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March On Washington Mobilization

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A New Coalition of Conscience for Jobs, Justice and Peace

Turning To Each Other To Turn the Nation to Jobs, Justice and Peace

By Joseph E. Lowery

We Americans are a diverse people. Our nation has turned selectively to a few of us rather than inclusively to all of us. The rich are getting richer and richer and fewer and fewer while the poor and near poor are getting poorer and poorer. The richer and poor do not reflect the diversity that characterizes the total population. Our nation is not investing its opportunities and resources with fairness and equity in all the people. Our new coalition of conscience brings together—with one voice—the demands of the people for equity and jobs and justice which can lead us to peace—in the world and in our neighborhoods.

Our solidarity in the coalition of conscience is the key to unlocking the nation's storehouse of opportunities and investment in all her people. Our solidarity in the new coalition of conscience is the catalyst that

can accelerate the change in direction the nation must experience to reap the benefit of the gifts and talents of all her people. Without our solidarity, without our one voice, the impact is lessened and the resounding possibilities diminished. Diversity does not have to provoke adversity. Diversity can provide unique power for a united witness. Of course, there are distinctions but our common needs, goals and objectives are far more binding and bonding than any of our differences. The enemies of progress toward full employment and justice for all take delight in our divisions and fragmentation. Discrimination on the basis of race or gender is aided and abetted by divisions on the basis of race and gender. United, we are powerful, effective and unbeatable. Divided, we are weaker and defeatable. Disconnected voices are unclear and discordant, but speaking with one voice our message is sharp and produces a symphony of progressive movement.

The 30th Anniversary March On Washington on August 28th is an initiative by the Coalition of Conscience to usher in a new era of jobs and justice. As we turn to each other and not on each other, we enhance our chances of leading the nation to turn to all of its people with jobs and justice which can lead to peace—in the world and in the "hood." The March on August 28th is not an end but a means to an end. It can be the beginning of activism by coalitions in regions and districts and communities that restores values, broadens opportunities, promotes our legislative agenda and hastens the day when justice rolls down as waters and employment opportunities as a mighty stream! Come now, let us hasten the day when black will not be pushed back; when brown can go to town; when yellow will be mellow; when the red man can get ahead man; and when white will be alright! Let us turn TO each other, to turn the nation TO all her people.



Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, Southern Christian Leadership Conference:

"Diversity provides unique powers for a united witness"



Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., NAACP

NAACP Pledges Support

The critical issues we addressed in 1963 are still with us today, because the nation has focused on the symptoms, and failed to explore the root cause of what is keeping us from truly being the greatest nation in the world. We cannot give up, or give out if we are to fulfill Dr. King's dream of a better America. Our presence in Washington on August 28th will demonstrate our faith in the future and our determination to translate that faith into fulfillment. Our presence will call for jobs and for justice. We came to Washington in 1963 filled with jubilation and hope. We came back in 1983 with a renewed sense of urgency. On August 28th, we will return again to mark the 30th anniversary with a new agenda for the nation.

Passing the Torch

A Message From The Student Coalition

Our generation faces an uncertain future of a lack of jobs, justice, and peace. It is for these reasons that a Student Coalition of Conscience will host The Peoples University on the Mall on August 27, 1993. It is imperative that today's generation create an alliance to demonstrate concerns through coalition building, networking, and political action.

On Friday, August 27, 1993, People's University on the Mall will present educational workshops that will cover several legislative issues presented by guest speakers and student moderators. The workshops will begin 9:15 a.m. and will cover an array of issues including education, war and peace, criminal justice, environmental justice and civil rights.

Participants will be encouraged to visit the offices of their Member of Congress and Senators during the afternoon session. Voter registration booths will be on site as well as a resource tent providing general information.

Appropriately themed "Passing the Torch," this march will commemorate the 1963 March on Washington. As the year 2000 approaches, it is important that our generation step forward, accept the torch, and lead. We must take the necessary stand to ensure jobs, justice, and peace for the next generation.

For more information, call the March on Washington Office of Youth and Student Affairs at (202) 234-9515.

A Perspective from The National Organization of Women (NOW)

By Patricia Ireland
President, NOW



Patricia Ireland, NOW

"Pass effective legislation that will halt gender-based violence"

The National Organization of Women is proud to share in the excitement of the March as we link our struggle for equality for women with the more than 200 civil and human rights, religious, labor, peace and women's organizations to call for jobs, justice and peace in our

nation. The march provides an opportunity for feminist activists to stand together with our sisters and brothers in the civil rights and social justice movements—united against those who would oppress us based on our gender, our race, our sexual orientation or our economic status.

The themes of the 30th Anniversary: Jobs, Justice and Peace, are particularly relevant to women. Many women—especially women of color—are still: the last hired and first fired, trapped in dead-end minimum-wage jobs and continually victimized by an economic system that favors the white male. Poor women are often the scapegoats who are forced to struggle against repeated attacks on their economic survival by those who would try to build an "economic recovery program" on their backs. Women are still bumping into a glass ceiling in the workforce and are being forced into poverty at a rate unequal to any other group in society, with the exception of children—of whom we are still the primary caregivers.

Racial and sexual violence and violence based on sexual orientation have reached alarming proportions in the U.S. and worldwide. White supremacist groups, in coalition with the religious right wing, are waging hate campaigns throughout the world. The

violence against women in our homes, the workplace and the streets is at an historic horrific high and yet efforts to pass effective legislation to begin to deal with gender-based violence stalls in the halls of Congress and state legislatures. All too often, women are dying from AIDS, cancer and other critical health problems because we are denied full access to quality health care and only a tiny percent of research is being conducted on health issues specific to women.

The modern wave of feminism is rooted in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s as represented by the original March on Washington. Delivering his "I have a dream" speech, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. electrified the country and galvanized millions to pressure Congress into passing the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Fair Housing Act and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. These three major pieces of legislation became the cornerstone in the continued struggle for justice and equality. As an active participant in the New Coalition of Conscience, which is coordinating the 30th Anniversary, the National Organization for Women says loudly and clearly that many of the critical issues addressed 30 years ago are not yet resolved. The struggle continues.

