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AGING

Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006 (S. 3570) and Senior Independence Act (H.R. 5293)

NASW submitted comments to the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee regarding the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006 that focused on the need for increasing the supply of social workers in the United States. NASW's comments were predicated on the increase in demand for social work services due to the aging of the U.S. population. These advocacy efforts helped to ensure that social work services were specifically mentioned in the legislation.

In addition, NASW secured language in the House and Senate Older Americans Act reauthorization bills (H.R. 5293 and S. 3570) for the development of multidisciplinary systems that deliver mental health screening and treatment referral services for older adults and programs to increase public awareness, reduce stigma, and reduce age-related prejudice and discrimination regarding mental disorders in older adults. NASW will continue advocacy efforts for the final passage of the Older Americans Act by the full Senate.

NASW provided comments on the Older American Act Amendments of 2006 to the Senate HELP Committee: <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/letters/2006/062806Older.asp>

BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS

Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-171)

During this quarter, NASW monitored several budget and appropriations bills under consideration by the U.S. Congress. In April, staff provided an update on the 2005 budget as it relates to TANF and child welfare. See NASW's Analysis of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Child Welfare Programs in the Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005 (DRA) at <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/updates/2006/040606.asp>

Budget Resolutions (S. Con. Res. 83/H. Con. Res. 376)

In May, staff drafted two action alerts on the federal budget votes in the House of Representatives. You can view these at <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/alerts/2006/050506.asp> and <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/alerts/2006/050806.asp> The House and Senate have passed two different budget bills which they have not been able to reconcile. Even though they missed the May 15 deadline to pass a Budget Resolution, the U.S. House has begun to bring forward appropriations bills as allowed by Congressional rules.

Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations (H.R. 5647)

Staff also monitored the appropriations legislation for the Labor, Health, and Human Services Subcommittee, and attended the bill mark up in the full Appropriations Committee on June 13. The bill passed out of the House and is currently being considered in the Senate.

Budget Process Bills

Legislative proposals to establish sunset commissions for federal programs, institute a line-item veto, and permanently repeal the federal estate tax have not passed to date. NASW signed on to coalition letters opposing these bills. We are most closely monitoring the Stop Over Spending Act (S. 3521).

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Social Services Block Grant

Staff prepared an alert and update on the Social Services Block Grant available at: <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/alerts/2006/060906.asp> and <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/alerts/2006/061906.asp>

Child Welfare

Media

The *Washington Post* interviewed staff for background information on a foster care article.

Coalition Work

NASW co-signed a letter with the Child Abuse Coalition on H.R. 1738, the End Institutionalized Abuse Against Children Act of 2005, urging Congress to incentivize states to hire MSW's to properly assess and screen children for institutional care with an emphasis on boot camps. NASW also co-signed a letter with the Children's Defense Fund about foster care and Medicaid eligibility.

Testimony

NASW submitted written testimony for the reauthorization of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program to the Senate Finance Committee. The Director of Government Relations and Political Action delivered oral testimony before the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources.

Alerts

Staff prepared an alert on the Promoting Safe and Stable Families program:

<http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/alerts/2006/062106.asp>

Children's Mental Health

NASW co-sponsored a Congressional briefing with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on issues relating to children's mental health. Staff worked with the Communications Department to prepare a press release on the event which also mentioned our support for the Keeping Families Together Act (H.R. 823/S. 380): <http://www.socialworkers.org/pressroom/2006/050806.asp>

CIVIL RIGHTS

Voting Rights Act (H.R. 9/S. 2703)

NASW continues to advocate for the Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act which guarantees the right of African Americans and other racial and ethnic minority Americans to vote as specified by the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which was passed just after the Civil War in 1870. Despite this legislation, states and local municipalities continued to use tactics such as poll taxes, literacy tests, and outright intimidation to hinder people from casting free and unfettered ballots. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was enacted to ensure that no federal, state, or local government may in any capacity impede people from registering to vote or voting because of their race or ethnicity. NASW strongly supports the Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act.

Coalition Work

The Association remains steadfast in its coalition efforts seeking enactment of this vital piece of legislation. NASW partners with the NAACP, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and other concerned entities to advocate on behalf of this measure in both the House and the Senate. In addition, the Association has signed on to letters in support of this measure and attended briefings, strategy sessions, and congressional hearings pursuant to the Voting Rights Act.

