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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date Referred: March 14, 1990

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/18/90

The FINANCE Committee considered:

SCR 36

SENATE CONCURRENT RES. NO. 36

CONFERENCE ON AGING

Relating to an Alaska Conference on Aging and a national White House Conference on Aging in 1991.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_  the same title.
- have attached amendment(s)  a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):  
(Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

(Date/Dept)

- fiscal impact Admin
- zero fiscal note \_\_\_\_\_
- zero with analysis \_\_\_\_\_

- fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- zero fn/analysis \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNING DO PASS:**

**SIGNING:**

(Check approp. column)

Do Not Pass    No Rec    Amend

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 4/18/90 Agency Affected: Department of Administration  
 Title: Relating to an Alaska Conference on Aging BRU: Older Alaskans Commission  
 Sponsor: Pourchot Components: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES	43.7	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	25.0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	112.9	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	2.0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	183.6	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	183.6	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	183.6	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	1	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	1	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

There is no fiscal impact to FY 90. See attached for further explanation.

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Date: 4/18/90

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 Agency: Department of Administration

Date: 4/19/90

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Department of Administration  
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Analysis of Revised Fiscal Note on SCR 36

In order to plan, organize, and carry out an Alaska Conference on Aging as described in SCR 36, the Older Alaskans Commission will need funds for staff, travel, and contracts.

OAC needs project staff to plan and present the 1991 Alaska Conference on Aging; funds to contract with national and international speakers; and funds for the conference, including the partial advance purchase of accommodation and food so as to keep the participants' cost within financial reach of aging delegates from around the state. The OAC will appoint a statewide planning committee to represent all seniors in the design of the conference.

Detail of Revised Fiscal Note on SCR 36

FY 91

100	<u>Personal Services</u>	\$43,727
	1 administrative assistant II (14A) (TFT 11 mos)	
	1 clerk typist III (8a) (PPT 11 months - half time)	
200	<u>Travel</u>	25,000
	Travel for planning committee/OAC staff	
	"Scholarship" travel stipends for delegates (need)	
300	<u>Contractual Services</u>	112,880
	Contract for conference with UAF	
	Conference speakers	
	Partial payment for accommodations/meals	
	OAC telephone/postage/advertising	
	Teleconferencing	
400	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>2,000</u>

FY 91 TOTAL: \$183,607

BY SEN. POURCHOT, Kelly, Duncan, Uehling, Sturgulewski, Szymanski, Halford,  
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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to an Alaska Conference on  
6 Aging and a national White House Confer-  
7 ence on Aging in 1991.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 WHEREAS President Bush has called for a national White House Confer-  
10 ence on Aging in 1991 under the authority vested in him by the Older Ameri-  
11 cans Act Amendments of 1987; and

12 WHEREAS the purpose of the national conference will be to develop  
13 recommendations for additional research and action in the field of aging to  
14 further the policy of the Congress set out in the Older Americans Act  
15 Amendments of 1987:

16 It is the policy of the Congress that

17 (1) the Federal Government should work jointly  
18 with the States and their citizens to develop recommendations  
19 and plans of action to meet the challenges and needs of older  
20 individuals, . . . and

21 (2) in developing programs for the aging pursuant to  
22 this section, emphasis should be directed toward individual,  
23 private, and public initiatives and resources intended to enhance  
24 the economic security and self-sufficiency of elder Americans.

25 P.L. 100 - 175, sec. 201(b); and

26 WHEREAS the legislature strongly agrees with the stated policy of the  
27 Congress and adopts it as the policy for the state; and

28 WHEREAS the legislature also subscribes to the findings of the  
29 Congress set out in the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1987, which can

1 be summarized as acknowledging the great value of older Americans and their  
2 talents, the need to assure all older Americans access to affordable health  
3 care, comprehensive long-term care, suitable housing, opportunities for  
4 continued productivity and employment, and the need to foster the fulfill-  
5 ment and dignity of older Americans; and

6 WHEREAS the state will be called upon to send delegates from among its  
7 citizens to the national 1991 white House Conference on Aging who will  
8 represent the views and needs of all older Alaskans and of all Alaskans  
9 interested in aging;