Trade Unions Reaffirm Commitment

By Lane Kirkland
President, AFL-CIO



Lane Kirkland
AFL-CIO

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, organized by A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin. The 1963 March, where Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr., delivered the historic "I Have a Dream" speech, was the major impetus for passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

While the nation has made fitful progress in the last 30 years toward the march's goals, we are still far from achieving social and economic justice for all.

Thus, in the tradition of labor's historic struggle for jobs and freedom, the AFL-CIO joins with its allies in a "New Coalition of Conscience" for a 30th Anniversary March on Washington and rally at the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1993. We urge all national and international unions and their members to support this event, to participate in the March, and to reaffirm the commitment of the trade union movement to the crusade for greater civil and economic rights.

Mobilization Alert

- Remember to bring the next generation of leaders with you to Washington. They will be featured in the activities.
- Coordinators, get your bus packets and instructions before you arrive in Washington. Call 202-745-0553.
- Use Metro transit to travel in Washington. Farecards can be ordered in bulk before August 16th. Call 202-745-0553 for details or see your coordinator.



We March to be heard as... One Voice

We march for JOBS, to be heard as one voice for the participation of all our people in the opportunities and responsibilities that America has to offer, because 7 million people were out of work last month and hundreds of thousands more are being laid off each month. Who is next?

We march for JUSTICE, to speak with one voice calling upon America to value and to enhance our diversity—our strength and competitive advantage, because there is still discrimination on the basis of race, ethnic origin, gender, age and sexual orientation. We will not be divided!

We march for PEACE, because there is no peace in our neighborhoods; 6000 killed on the streets in drug driven violence this year and serious crime is up to 6000 per 100,000 population in our country. There is no peace in the world; 18 million people in the world are now refugees because of wars and the wars in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America continue to destroy vital human resources.

We march therefore, to speak with one voice—calling for investment in all of our people, including the talented among us who are left out; the young who can be educated and trained to be productive; the adults who can be retrained to be competitive in the global economy; and the elderly and disabled who still have much to offer us.



March Events Around The Country

African-American Leadership Summit, Inc. • 1345 President Street • Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213 • (718) 638-1769

A benefit gala Saturday, August 14, 1993 at the New York Hilton Hotel on 6th Avenue and 54th Street at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "Women Pioneers in Civil Rights." The invited honorees include Coretta Scott King, Dr. Betty Shabazz, Myrtle Evers and Dr. Dorothy Height. For information or tickets, call Stephen Davis at (718) 638-1769.

National AIDS Minority AIDS Council • 3001 Street, N.E., Suite #400 • Washington, D.C. 20002 (202) 544-1076

A reception Friday August 27, 1993 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the National Press Club at 14th & F Streets, N.W. For further information, call Ellen Goodman at (202) 544-1076.

Junior Black Academy of Arts & Letters, Inc. • 650 South Griffin Street • Dallas, Texas 75202 (214) 658-7144

"I Remember..." extravaganza in Washington, D.C. Friday August 27, 1993 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Corcoran Gallery of Art will be a civil rights visual arts exhibit. On Saturday August 28, 1993 from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the "I Remember..." concert with an all-star cast including Eartha Kitt, Esther Rolle, Melba Moore, Barbara McNair, Jennifer Holliday and many others. For information on both events, call Curtis King, producer, at 202-806-7927.

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, serving as a co-convenor of the 30th Anniversary March on Washington, August 28, has organized a specific action to call attention to the epidemic of gun violence afflicting urban areas.

On August 27, the day before the March, the BPFNA has called for a vigil outside the National Rifle Association's building in Washington, D.C.

"We are planning this public demonstration to highlight the powerful lobbying role played by the NRA in opposing even the most modest gun control legislation," said Ken Sehested, BPFNA executive director who in June successfully submitted a Statement of Concern on Gun Violence to the American Baptist Biennial meeting in San Jose, Calif.

The BPFNA's vigil outside the NRA builds on the initiative of Rev. Albert Gallmon, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in the District. The Committee Against All Violence, an ecumenical coalition led by Rev. Gallmon, has picketed the NRA building each week during this past spring.

The 4:00 p.m. vigil is also being supported by the American Jewish Committee and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Leaders of this coalition will be requesting a meeting with NRA leaders to discuss gun control issues. Following the vigil, there will be a 5:30 dinner at the nearby First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C.



Rev. Cecil Williams

Gilde Memorial United Methodist Church
330 Ellis Street
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is leading a Freedom Plane of Riders from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. on Friday August 27, 1993 to participate in the March on Washington. The plane leaves San Francisco on Northwest Airlines at 10:55 p.m. and departs from Washington at 7:20 p.m. Saturday. Roundtrip cost is \$383.00 and reservations may be made through Harvey Johnson at Tyree & Associates at (415) 333-1770.

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A New Coalition of Conscience – United for Jobs, Justice and Peace



John E. Jacob
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"America cannot march into a new century carrying the baggage of racism. So we of the Urban League are telling America to make race relations and urban progress a top priority on its agenda. America faced up to reality three decades ago. The 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom helped to spark a brief era of radical change and this country is better off for it.

But that revolution was left unfinished. That is why...the Urban League will be there this August 28th; because Martin's dream has not been fulfilled; Whitney's call for a Marshall Plan has not been implemented and because millions of African Americans are locked into poverty and have yet to win their jobs and freedom."



José Velez
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Invest in the People

"The growth and prosperity of our nation will go along with the prosperity and growth of our communities. Today, we join for change and for a better opportunity for our children. It is imperative for the White House to realize that we will not wait any longer for promises for change. We want our government to put America first and to invest in America's most valuable resource — it's people."



Walter Echo-Hawk
Native American Rights Fund

"The historic March will be an opportunity for Native Americans from all walks of life to join other Americans in educating the public and the Congress about protecting First Amendment rights for Indian people and to garner support for passage of S.1021."