Federal Marriage Amendment (H.J. RES. 39/S.J. RES. 1)

NASW continues to convey strong opposition to the Federal Marriage Amendment which is a radical proposal that would permanently codify discrimination into the United States Constitution while marginalizing Americans' inalienable rights to choose their respective life partners. The Association believes that the Federal Marriage Amendment is a highly divisive and impractical approach to resolving the ongoing debate over same-sex marriage.

Coalition Work

The Association, in collaboration with the LCCR, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), People For the American Way (PFAW), American Psychological Association, and other entities committed to preserving the rights of Americans, has made countless advocacy visits throughout House and Senate offices voicing our opposition to this Amendment. To this end, NASW has also signed on to numerous letters voicing opposition to this divisive Amendment and has forwarded a separate letter articulating the perspective of the social work community.

Immigration (H.R. 4437/S. 2611)

The Association has consistently been engaged in the on-going immigration debate. NASW welcomes a logical and practical approach to comprehensive immigration reform while preserving the integrity of America's national security interests. NASW is opposed to any proposal that would be detrimental to the ideals of this great nation. We believe, therefore, that reform must include measures which stabilize families and provide earnest opportunities for immigrants to obtain avenues for legal citizenship.

Coalition Work

To convey our message on immigration reform, the Association partners with the National Immigration Law Center, Center for Community Change, LCCR, and other groups to promote social work principles and ideals. NASW has signed on to letters, sent alerts, and attended hearings, briefings, and workshops promoting our position on this volatile issue. In addition, NASW's Board President spoke at a press conference hosted by the National Capital Immigration Coalition on March 7, 2006. The Association will continue to lobby members of Congress seeking inclusion of social work priorities within immigration reform legislation.

Hate Crimes

NASW continues to diligently pursue enactment of hate crimes legislation and the protection accorded to vulnerable populations. In short, hate crimes legislation would permit the federal government to work with state and local authorities to punish hate crimes to the fullest extent possible, and to expand the definition of hate crimes to include those motivated by disability, gender, or sexual orientation.

Coalition Work

NASW will persist in working with national coalitions such as LCCR, HRC, and PFAW to ensure that hate crimes legislation remains a significant public policy priority. The Association pursues visibility on this issue by consistently visiting House and Senate offices, signing on to letters with external partners, attending congressional hearings promoting the social work position, and participating in critical strategy sessions with members of Congress who support the coalition's position.

HEALTH

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act (S. 2823)

NASW is working with HIV/AIDS organizations and coalitions like the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership to encourage Congress to reauthorize the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act before this session of Congress ends. NASW's advocacy involves efforts to ensure that all provisions of the Ryan White CARE Act are fully funded. Likewise, NASW provided comments to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) that highlighted social workers' unique role in working with HIV/AIDS patients and families. Comments are available on the NASW Web site at <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/letters/2006/062606.asp>

Cancer

NASW continues to work with the House Cancer Caucus and other cancer coalitions to promote increased awareness and education about cancer issues. NASW is pleased that House Resolution 323,

which supports efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research, passed the House without any opposition. Further, NASW is a national sponsor of *A Lion in the House*, a documentary film about the journey of five young people with cancer. NASW's advocacy efforts continue to focus on garnering additional co-sponsors and eventual passage of the Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act (H.R. 5465) and the Conquer Childhood Cancer Act (H.R. 4927 and S. 2393).

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (H.R. 1227)

NASW and the Coalition for Genetic Fairness met with members of Congress, sent joint letters, and participated in Capitol Hill events to advocate for increased awareness of genetic discrimination issues. Specifically, NASW co-signed a letter to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Dr. Mark McClellan urging him to issue proposed regulations for a genetic testing specialty under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) of 1988. NASW is committed to working towards the goal of having a full House vote on the bill before the legislative session ends. The companion legislation in the Senate has already passed.

Health Professions Education Act

NASW is continuing its efforts to work with members of Congress in both the House and Senate to introduce the Health Professions Education Act. The entire program is slated for reauthorization this year. NASW is also advocating for the inclusion of social workers as allied health professionals under the Act. Through our work with the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC), NASW will continue to advocate for increased health professions funding.