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that a 1991 Alaska  
11 Conference on Aging be convened before the 1991 White House Conference on  
12 Aging to allow older Alaskans and other interested citizens and public  
13 officials to meet and discuss issues related to aging in the state and in  
14 the nation, and to choose delegates to represent the state at the White  
15 House conference; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor is respectfully requested to direct  
17 the Older Alaskans Commission, created by the legislature in 1981 and the  
18 state's designated State Unit on Aging for all purposes under the Older  
19 Americans Act, to plan and carry out the 1991 Alaska Conference on Aging  
20 and to coordinate and cooperate, as requested, with the federal Administra-  
21 tion on Aging in planning for and assisting with the 1991 White House  
22 Conference on Aging; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission should coordinate  
24 its planning for both the state and the White House conference with all  
25 local and state organizations whose members are older Alaskans or whose  
26 purpose is to serve older Alaskans, including organizations for retirees  
27 who may be younger than age 60, all local senior citizen commissions,  
28 regional conferences of Native Alaskan elders, and with all government  
29 agencies serving older Alaskans; and be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission should develop a  
2 method of choosing voting delegates to both the state and the national  
3 conferences from among major senior or retiree organizations and from local  
4 or regional senior groups, so that, as far as possible, the interests of  
5 all Alaskans on the issues of aging may be fairly represented at the state  
6 and the White House conferences; and be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission should offer  
8 planning assistance and information to local or regional areas that may  
9 choose to conduct local aging forums before the statewide Alaska Conference  
10 on Aging; and be it

11           FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission should appoint an  
12 ad hoc steering committee, consisting of commission members and others, to  
13 assist the commission in the planning, coordination, and conduct of the  
14 Alaska Conference on Aging, and the members of the steering committee  
15 should serve without compensation, but should be entitled to per diem and  
16 travel expenses authorized by law for commission members; and be it

17           FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission should hire tempo-  
18 rary or project staff and enter into those contracts necessary to carry out  
19 the intent of this resolution, including contracts for group accommoda-  
20 tions, transportation, and meal services for delegates to the Alaska Con-  
21 ference on Aging, or for stipends for delegates to be awarded on an equita-  
22 ble basis as needed to ensure reasonable affordability and access of all  
23 chosen delegates to the state conference; and be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED that the Older Alaskans Commission submit a report of  
25 the activities and findings of the Alaska Conference on Aging, of the  
26 activities of the Alaska delegation to the White House conference, and of  
27 any resulting proposals for legislation to the governor and the legislature  
28 by March 1, 1992.

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Senator Pat Pourchot

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/14/90

TO: House Finance Committee  
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FROM: Senator Pat Pourchot *Pat*

RE: SCR 36, "Relating to an Alaska Conference on Aging and a National White House Conference on Aging in 1991"

Title II of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1987 authorized the third decennial White House Conference on Aging to be held in 1991. As in 1971 and 1981, seniors nationwide will be involved in a year of pre-conference planning.

SCR 36 directs the Older Alaskans Commission to:

- 1) Plan and coordinate a statewide conference in preparation for the national conference. The purpose of the state conference is to select delegates to the national conference and to formulate positions on state and national issues related to aging. The state conference will be open to all Alaskans.
- 2) Offer planning assistance and information to local or regional areas that may wish to conduct local aging forums prior to the state conference.
- 3) Appoint an ad hoc committee to assist the OAC in the planning, coordination and conduct of the state conference.
- 4) Hire temporary support staff and enter into contracts necessary to carry out the intent of the resolution.
- 5) Submit a report to the governor and legislature in 1992 on the activities, findings and legislative proposals of the state and national conferences.

The bill carries a fiscal note of \$199,900.

SCR 36 passed the House State Affairs Committee by a vote of 4DP, 2NR.

Senator Pourchot  
January 18, 1990

SUMMARY

SCR 36 - "Relating to an Alaska Conference on Aging and a national White House Conference on Aging in 1991."

Title II of the Older Americans Act Amendments of 1987 authorized the third decennial White House Conference on Aging to be held in 1991. As in 1971 and 1981, seniors nationwide will be involved in a year of pre-conference planning. In preparation for the national conferences, Alaska held state conferences in both 1971 and 1981 to assess Alaskan needs and to provide policy guidance to the Alaska delegation.