Loyola Burgess
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of Retired Persons

"Health-care Reform is the ultimate intergenerational issue and a true application of AARP's vision to serve all generations. Millions of Americans today — many of the children — have no health insurance or are terribly underinsured, and most people have no protection against the devastating cost of long-term care. That is why older Americans and AARP support comprehensive health-care reform that will provide affordable, high-quality health care to every man, woman and child in America, regardless of age, race, income, or employment status. That will be a legacy we can all be proud to leave for the generations to follow."

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The Dream Revisited: Views & Visions of the Second Generation A Nationwide Interactive Teleconference

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A retrospective of the 1963 Civil Rights Movement and discussion with young people on such topics as racism, crime and economics plus a look at where we go from here. Leaders on the 30th Anniversary of the March on Washington will be passing the torch—What will it take for this generation to move forward? Hear young people express their views on the relevance of demonstrating through marching, explain what the "Dream" means to them and voice what they need to move forward as leaders. This teleconference will give young people across the country an opportunity to be heard. Colleges, Universities, libraries, schools, cable stations and networks are invited to make this

broadcast available. It will send a powerful message to our leaders.

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from the
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Friday, August 27, 1993
1-3 p.m. (ET)
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Thanks to the AFL-CIO for its support and special efforts in helping to make this newsletter possible.

Lucy Named Program Chair

William Lucy, president and founder of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, (CBTU) has been selected to head up the Program Committee for the August 28, 1993 commemorative March On Washington. Lucy is charged with coalescing the concerns of the African-American leaders with the interests of younger African-Americans while integrating the voices of other disenfranchised and minority groups on the day's activities.

Lucy and the March co-chairpersons are working to develop an electric program which reflects this year's theme of "Jobs, Justice and Peace" and features a diverse array of prominent speakers. However, Lucy is stipulating that all participants express an urgent need for a "New Coalition of Conscience" to mobilize their communities in demanding that specific legislation be passed.

A Memphis native, William Lucy attended the University of Berkeley and is a civil engineer by trade. In May 1972 Lucy was elected International Secretary-Treasurer, the second highest ranking officer of AFSCME, AFL-CIO which boasts 1.3 million members, and has been re-elected every four years since. No stranger to the civil rights establishment, Lucy worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and is a member of the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A Brief Biography

Martin Luther King, Jr., respected civil rights leader of the civil rights movement in America was born as Michael King on January 15, 1926 in Atlanta Georgia, to Martin Luther and Alberta Christine Williams King. His name was later changed to Martin, making him a junior.

King earned his B.A. from Morehouse College in 1948, a B.D. in 1955, and a D.D. in 1959, both from Boston University, and a D.D. from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1957.

An ordained Baptist minister, he served as pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama from 1954-1960. Founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) in 1957, he served as its president until his death. From 1960 to 1968, he co-pastored with his father at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was selected as one of Time Magazine's ten outstanding personalities of 1956 and he received the NAACP Spingarn Medal in 1957. For his first book, *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*, published in 1958, he received the Ansfield-Wold Award.

In 1964 King was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace and in 1965 was awarded the Judaism and World Peace Award by the Synagogue Council of America. His book, *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* received the Brotherhood Award in 1967. He received the Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1958 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977. King was awarded numerous other awards for his leadership of the Montgomery movement and two literary prizes were named in his honor.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis Tennessee.

ACTION ALERT

The Follow-Up Makes The History

By Walter E. Fauntroy
National Director



The Honorable
Walter E. Fauntroy

We go to press on this all important newsletter at a time when a key measure on our legislative agenda for the March has just passed the U.S. House and Senate and has been signed by the President.

The Economic Stimulus aspects of the FY 1994 budget which has now become law fall far short of the goals that were set in our bill, H.R. 1335. Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska became the conscience of the Congress in this debate. As he put it so eloquently: "My heart aches with the conclusion that I will vote yes for a bill that challenges Americans too little."

We must now look to the next session of Congress to make right what is wrong about a budget that has been voted upon before we reach Washington on August 28th. This, together with the fact much of our legislative agenda has yet to be acted upon, highlights the importance of the indispensable FOLLOW-UP to the March that really determines whether a March is GREAT, and whether those who march on August 28, 1993 will MAKE HISTORY the way those who marched with us did in 1963 and 1993.

Elements of the Economic Stimulus package which we support, and which were hijacked back in February by the reactionary monied interests who want no change in public policy to produce the JOBS, JUSTICE, and PEACE, finally made it through Congress substantially weakened by compromises forced upon our elected officials by reactionary interest.

As Senator Kerrey correctly chided his colleagues in Congress, "when the challenge came from someone who didn't want to pay or didn't want to accept less from their government, we unfortunately all too often ran." My analysis of the package compares with his: "Our fiscal problems do not exist (simply) because wealthy Americans aren't paying enough taxes. Our fiscal problems exist (also) because of rapid, uncontrolled growth in programs that primarily benefit the middle class." As a result, the fact is that tens of thousands of jobs that we had hoped

would be created rebuilding our deteriorating roads, bridges, housing stock and family farms, will not be created this year. We must, therefore, "stay on the case" until we produce those jobs and create those opportunities for the unemployed and the under employed among us.

Let me just cite four areas where cursory review of the Economic Stimulus measures in the bill fall far short of that for which we march on August 28th.

- The spending cuts fall \$27 billion short of the \$100 billion we had demanded. In addition, the \$7 billion in cuts in Medicaid assistance to the poorest Americans should not have been made and must be reversed.

- In the area of job development, we had hoped that the level of small business tax deductions allowed would have more than doubled from \$10,000 to \$25,000 enabling our small businesses, which are responsible for 48% of our gross national product and 60% of the jobs in our country, to create tens of thousands more jobs for the American people. We will not be satisfied until those jobs, too, are added to our economy.

- The \$3.5 billion set aside for investment in "Empowerment Zones" or depressed urban and rural communities in our country, is woefully inadequate in that it covers only ten communities in our entire nation. How long will the other depressed rural and urban communities of our nation have to wait to have these kinds of job producing investments made in their communities? It is the task of our "New Coalition of Conscience" to see to it that the answer to that question will be "not long!"