LOAN FORGIVENESS

Higher Education Act (S. 1614)

NASW continues to explore ways to build support for loan forgiveness for social workers and is working to increase the number of co-sponsors for the Higher Education Act legislation by disseminating an alert: <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/alerts/2006/041206b.asp>

The Association also continues to work with other national organizations including the National Child Abuse Coalition, the National Alliance of Pupil Services Organizations (NAPSO), and the Action Network for Social Work Education and Research (ANSWER) Coalition to promote loan forgiveness for social workers in child welfare and education, and continues to seek opportunities for providing loan debt relief for social workers in other fields of practice.

MENTAL HEALTH

NASW was extremely active on mental health and Medicaid and Medicare issues this quarter as Congress considered major legislation on health insurance, health privacy and information technology, and Medicare payment issues.

Health Care Coverage

The Association was very active against the Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability (HIMMA) Act (S. 1955), which would have eliminated mental health benefits and social worker mandates under state law. Staff drafted and distributed two action alerts on HIMMA: <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/alerts/2006/042806.asp> and <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/alerts/2006/040506.asp>

NASW also sent out a press release on this issue:

<http://www.socialworkers.org/pressroom/2006/031306.asp>

Health Care Privacy

NASW vigorously lobbied to strengthen federal privacy standards under fast moving House legislation, H.R. 4157, which is extremely damaging to state health privacy rights. You can view the alert on health privacy at <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/alerts/2006/072606.asp>

Media

Roll Call, the leading Capitol Hill newspaper, interviewed and featured staff in a story on health privacy legislation, published June 19, 2006. The *New York Times* also interviewed staff on health privacy and electronic medical records legislation; article is forthcoming.

NASW circulated a press release on health privacy:

<http://www.socialworkers.org/pressroom/2006/060606.asp>

Special Event

NASW conducted a congressional briefing commemorating the 10th anniversary of the *Jaffee v. Redmond* decision, during which staff described the relevance of *Jaffee* to the current debate on health privacy and health information technology legislation.

Medicare and Medicaid

On Medicare, NASW continued to support Part B payment reforms and promoted these reforms in omnibus Medicare legislation that was still in a developmental phase. On Medicaid, NASW vigorously protested proposed rules on citizenship documentation requirements for beneficiaries that jeopardize coverage for many current Medicaid recipients.

Coalition Work

NASW co-signed numerous coalition letters on HIMMA, Medicaid regulations, and health privacy issues and wrote individual NASW letters to congressional leaders on health privacy and information technology legislation. Staff also continued to chair the Mental Health Liaison Group, leading coalition mental health legislative advocacy organizations.

FIELD ORGANIZING

Grassroots Activities

During April 1-June 30, 1,604 individuals sent 7,051 letters and/or e-mails through Congress Web to their Congressional and state representatives. The federal issues that generated the most grassroots efforts included loan forgiveness, the health insurance devolution, and immigration reform.

Federal issues generated a total of 3,331 responses. A table showing activity levels in various federal issues follows.

Subject Area	Number of Letters/E-mails
Loan Forgiveness: Child Welfare	829
Oppose Destructive HIMMA Bill	501
Ask Your Senators to Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform	404
Compose Your Own	284
Health Care: Oppose Association Health Plans	200
Education: Support the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Program	194
Support Medicare Clinical Social Work	194
Mental Health Parity	192
Child Welfare: Title IV-E Training	96

Subject Area	Number of Letters/E-mails
Health and Human Services Funding	77
Child Welfare: CAPTA Appropriations	69
TANF Reauthorization	63
Faith Based Initiative: Oppose the Job Training and Improvement Act (H.R. 27)	61
Social Worker Safety	48
Aging: Advance Directives	44
Support the National Center for Social Work Research Act (S. 90)	38
Protect Patient Privacy Rights	15
Judicial Nominations	14
Health: Support the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2005	8

Presentations

Staff taught one session of a class at Virginia Commonwealth University's Alexandria Campus on advocacy and political action. Fifteen students attended the class.

Staff set up a panel of social workers in public policy for thirty students from Smith College and Salem State University.

Staff presented on working in coalitions at the 2006 Social Work Policy Conference along with two members of the ANSWER Steering Committee.

Events

The ANSWER Steering Committee met in early May.