As our senior population continues to grow, the needs and issues facing older Alaskans will impact all ages and economic groups. Affordable health care, comprehensive long-term care, housing, and employment opportunities are among the issues that will be addressed at both the state and national conferences.

SCR 36 directs the Older Alaskans Commission, as the designated state unit, to

- 1) Plan and coordinate a statewide Alaska conference in preparation for the national White House Conference. The purpose of the state conference is to select delegates to the White House Conference and to formulate positions on state and national issues related to aging. The conference will be open to all Alaskans.
- 2) Offer planning assistance and information to local or regional areas that may wish to conduct local aging forums prior to the state conference.
- 3) Appoint an ad hoc committee to assist the OAC in the planning, coordination and conduct of the state conference.
- 4) Hire temporary support staff and enter into contracts necessary to carry out the intent of the resolution.
- 5) Submit a report to the governor and legislature in 1992 on the activities, findings and legislative proposals of the state and national conferences.

The bill carries a fiscal note of \$ 250,000.

## Older Alaskans Commission

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### POSITION PAPER ON SCR 36

The Older Alaskans Commission supports the passage of SCR 36, which calls for the state to convene a 1991 Alaska Conference on Aging, to focus on senior issues of the 1990s and as a prelude to the anticipated 1991 White House Conference on Aging.

As of this date the status of the national conference is still uncertain, and seniors all over the country are awaiting President Bush's official call for this national forum in the tradition of the 1971 and 1981 White House Conferences on Aging.

Despite the uncertainty about the national conference, Alaska seniors have clearly voiced their desire that Alaska should hold its once-a-decade statewide conference on aging issues. The Older Alaskans Commission is joined in this request by the Older Persons Action Group and the Alaska chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Under the provisions of SCR 36, the Older Alaskans Commission would be charged to plan and conduct the statewide Aging Conference, with planning participation from representatives of Alaska's many local and state senior citizen organizations.

The OAC has asked for a fiscal note to fund this conference work. Records indicate that in 1981 the State spent \$ 120,000 to hold a large statewide conference for 400 senior delegates, and that one and a half full-time professional employees spent nearly a year on the conference and the attendant events in preparation for Alaska's participation in the White House Conference. Because the OAC staff is now one-third smaller than in 1986, the OAC needs a project employee and clerical support for FY 91 to carry out the tasks involved in planning and staging a high-quality conference on aging issues in the 1990s.

The OAC urges early passage of SCR 36.

Approved by:

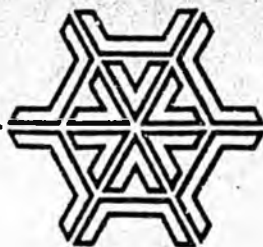
*Peggy A. Burgin*  
Peggy Burgin, Chair  
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Reviewed by:

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Frank Baxter, Commissioner  
Department of Administration

Dated: January 22, 1990

Dated: 1/23/90



March 1, 1990

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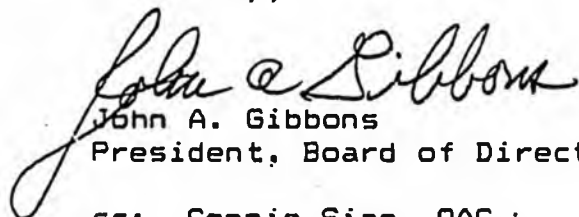
Dear Representative Brown:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the presumed 1991 White House Conference on Aging and the attendant proposed Alaska conference.

At the direction of the Board of Directors, Anchor-AGE Center, Inc., I declare our strong support of HR 38. Further, I offer whatever assistance the Anchorage Senior Center may be able to give in bringing about the Conference on Aging. In this regard, please feel free to contact our Executive Director, David Herndon at 258-7823, Ed Beu, Chairman of Public Relations Committee at 333-2200 or myself at 277-3307.