- As we go to press, the Senate has just voted to approve by a vote of 58 to 41 a key element of our resolve to invest in the young people to whom we shall "Pass the Torch" to prepare them for the 21st Century. It is H.R. 2010 and S. 919, the National Service Trust Act of 1993. Ultimately, the fate of hundreds of thousands of our young, gifted, but poor children depends upon the extent to which this program is adequately funded to begin with and substantially expanded in the years to come.

There is, of course, much else on our legislative agenda that has yet to be acted upon, and for which we must mobilize the "Forces of Goodwill" in our nation: Comprehensive Health Care Reform and other priorities presented in our legislative agenda.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to those whose marching feet in 1963 won

for us a Civil Rights bill, a Voting Rights bill and Fair Housing legislation that have improved the quality of life for millions in our country. The best way to pay our debt to the past, is to place the future in debt to us by what we do in 1993. We move to make the legislative agenda we have identified a living reality in the months and years ahead.

Goethe was right when he said: "What we have inherited from our fathers, we must earn again for ourselves, else we will lose it!" Let us earn for ourselves a place in history, beginning on August 28, 1993. Let us earn it by what we do in the days ahead to mobilize thousands of citizens of conscience from our communities to go to Washington for the 30th Anniversary March, and by what we do together, thereafter, to mobilize millions of our fellow citizens to lobby those whom we elect to pass our legislative agenda, the redeeming package of public policy for which we shall "Peaceably Assemble Ourselves to Petition" on August 28, 1993.

Checklist for March Follow-up:

- ☐ Register to Vote.
- ☐ Join the Action Alert Network
- ☐ Study our legislative measures
- ☐ Work with others in our Coalition
- ☐ Lobby your members of Congress when called upon

Resources

Capitol Advantage... Congress at Your Fingertips, 103rd Congress, Standard Version, 1st Session 1993, Capitol Advantage, McLean, Virginia, 1993

Congressional Record
Congressional Workbook 1993 Leave No Child Behind, Children's Defense Fund's Annual National Conference, March 11-31, 1993, Washington, D.C.

C-SPAN 1993 U.S. Congress Handbook, A Viewer's Guide to the Televised Sessions of the House, Senate and Committees, 103rd Congress, 1st Session, published by Barbara Pullen, McLean, Virginia, 1993.

Handbook on Advocacy, American Arts Alliance, Washington, D.C.

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Point - Washington Bureau, National Urban League Point of View, National Urban League, Washington, D.C., July/August 1978.

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Compiled by
Policy and Government Relations
National Urban League

Historical Perspective

Thirty years ago, on August 28th, 1963, more than 250,000 people gathered in Washington, D.C. to protest racism, violence and poverty, and to demand jobs and freedom. It was an historic event that became a classic example of the First Amendment right of every citizen of our democracy to "peaceably assemble to petition this government for redress of grievances."

Millions of citizens in our nation, black, white, red, brown and yellow, shared a common grievance that bound them in a nonviolent "Coalition of Conscience" for change in public policy, and the need to end racial segregation and discrimination by law in our country against people of African descent.

The condition of black people at that time was alarming. Blacks were held in inferior positions by whites, and were not welcomed in white neighborhoods. Most earned half the income as whites and lived in poor and substandard conditions. There was economic discrimination in both wages earned and opportunities. The oppressive state in which blacks found themselves is clearly detailed in the book by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. entitled "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" In that book, he gives insight into the hostility and violence within black com-

munities.

Those who traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March on that August 28, 1963 were indeed heard by the lawmakers on Capitol Hill. As a result, Congress passed and the President signed both the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The power of people coming together as ONE VOICE was once again heard in 1983, when on August 27th, nearly a half a million people of every race, creed and color came together to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the March on Washington and, to be heard as one voice for Jobs, Peace, and Freedom. That massive non-violent demonstration resulted in legislation that was signed into law, imposing sanctions on South Africa, and establishing a National Holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1993, there is an urgent need for the "New Coalition of Conscience" to mobilize for action. The 30th Anniversary March on Washington summons people of conscience of every race, creed and ethnic origin to address the ever deepening cries for Jobs, Justice and Peace in our nation TODAY. A specific agenda has been defined, and a demand for particular legislation is being made by the New Coalition of Conscience.

Everyone is Important! Be heard! Start a Petition Drive!

If you want to come but can't, let your voice be heard. You can mount a door-to-door drive to gather petitions in your community. These petitions will state the grievances we wish addressed.

This drive is important for the petition delivery ceremony on August

28th, and to assist you on calling upon those same citizens to lobby your member of the House and Senators as our legislative agenda items come up for action in Washington. You will want to know who to call and where they live; the petition drive will give you that information.

Glossary Of Legislative Terms

Act - A bill or measure after it passes one or both chambers. Also used to denote a law in place.

Amendment - A proposal to change or an actual change to a bill, a motion, an act, or the Constitution.

Appropriation - A provision by a legislature of funds for a specific purpose.

Authorization - A legislative action establishing a program and general amounts of money to fund the program. An appropriation provides the funds.

Bill - A proposed law.

Budget - The President's annual proposal to Congress anticipating revenue and expenditures by the Federal government for the upcoming fiscal year.

Cloture - In the Senate, the closing of debate or ending of a filibuster by a required three-fifths (60 Senators) vote, thereby allowing a bill to be voted on.

Conferees - Members of a conference committee, which is composed of Senators and Representatives named to work out differences between same-subject bills passed by both chambers.

Congressional Record - The printed daily account of debates, votes and comments in the House and Senate published by the Government Printing Office (GPO).

Continuing Resolution - Legislation providing continued funding for a Federal department or program, usually at the previous fiscal year level. It is used when Congress has failed to pass a necessary appropriations bill for a new fiscal year.

Filibuster - A tactic used by members opposed to passage of a bill to prevent a vote on the floor of the Senate. A motion for "cloture" or "unanimous consent" may be required to end a filibuster.

Fiscal Year - A 12-month period for using Federal funds, beginning October 1. It is the year in which the period ends.