Staff participated in a rally on Capitol Hill opposing the Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act. Senators Schumer, Kennedy, and Durbin addressed the crowd. The rally received press coverage.

Web Site Development

NASW added a section on Congressional Testimony and Letters to members of Congress to the advocacy page. Staff posted three letters to this section. Ten action alerts and four updates were posted on the Association's Web site this quarter. You can view the alerts and updates on NASW's Web site: www.socialworkers.org/advocacy

POLITICAL ACTION FOR CANDIDATE ELECTION (PACE)

Staffing Changes

On April 24, 2006, Julie Trute joined NASW as senior political action associate, filling the position that Verid Uziel vacated in January. Ms. Trute comes to NASW from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the largest GLBT political organization in the country. Julie was the deputy PAC manager at HRC.

Congressional Endorsements and Contributions, 2006 Primary and General Elections

The national PACE Board of Trustees met at the end of June for a quarterly PACE call. During this meeting, the Trustees authorized primary and general election endorsements totaling \$200,000 to 32 Senate and House challenger candidates, including one social worker, Terry Stulce (D-TN-1); and \$100,000 to 80 Senate and House incumbents, including five incumbent social workers: Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Reps. Susan Davis (D-CA-53), Barbara Lee (D-CA-9), Allyson Schwartz (D-PA-13) and Ed Towns (D-NY-10).

Social worker Terry Stucle is running for Congress in Tennessee's 1st Congressional District, challenging Republican Congressman Zach Wamp. Stulce, also a Vietnam veteran, has been a leader in the social work field for more than 20 years. In 2002, Terry won the National Association of Social Workers, Tennessee Chapter Lifetime Achievement award.

The Board of Trustees also authorized the expenditure of \$45,000 to two Democratic Party committees and one Republican Donor Council: the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, and the Republican Main Street Partnership (\$15,000 to each). Each group provides access to members of Congress through briefings, meetings, fundraisers, and issue events.

Fundraising Receptions

Since April, the Government Relations and Political Action team has attended more than 30 events, including a reception benefiting Rep. Harold Ford Junior's campaign for Senate at Senator Hillary Clinton's house. More than 100 people attended this event, including six other elected officials.

NASW-PACE has been listed as a host for a health care event benefiting the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, a cocktail reception benefiting Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-8), and a lunch event benefiting NASW-PACE endorsed candidate Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY-20).

Field Organizer Program

Staff trained six field organizers in the national office in early June. Five organizers started working in Arizona, Florida, Missouri, New Jersey, and Tennessee on June 5, and one started in Pennsylvania on April 24. The organizers are mobilizing NASW members to register to vote, volunteer on campaigns, and vote in the 2006 election. The organizers will be working with the social work programs in their states to reach out to students. This is the fifth election cycle where NASW-PACE has hired field organizers.

NASW LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES CHART

<i>Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>NASW Position</i>	<i>Last Action</i>	<i>Staff Responsible</i>
Aging					
<u>H.R.5293</u>	Older Americans Reauthorization bill	Rep. Patrick Tiberi [OH-12] Introduced 05/04/2006 CoSponsors (34)	<u>Support</u>	6/22/2006 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	Asua Oforu
<u>S.3570</u>	Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006	Sen. Michael B. Enzi [WY] Introduced 06/27/2006 CoSponsors (3)	Support	6/28/2006 - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.	Asua Oforu
Appropriations/Budget					
<u>S.1932</u>	Budget Reconciliation	Sen. Judd Gregg [NH] Introduced 10/27/2005 CoSponsors (None)	<u>Oppose</u>	2/8/2006 - Became Public Law No: 109-171.	Dina Zarrella
<u>S.CON.RES.83</u>	Budget resolution FY2007	Sen. Judd Gregg [NH] Introduced 03/10/2006 CoSponsors (None)	Oppose	3/28/2006 - Held at the desk.	Dina Zarrella
<u>H.CON.RES.376</u>	Budget resolution FY2007	Rep. Jim Nussle [IA-1] Introduced 03/31/2006 CoSponsors (None)	<u>Oppose</u>	5/18/2006 - Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.	Dina Zarrella
<u>S.3521</u>	Budget Process Overhaul bill	Sen. Judd Gregg [NH] Introduced 06/15/2006 CoSponsors (28)	Oppose	7/14/2006: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 520.	Dina Zarrella
Children and Youth					
<u>H.R.856</u>	Federal Youth Coordination Act	Rep. Tom Osborne [NE-3] Introduced 02/16/2005 CoSponsors (23)	Support	11/16/2005 - Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	Nancy McFall Jean
Children and Youth: Child Welfare					
<u>H.R.1738</u>	End Institutionalized Abuse Against Children Act of 2005	Rep. George Miller [CA-7] Introduced 04/20/2005 CoSponsors (8)	<u>Support</u>	4/27/2005 - Referred to Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Relations.	Nancy McFall Jean
<u>H.R.5640</u>	Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006	Rep. Wally Herger [CA-2] Introduced 06/20/2006 CoSponsors (11)	<u>Support</u>	7/12/2006 - Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 311.	Nancy McFall Jean
<u>H.R.823</u>	Keeping Families Together Act	Rep. Jim Ramstad [MN-3] Introduced 02/15/2005 CoSponsors (26)	Support	2/25/2005 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	Nancy McFall Jean
<u>S.3525</u>	Improving Outcomes for Children Affected by Meth Act of 2006	Sen. Chuck Grassley [IA] Introduced 06/15/2006 CoSponsors (1)	Support	7/25/2006 - Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.	Nancy McFall Jean

