homosexuality, then these programs could lose funding. That means denying life-saving medical services for people with HIV and AIDS.

Mr. President, doctors, nurses and other health professionals cannot talk about a sexually transmitted disease without also talking about the sexual behaviors that will prevent its spread. It is unclear if this amendment would allow professionals serving the HIV-infected population to talk about sexual behaviors. The ambiguous language of this amendment could damage the protection of public health.

Again, let me remind my colleagues that the purpose of this bill is to provide health care to individuals suffering from a terrible, terminal disease. The bill reflects not a moral consensus about homosexuality but a shared com-

passion for people with AIDS and a commitment to the public's health.

Finally, the Ryan White CARE Act makes economic sense. Cost-effective delivery of care keeps AIDS patients out of costly emergency rooms. The public funds provided by Ryan White have been leveraged in my State with private dollars to provide a network of cost-effective services to the HIV-infected population. If we shut off Federal funds to community-based providers because there is a question of whether or not the nature of their services indirectly promotes homosexuality, then we will undermine efforts to limit the spread of AIDS and will shift the burden of caring for people with AIDS on to our already over-burdened public hospitals.●

(At the request of Mr. DOLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO RED RIVER  
ARMY DEPOT COMMUNITY

● Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I want to commend the efforts of the people of northeast Texas and southwest Arkansas for the excellent job they did making the case to save Red River Army Depot. As you know, in each of the last three base closure rounds, the Defense Department recommendations have been approved by the Base Closure Commission 85 percent of the time. The fact that Red River Army Depot overcame those odds is a testament to the dedicated efforts of everyone in the community, and particularly those members of the Red River Defense Committee: Deldon Brewer, Judge James Carlow, Linda Crawford, Dr. Phillip Duvall, Hubert Easley, Bob Embrey, John Henson, Dr. K.C. Hillis, Edward Holly, Bill Hubbard, Hoyt Johnson, R.E. "Swede" Lee, Dennis Lewis, John "Wimpy" McCoy, Fred Milton, Robert Mountz, Dee Reese, Eldridge Robertson, Don Ruggels, George Shackelford, Horace Shipp, James Stokes, Scotty Taylor, and Steve Wiggs. Even in a community as unified, dedicated, and active as theirs, these individual efforts stood out.

Mr. President, the Red River Defense Committee saved Red River because they had the facts on their side and they worked together as a team. Each committee member volunteered countless hours to work on the Red River briefing, often traveling to Washington to gather information or meet with the Base Closure Commission. They organized massive public demonstrations of support, raised money, and took precious time away from their families and jobs to dedicate themselves to saving the depot. On this Saturday, Au-

gust 5, 1995, they, their families, and as many citizens as can fit in the Four States Fair Entertainment Center will celebrate their well-deserved victory. As they do, I would once again like to offer my congratulations on a job well done.●

WAIVING PROVISIONS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION  
ACT OF 1970

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 89 just received from the House.

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

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 89) waiving provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 requiring adjournment of Congress by July 31.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the concurrent resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the concurrent resolution appear at appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

So the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 89) was agreed to.

MEASURE INDEFINITELY  
POSTPONED—S. 617

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that calendar No. 39, S. 617, be indefinitely postponed.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 2, 1995

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 1995; that following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that the Senate immediately turn to the consideration of S. 1026, the Department of Defense authorization bill.

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