Hearings - A process by which committees of both houses examines the merits of legislation or legislative issues by inviting witnesses to participate.

Joint Resolution - A resolution requiring both House and Senate approval.

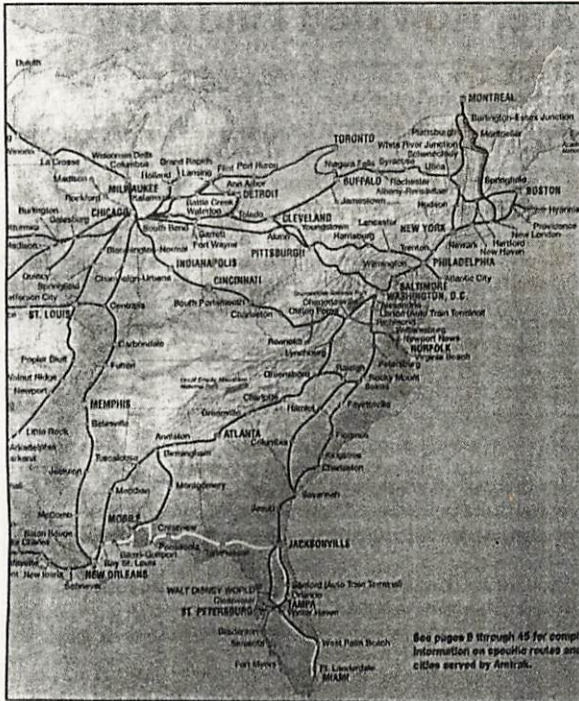
To Join the Action Alert Network, fill out this form and return it to:

30th Anniversary March on Washington Mobilization • P.O. Box 26227 • Washington, D.C. 20001

30th Anniversary March on Washington Mobilization, Jobs, Justice and Peace Action Alert Network

Name _____	
Organization _____	
Title _____	
Office Address _____	
City _____	Zip _____
Home Address _____	
City _____	Zip _____
Phone (work) () _____	Phone (Home) () _____
My U.S. Representative is _____	
I live in the _____ Congressional District	
My U.S. Senators are _____	
My party affiliation is _____ (Democrat, Republican, Independent or other)	

AMTRAK'S NATIONAL PASSENGER SYSTEM



Make Tracks for D.C. on the "Freedom Train"

Get family, friends, co-workers, church members and supporters together and head for the March on AMTRAK. Group rates are available for 15 or more traveling together and the 16th person is free. Restrictions may apply, so call AMTAK at (800) 872-1477 for group rates.

Here is a sample list of rates available to Washington from selected cities. For additional information on individual rates call (800) 872-1477.

Departing 1993 from:

CITY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	ROUNTRIP
Chicago	27th 5:10 PM	28th 11:07 AM	\$151- \$211
Boston	27th 10:10 PM	28th 7:55 AM	\$132
New Orleans	27th 7:05 AM	28th 9:30 AM	\$240
St. Louis	27th 7:35	28th 11:07	\$229

Join the "March On Washington"

HENDERSON TRAVEL SERVICE has negotiated Special discounts off of regularly scheduled Commercial Air Fares for those flying to the "MARCH." Call the "800" 327-2309.

TRAINS will be departing Thursday, August 26 from the following cities:

New Orleans; Birmingham; Mobile; Atlanta; Greenville, Charlotte, and Charlottesville

Special discounts off of AMTRAK nationwide.

For More Information Contact:

HENDERSON TRAVEL SERVICE

900 2nd Street, N.E. • Washington, D.C. 20002

(202) 789-1211

1-800-327-2309

FAX No. (202) 789-1811

Accommodations

In addition to the accommodations available through Henderson Travel Service, D.C. Accommodations and Capital Reservations, the following hotels have agreed to hold blocks of rooms and special rates for March supporters. For reservations, please contact these hotels directly and ask for reservations for the March on Washington for Jobs, Justice & Peace (Reservation Code TT-63) to receive the group rates. (all rates quoted are plus tax)

Holiday Inn-Central

1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW (on the corner of 15th and Rhode Island Avenue, NW, 6 blocks from the White House and 4 blocks from McPhersons Square Metro Station) Newest Holiday Inn in Washington offering the Avenue Cafe and Lounge, Rooftop Pool, Gift Shop and Video Game Room

Telephone: (202) 483-2000 • 1 (800) 248-0016

Rates: from \$89.00 to \$129.00

Reservations: Individual, guaranteed required

Cut-off Date: August 16

Hotel Anthony

1823 L Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. Newspaper, coffee, restaurants, 1 block from 3 metro/subway stations. Walk to the White House and Georgetown.

Telephone: (202) 223-4320 • 1 (800) 424-2970

Rates: \$80.00 single • \$96.00 double

Reservations: Individual, guarantee required

Cut-off Date: August 17

Royal Master Hosts Inn

1917 Bladensburg Road, N.E., Washington, D.C. Free in room movies, free motorcoach parking, outdoor swimming pool and a Chinese restaurant. Meeting room, fax and copier service available.

Telephone: (202) 832-8600 • 1-800-231-4270

Rate: \$60.00 per room for 1-4 persons

Hampshire Inn

7411 New Hampshire Avenue, Langley Park, Maryland. Just minutes from downtown Washington, cable T.V. with Showtime, CNN and ESPN, International House of Pancakes on premises with catering available, room service with on-site laundry facilities and complimentary motorcoach parking

Telephone: (301) 439-3000 • 1 (800) 466-9166

Rates: \$46.00 per room

(add \$5.00 for each additional person in room)

The Rosslyn Westpark Hotel

1900 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Just 1-1/2 blocks from Rosslyn Metro Station with 2 restaurants and ample complimentary parking. Swimming Pool and shopping. Minutes from Downtown Washington.