<i>Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>NASW Position</i>	<i>Last Action</i>	<i>Staff Responsible</i>
<u>S.380</u>	Keeping Families Together Act	Sen. Susan Collins [ME] Introduced 02/15/2005 CoSponsors (21)	Support	2/15/2005 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	Nancy McFall Jean
Civil Rights: Hate Crimes					
<u>H.R.2662</u>	Local Law Enforcement Act of 2005	Rep. John Conyers [MI-14] Introduced 05/26/2005 CoSponsors (155)	Support	7/1/2005 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.	Lawrence Moore
<u>S.1145</u>	Local Law Enforcement Act of 2005	Sen. Edward Kennedy [MA] Introduced 05/26/2005 CoSponsors (44)	Support	5/26/2005 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	Lawrence Moore
Civil Rights: Immigration					
<u>H.R.4437</u>	Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005	Rep. James Sensenbrenner [WI-5] Introduced 12/06/2005 CoSponsors (35)	<u>Oppose</u>	1/27/2006 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	Lawrence Moore
<u>S.2611</u>	Immigration Reform bill	Sen. Specter, Arlen [PA] Introduced 04/07/2006 CoSponsors (6)	<u>Support</u>	5/25/2006 - Passed Senate with amendments by Yea-Nay Vote. 62 - 36. Record Vote Number: 157.	Lawrence Moore
Civil Rights: Marriage Amendment					
<u>H.J.RES.39</u>	Marriage Protection resolution	Rep. Dan Lungren [CA-3] Introduced 03/17/2005 CoSponsors (28)	<u>Oppose</u>	4/4/2005 - Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.	Lawrence Moore
<u>S.J.RES.1</u>	Same Sex Marriage resolution	Sen. Allard, Wayne [CO] Introduced 01/24/2005 CoSponsors (32)	Oppose	6/7/2006 - Cloture on the motion to proceed not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49 - 48. Record Vote 163.	Lawrence Moore
Civil Rights: Voting Rights					
<u>H.R.9</u>	Voting Rights Reauthorization bill	Rep. James Sensenbrenner [WI-5] Introduced 05/02/2006 CoSponsors (152)	<u>Support</u>	7/20/2006 - Cleared for White House.	Lawrence Moore
<u>S.2703</u>	Voting Rights Reauthorization bill	Sen. Arlen Specter [PA] Introduced 05/03/2006 CoSponsors (57)	Support	7/26/2006 By Senator Specter from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 109-295. Additional views filed.	Lawrence Moore
Economic Empowerment: Minimum Wage					
<u>H.R.2429</u>	Minimum Wage bill	Rep. George Miller [CA-7] Introduced 05/18/2005 CoSponsors (140)	Support	10/26/2005 - Introductory remarks on measure.	Lawrence Moore