We look forward to this special event.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Gibbons  
President, Board of Directors

cc: Connie Sipe, DAC

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# Kay Brown

Alaska State Legislature  
House of Representatives

TO: Co-Sponsors of HCR 38

FROM: Representative Kay Brown

DATE: March 5, 1990



Because of your support for HCR 38, which designates the Older Alaskans Commission to plan and carry out the 1991 Alaska Conference on Aging, I would like to bring to your attention the fact that the companion measure in the Senate, SCR 36 (sponsored by Senator Pourchot), passed the Senate on Friday, March 2 by a vote of 16-0. It will be read across on the House floor this morning.

As you know, this session is the first time that bills originating from one chamber of the Legislature can be co-sponsored by members of the other body once the measure has passed out of the possession of the first body.

I would encourage you to also co-sponsor SCR 36. This resolution is exactly the same as HCR 38 which I introduced, and the measure was not amended in the Senate.

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## Conference planning starts

by Bob Knox

Active planning has started for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging with the first meetings of the statewide committee and scheduling of the first community forums around Alaska.

William Cashen of Fairbanks has been appointed coordinator for the state's White House Conference, which will be held next March and precede the national conference in Washington, D.C.

A state office for the conference has been established in the MacKiv Building in Anchorage. Howard DeVore is in charge of the office as assistant state coordinator.

First meeting of the statewide planning committee took place in August in Anchorage. Members of the 18-person committee include the governor's advisory committee and other senior citizen representatives from all geographic areas of the state.

Representing Older Persons Action Group on the committee are Ruse Palmquist, president of the board of directors; and Erna Adrian, vice president.

Next meeting of the committee has been tentatively scheduled for early in October. At that session a budget drafted at the last meeting is to be put into final form. The committee will also work on means to select and elect representatives to attend the state conference

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William Cashen of Fairbanks, state coordinator for the White House Conference on Aging, left, discusses preliminary plans for the state activities with Danny Plotnick, director of the state Office on Aging.

## Candidates backing senior goals do well at polls

Candidates supporting programs for senior citizens generally did well in Alaska's primary election with the majority of them advancing to the November general elections.

That is shown in an analysis of the primary results taken together with information supplied by candidates replying to a letter sent out before the election by Older Persons Action Group, Inc.

The OPAG letter was sent to all 181 candidates running for House or Senate seats in the Alaska Legislature. Replies were received from some 40 candidates with all of them supporting in whole or in part the senior

citizen program outlined in the letter.

Of the 40 candidates who replied endorsing the OPAG goals, a total of 27 were nominated and will be running for election in November.

The 40 who replied actually represent a higher percentage of the total than appears as several Libertarian candidates filed for office but were not involved in the primary. Also, incumbents were running unopposed and did little or no primary campaigning.

The letter sent to candidates (published in the July issue of *The Senior Voice*) listed five basic goals and

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Chapter officers and board members from Palmer and Anchorage attended an American Association of Retired Persons workshop held in Anchorage this month. Conducting the sessions were two AARP officials from California, Cindy Forrest, assistant Area 9 representative; and Ben Fewell, associate area vice president; together with Art Woodman, Alaska state director; and Martha Waldrop, assistant state director. Topics covered included educational and service programs.

## Planning starts for Alaska's White House Conference

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to assure representation from all areas of the state.

The community forums which are now starting to be held around the state will help to select representatives to attend, and issues to be discussed, at the statewide conference which has been scheduled in Anchorage next March.

In turn, the statewide conference will provide advance planning for the national conference in Washington, D.C. That has been scheduled for November 30-December 4, 1981.

The 1981 national conference will be the third held. Previous conferences were held in 1961 and 1971.

The 1981 White House Conference on Aging was designed to draw national attention to the growing number of older Americans and the policies needed to maximize the resources of this important segment of the population as well as to help meet their needs.

The legislation calling for the 1981 White House Conference identified the need to:

- improve the economic well-being of older Americans;

- make comprehensive and quality health care more readily available;

- establish a more comprehensive social service delivery system;

- expand availability of

appropriate housing, long-term care, retirement policy;

- offer greater employment opportunities for older Americans; and

### Eight goals

The 1981 White House Conference on Aging will strive to help older Americans by making recommendations to:

- Improve their economic well-being.
- Make quality health care more readily available.
- Establish a more comprehensive social service delivery system.
- Expand housing and long-term-care facilities.
- Develop a national retirement policy.
- Offer greater job opportunities.
- Overcome aging stereotypes.
- Stimulate medical research in aging.