Telephone: (703) 527-4814

1 (800) 368-3408

Cut-off Date: August 16

Rate: \$67.00 single or double

Arlington Renaissance Hotel

950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, Virginia features indoor pool and gives one metro pass per room for 2 days

Telephone: (703) 528-6000 • 1 (800) 228-9898

Cut-off date: August 20

Rates: \$79.00

Holiday Inn-Governor's House

Rhode Island Avenue at 17th Street, N.W. features nightly turn-down service, complimentary shoe shine, cable TV, newspaper and health club passes, all this and outdoor pool and parking. Telephone (202) 296-2100

1 (800) 821-2777

Cut-off date: August 23

Rates: \$79.00

March On Washington Check List:

Submitted by Peter Clark

- ✓ Make your travel accommodations today.
- ✓ Contact your local March Committee and offer help. Any assistance you provide will be greatly appreciated (mailing, distributing flyers, direct phone calling.)
- ✓ Make a contribution today! Organizing for this event will cost over \$900,000. We need your support to continue our outreach efforts after the March. All contributions are tax deductible.
- ✓ If you belong to an organization, talk about the March at your next meeting. Get more information from the March Headquarters.
- ✓ We need thousands of constituents to sign petitions and people to attend meetings with their Representatives and Senators.
- ✓ Tell everyone you know they need to come to Washington D.C. on August 28th to join the New Coalition of Conscience for Jobs, Justice and Peace.

The March Gets Celebrity Support

Listen for Radio Public Service Announcements in your area by the following celebrities.

Joan Baez
Dionne Warwick
Kris Kristofferson
Mable John
Freda Payne
D.C. Talk
Eartha Kitt
Ruth Brown
Al Kasha
Patti Austin
Rita Coolidge

Union Hotel Directory (Washington, D.C.)

Group coordinators or individuals may wish to make reservations with one of the following union hotels. No special group rates have been negotiated by the National March on Washington Office.

Hay Adams Hotel
800 16th Street, N.W.
800 424-5054

Holiday Inn-Thomas Circle
1155 14th Street, N.W.
(202) 737-1200

Holiday Inn-Georgetown
2101 Wisconsin Avenue
(202) 338-4600

Hotel Anthony
1823 L Street, N.W.
800-424-4970

(special rates available, Code TT-63)

Hotel Harrington
11th & E Street, N.W.
800-424-8532

Howard Johnson Lodge
2601 Virginia Avenue, N.W.
(202) 965-2700

Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.
(202) 737-1234

Jefferson Hotel
16th & M Street, N.W.
800-368-9066

Lowes L'Enfant Plaza Hotel
480 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
(202) 646-4411

Omni Shoreham Hotel
2500 Calvert Street, N.W.
(202) 234-0700

Phoenix Park Hotel
520 North Capitol Street, N.W.
800 624-5410

Quality Hotel-Capitol Hill
415 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.
800 638-1116

Ritz Carlton
2100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
(202) 293-2100

Sheraton Carlton
923 16th Street, N.W.
800 879-6930

Sheraton Washington Hotel
2660 Woodley Rd. at Connecticut
(202) 328-2000

Stouffer Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
(202) 347-3000

Howard Inn
2225 Georgia Avenue, N.W.
800 268-6700

The Madison Hotel
15th & M Street N.W.
800-422-8577

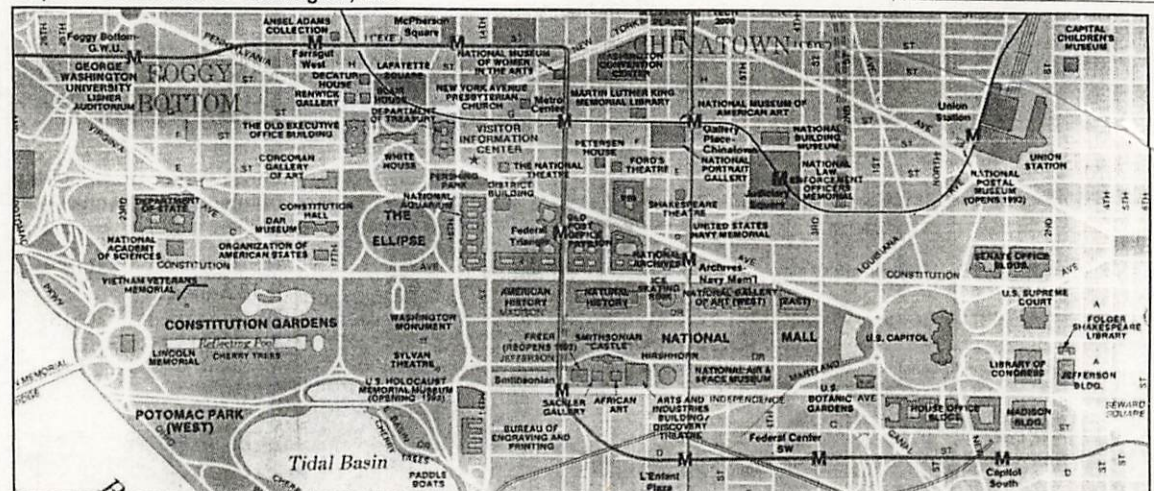
Wash Court on Capitol Hill
525 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.
800 321-3010

Washington Hilton Hotel
1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
(202) 797-5762

Washington Hotel
15th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
800 424-9540

Watergate Hotel
2650 Virginia Avenue, N.W.
800-424-2736

Map of the Mall area of Washington, D.C.



Legislative Highlights

By Stephen Horblitt
Creative Associates International Inc.

Economic Stimulus Package Still Needed/ March Coalition To Organize

A lagging economic recovery and slow job growth demonstrates the continuing and urgent need to mobilize in support of a Jobs Stimulus and Investment Appropriations package such as that originally contained in H.R. 1335. This bill was stymied by a Senate filibuster last Spring. H.R. 1335 would have provided \$16.3 Billion for investment in infrastructure; jobs and human resources; community development, and energy, environment, and technology programs. While the Budget reconciliation bill is coming to a vote as we go to press, it takes only a small step in reversing the regressive tax and spending patterns of the last twelve years. The need for Stimulus and Investment remains.

As we mobilize to march on August 28th we must be organized to demand that our Senators and Representatives in the Congress reconsider and pass legislation comparable to H.R. 1335 to address the high unemployment that plagues our communities, especially youth unemployment.