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<u>S.1062</u>	Minimum Wage bill	Sen. Edward Kennedy [MA] Introduced 05/18/2005 CoSponsors (36)	Support	5/19/2005 - Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 109.	Lawrence Moore
Health: Cancer					
<u>H.R.4927</u>	Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2006	Rep. Deborah Pryce [OH-15] Introduced 03/09/2006 CoSponsors (44)	Support	3/17/2006 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	Asua Ofosu
<u>H.R.5465</u>	Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act of 2006	Rep. Lois Capps [CA-23] Introduced 05/24/2006 CoSponsors (20)	Support	5/24/2006 - Referred to House Ways and Means	Asua Ofosu
<u>S.2393</u>	Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2006	Sen. Norm Coleman [MN] Introduced 03/09/2006 CoSponsors (25)	Support	3/9/2006 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	Asua Ofosu
Health: Genetics					
<u>H.R.1227</u>	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2005	Rep. Judy Biggert [IL-13] Introduced 03/10/2005 CoSponsors (227)	Support	3/17/2005 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	Asua Ofosu
Health: HIV/AIDS					
<u>S.2823</u>	Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act	Sen. Michael Enzi [WY] Introduced 05/17/2006 CoSponsors (5)	<u>Support</u>	5/17/2006 - Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.	Asua Ofosu
Loan Forgiveness					
<u>H.R.127</u>	Child Protective Services Student Loan Forgiveness Act	Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones [OH-11] Introduced 01/04/2005 CoSponsors (29)	Support	2/9/2005 - Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.	Nancy McFall Jean
<u>H.R.2949</u>	College Opportunity for All Act	Rep. George Miller [CA-7] Introduced 06/16/2005 CoSponsors (30)	Support	8/10/2005 - Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.	Nancy McFall Jean
<u>H.R.2960</u>	College Opportunity for All Act	Rep. George Miller [CA-7] Introduced 06/17/2005 CoSponsors (38)	Support	7/25/2005 - Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.	Nancy McFall Jean
<u>H.R.609</u>	College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005	Rep. John Boehner[OH-8] Introduced 02/08/2005 CoSponsors (8)	Support	4/4/2006 - Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 388.	Nancy McFall Jean
<u>S.1430</u>	Child Protective Services Student Loan Forgiveness Act	Sen. DeWine, Mike [OH] Introduced 07/20/2005 CoSponsors (2)	Support	7/20/2005 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	Nancy McFall Jean

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<u>S.1614</u>	Higher Education bill	Sen. Michael Enzi [WY] Introduced 09/06/2005 CoSponsors (1)	Support	2/28/2006 - By Senator Enzi from Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions filed written report. Report No. 109-218.	Nancy McFall Jean
Mental Health: Association Health Plans					
<u>H.R.525</u>	Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005	Rep. Sam Johnson [TX-3] Introduced 02/02/2005 CoSponsors (135)	Oppose	7/27/2005 – Passed the House and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	Jim Finley
<u>S.1955</u>	Small Business Health Plans bill	Sen. Michael Enzi [WY] Introduced 11/02/2005 CoSponsors (7)	Oppose	5/11/2006 – Defeated in the Senate, cloture not invoked by Yea-Nay Vote. 55 - 43. Record Vote Number: 119.	Jim Finley
Mental Health: CSWMEA					
<u>H.R.2736</u>	Clinical Social Work Medicare Equity Act	Rep. Pete Stark [CA-13] Introduced 05/26/2005 CoSponsors (17)	Support	6/17/2005 - Referred to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.	Jim Finley
<u>S.1148</u>	Clinical Social Work Medicare Equity Act	Sen. Barbara Mikulski[MD] Introduced 05/26/2005 CoSponsors (6)	Support	5/26/2005 - Referred to the Committee on Finance.	Jim Finley
Mental Health: Information Technology					
<u>H.R.4157</u>	Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005	Rep. Nancy Johnson [CT-5] Introduced 10/27/2005 CoSponsors (58)	Oppose	7/27/06 - Passed the House.	Jim Finley
<u>S.1418</u>	Wired for Health Care Quality Act	Sen. Michael Enzi [WY] Introduced 07/18/2005 CoSponsors (38)	Neutral	12/16/2005 - Passed the Senate.	Jim Finley
Mental Health: Parity					
<u>H.R.1402</u>	Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 2005	Rep. Patrick Kennedy[RI-1] Introduced 03/17/2005 CoSponsors (228)	<u>Support</u>	3/22/2005 - Referred to the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health.	Jim Finley