The Cesar Chavez Workplace Fairness Bill: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

On June 15, 1993, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 5 the Cesar Chavez Workplace Fairness Act sponsored by Congressman William Clay (D-Mo). The Senate companion bill is S.55 sponsored by Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-Ohio). S.55 will amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to prevent discrimination based on participation in labor disputes. S.55 currently has 38 co-sponsors.

Leadership of the 30th

Anniversary Mobilization Of The March On Washington is united with the AFL-CIO in a determined effort to get the country moving again by passing the Cesar Chavez Workplace Fairness Bill. In a statement March leaders cited the words of Secretary of Labor Robert Reich who in a statement of March 30, 1993, said:

There is a connection between not permitting the permanent replacement of striking workers and moving to a new era, closing the book on this old era of hostility and distrust and moving on to a new era in which we can really build a partnership between labor and management.

The leaders of the 30th Anniversary March On Washington Mobilization went on to say that:

The usage of "permanent replacements" mushroomed in the 1980's casting a chill on collective bargaining. Employers who did not want to settle with unions prolonged strikes and created bitter feelings in their communities by bringing in cheap "scab" labor, taking jobs from loyal, hard working employees. Productivity suffered, the standard of living fell as companies put profits first and quality second. It is wrong to take the best weapon workers have to insure a fair deal with their employers and it is bad for the economy. S. 55 would let the country put the 1980's behind us and move into the 1990's with a new vision of labor management cooperation. Urge your Senators to vote for S.55.

March Organizers Target Violence

Emphasizing the need to quell the violence afflicting America, March organizers have thrown their support behind two pieces of legislation that seek to address this scourge on our nation.

One of these bills, S. 802 The Public Health and Safety Act of 1993, is authored by Senator John R. Chafee (R-RI). This legislation

would prohibit the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, purchase, transfer, receipt, possession or transportation of handguns and handgun ammunition. Most importantly, this forward looking legislation establishes the link between the status of public health and the toll of gun related violence and offers a remedy to reduce the violence.

The second bill is H.R. 1133, the Violence Against Women Act of 1993. This bill sponsored by Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder (D-CO) has 185 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives. This Legislation would amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize grants to reduce the rate of violent crimes against women to States and non-profit, non-governmental victim services programs. H.R. 1133 also requests any federal agency, with or without reimbursement, to use its authorities and resources to support such State and local efforts.

Religious Freedom for Native Americans: We Speak With One Voice

Speaking with one voice, the Coalition of Conscience has identified S. 1021 as a key item on the March's legislative agenda. S. 1021 would assure religious freedom to Native Americans by requiring that notice be given to appropriate Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations and Native American traditional leaders by any Federal agency seeking to change the character or use of a sacred site. S. 1021 will also require that Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations and Native American traditional leaders be incorporated into Federal land management planning procedures. Aggrieved parties are provided with a legal cause of action against the Federal and State governments and their subdivisions when and where religious rights are abridged by reason of governmental land use decisions.

If I Don't Know Who My Representative And Senators Are, How Do I Find Out?

SENATE. Each state has two Senators. Both are responsible for representing the entire state.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. There are 435 Representatives and five Delegates in the House Representatives.

- Contact your local public library or local newspaper.
- Contact your local Board of Elections
- Call the office of the person who you believe may be your Representative, provide your address and ask if you live in the area that person represents. If not, the staff should be able to tell you the name of your Representative.

Sample Letter

(Date)

The Honorable (First and Last Name)
United States Senate/United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510/20515

Dear Senator (Last Name)/Dear Congressman/woman (Last Name):

(First, tell your legislator what you are asking him/her to do, for example:)

I am writing to urge you to vote for S. _____ /H. _____. This bill will contribute to Jobs, Justice and Peace in our Nation.

(Then, tell him or her why you are concerned about this issue. If you work with programs and projects that relate to Jobs, Justice and Peace, you should say so. If you can give examples of the benefits that will be afforded by the passage of the legislative priorities, do so. If you can cite statistics about the dimensions of the crisis do so.)

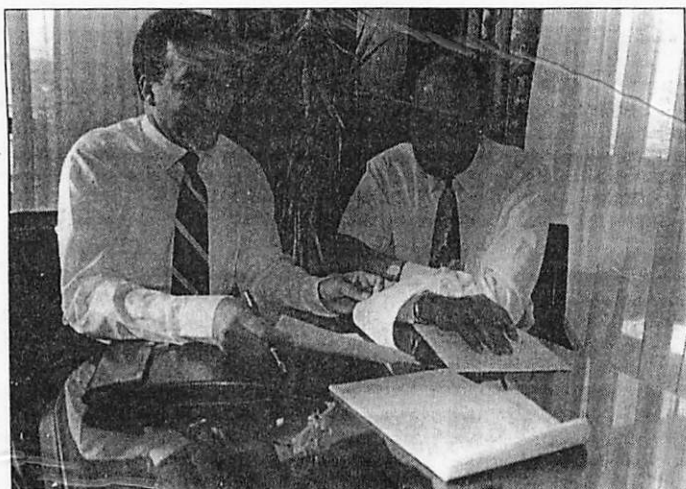
(Then, in a separate paragraph, repeat your request one last time and thank the legislator for considering your concerns. For example:)

Thank you for considering my views. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

(Your name, address, telephone number first
name, last name, and address)

NAACP leaders Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr. (left) and Dr. William Gibson are busy planning the NAACP's involvement in the August 28 March On Washington.



How To Obtain Copies of Bills, Public Laws, Reports

Single copies of bills, public laws, and reports can be obtained without charge by contacting the following offices:

House Document Room
B-18 Annex 2
Washington, D.C. 20515
Tel: (202) 225-3456

Senate Document Room
SH-B 04
Washington, D.C. 20510
Tel: (202) 224-7860

Legislative Demands

We who March to be heard as one voice for Participation, who value and want to enhance our Diversity, and who want to see our nation Invest In All of Our People must in the next few weeks contact those whom we elect to set policy, to see that they co-sponsor and later vote for the bills and measures that will help to fulfill the goals of our March. The legislative priorities are as follows:

JOBS

H.R. 2010 and S.919 National Service Trust Act of 1993 (Matthew G. Martinez, D-CA and Edward Kennedy, D-MA). Companion bills to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Corporation for national service, and provide national service educational awards to persons participating in such service, and for other purposes. As we go to press the Senate has just passed S.919 by a vote of 58 to 41. The House passed H.R. 2010 last week. The legislation now goes to a House-Senate Conference Committee to iron out the differences in the two versions.

- Jobs Stimulus and Investment Appropriations to provide \$16.3 billion as originally requested by the President in H.R. 1335 for investment in infrastructure; jobs and human resources, community, urban, and rural development; and energy, environment, and technology programs.

H.R. 5 and S. 55 - The Cesar Chavez Workplace Fairness Bill (William Clay D-MO and Howard M. Metzenbaum D-Ohio). Companion bills to ban the practice of permanently replacing striking workers when they demand better working conditions, better pay and benefits.

H.R. 1280 and S. 575 - Comprehensive Occupational Safety and Health Reform Act (William D Ford D-MI and Edward M. Kennedy D-Mass.) Companion bills to reform the Occupational Safety and Health Act to create safer workplaces and to give workers a voice in safety and health issues.

S.861-S.866 The Urban-Community Building Initiative (Bill Bradley D-N.J.) A package of legislation to give urban residents new tools to improve work skills, infrastructure, safety, family life, access to capital and jobs, and opportunity to save and invest.

- Head Start Full funding for an expanded, high quality Head Start Program, with an increase of no less than \$800 million next year.

H.R. 1804 and S.846 Goals 2000: Educate America Act (Dale E.

Kildee D-MI and Edward M. Kennedy D-MA) Companion bills to improve learning and teaching by providing a national framework for education reform; to promote the research, consensus building, and systemic changes needed to ensure equitable educational opportunities and high levels of educational achievement for all American students; to provide a framework for reauthorization of all federal education programs; to promote the development and adoption of a voluntary national system of skill standards and certifications, and for other purposes.

H.R.6 Elementary and Secondary Education Amendments of 1993 (Dale E. Kildee D-MI) A bill to extend for six years the authorization of appropriations for the programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and for other purposes.

H.R. 581 The Local Partnership Act of 1993 (John Conyers D-MI) A bill to authorize \$3 billion in payments to units of general local government for fiscal years 1993 and 1994, establishing a revenue sharing program to local governments to rehire unemployed workers, restore services, or expand programs on education, public safety, health, social services such as emergency food and shelter, and programs mandated by the Federal government such as the Water Pollution Control Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act, and public works projects.

- Foreign trade agreements should be approved only if they contain provisions to secure international standards for the protection of worker rights and measures that ensure that the global environment is respected. Among the labor rights that must be secured in trade agreements are:

- the right of association to organize, bargain collectively, and withold labor (strike) if necessary without permanent loss of one's job;

- prohibitions on the use of any form of forced or compulsory labor;

- minimum age for the employment of children;

- minimum wage standards sufficient to bring a full-time worker above that country's poverty level, or one half of that country's average wage;

- acceptable hours of work and occupational safety and health;

- job training and worker displacement programs designed to assist U.S. workers impacted by trade agreements.

PEACE

S.850 The National Economic Adjustment and Conversion Information Act - Barbara Boxer (D-CA). A bill to establish the Office of Economic Conversion Information within the Department of Commerce and for other purposes.

- Legislation to establish an Enterprise fund for a democratic South Africa to provide equity investments, loans, grants, feasibility studies, education and training to enable Black South Africans to participate effectively in economic recovery in post apartheid South Africa. The legislation is a prototype for the initiatives that must be taken to assure that private and public resources flow, not only West/East but also North/South to assure that democratization, national reconciliation, and economic development come to fruition in the developing nations.

S.892. The Public Health and Safety Act of 1993 (John R. Chafee R-R.I.) A bill to prohibit the manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, purchase, transfer, receipt, possession or transportation of handguns and handgun ammunition with certain exceptions.

H.R.1133 Violence Against Women Act of 1993 (Patricia Schroeder D-CO) A bill to combat violence and crimes against women.

JUSTICE

- Health Care Reform - A single legislative package offering comprehensive, affordable universal coverage that contains provisions

for long term care and assistance for the purchase of prescription drugs, health education and preventive care, mental health initiatives, reproductive and maternal health care and immunization of children against preventable diseases.

H.R. 2105 Environmental Justice Act of 1992 (John Lewis D-Ga.) A bill to establish a program to assure nondiscriminatory compliance with all environmental, health and safety laws and to assure equal protection of the public health.

H.R. 51 New Columbia Admission Act (Eleanor Holmes North D-D.C.) A bill to provide for the admission of the State of New Columbia into the Union.

H.R. 1993 King Holiday and Service (John Lewis D-GA) A bill to authorize appropriations for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, extend such Commission, establish a National Service Day to promote community service, and for other purposes.

S.1021 A bill to assure religious freedom to Native Americans. (Daniel Inouye D-Hawaii)

H.R. 224 and S.17 Equal Remedies Act of 1993 (Barbara B. Kennelly D-CT and Edward M. Kennedy D-MA) Companion bills to amend section 1977A of the Revised Statutes to equalize the remedies available to all victims of intentional employment discrimination, and for other purposes.

H.R. 431 Civil Rights Act of 1993 (Henry A. Waxman D-CA) A bill to prohibit discrimination on account of sexual orientation.

H.R. 1172 and S.1037 Justice for Wards Cove Workers Act (Jim McDermott D-WA and Patty Murray D-WA) Companion bills to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1991 with respect to the application of such Act, thereby, repealing the special exemption for the Wards Cove Packing Company inserted into the Civil Rights Act of 1991, and restoring to approximately 2,000 Asian and Pacific American and Alaskan

Natives the full protections enjoyed by all other Americans under the Civil Rights Act of 1991.