- overcome aging stereotypes and encourage biomedical research in the aging process.

A major thrust of the pre-conference planning is an emphasis on the untapped skills and creativity of older persons and the contributions that older people can and do make to our society.

## Alaska's White House Conference:

# 215 delegates open state meeting March 13

More than 200 senior representatives from all parts of the state will converge on Anchorage this month for the state's three-day White House Conference on Aging.

The Alaska conference, preparatory to a national conference in Washington, D.C. next fall, will be attended by 215 official voting dele-

gates selected from all geographic areas of the state. The conference, March 13-15 at the Anchorage Westward Hilton, will also be open to all other seniors, who will be able to participate although they will not vote.

Featured banquet speaker, on Saturday, March 14, will be Jacob Clayman, national president of the Na-

tional Council of Senior Citizens, from Washington, D.C.

Clayman's topic has been announced as the "alarming situation of the vulnerability of older American programs at the national level."

Mrs. Ellen Cashen of Fairbanks will be an honored guest at the opening session of the conference

and will be present for a tribute to her husband, the late Dr. William R. Cashen, who died last month. Doctor Cashen, a professor of mathematics and marshal of the University of Alaska, emeritus, was serving as the state coordinator for the conference at the time of his death.

Following Doctor Cashen's death, Gov. Jay Ham-

mond appointed Dr. Fred McGinnis of Anchorage as acting coordinator for the conference.

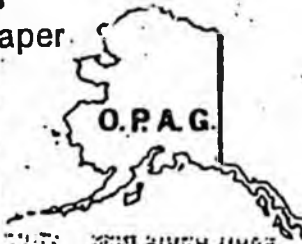
The conference will open Friday, March 13 at 8 a.m. with registration in the second floor foyer. The opening session will start at 10 a.m. in the grand ballroom.

Dr. Burton Riefler of Se-

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Alaska's  
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# THE SENIOR VOICE



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# 215 delegates open state meeting March 13

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attle will speak on "The Challenge of Quality Living" at the opening session. Doctor Riefler is director of geriatric and family services at the University of Washington Hospital and assistant professor in the department of psychiatry. He is a consultant to the National Institute of Mental Health and served as a member of a national Institute on Aging Task Force in 1978-80.

The opening session will be followed by a noon luncheon at which Dr. Mitchell Reff will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Achievements of Research for the Elderly." Doctor Reff is special assistant to the associate director, biomedical research and clinical medicine program of the National Institute on Aging. He is also assistant professor at the University of Colorado Health

Sciences Center.

The afternoon session, from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., will be devoted to general issue discussion groups with the delegates split up into six groups.

There is no planned conference activity for Friday evening. However, all conference delegates have been issued an invitation by the Older Persons Action Group to attend the OPAG monthly meeting that evening. The dinner meeting starts at 6 p.m. at the Pioneer Schoolhouse at Third and Eagle Street.

The Saturday morning session will run from 8 a.m. until 11:30. The delegates will split up into six "issue resolution" groups. Areas to be discussed are:

- Economic security
- Health
- Social well being
- Older Americans as

a growing national resource

- Creating an age-integrated society

- Research in aging.

The guest speaker for the Saturday noon luncheon has not yet been announced. During the afternoon the six issue resolution groups will continue to meet, until 4 p.m., to develop issue statements. Nomination of national conference delegates and observers is scheduled to follow and to close by 5 p.m.

The banquet, at which Jacob Clayman will be the guest speaker, is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in the ballroom.

Sunday morning's session will conclude the conference with a general assembly. Delegates and observers are to be elected and there will be action on resolutions.

Seniors interested in acting as non-voting partici-

pants can pre-register in Anchorage by calling 274-4522. Participants can also register and pick up forum reports to prepare for the con-

ference by calling at the conference office in Room 327 of the MacKay Building between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT HAS  
NOT BEEN FILMED BUT IS  
AVAILABLE IN THE ORIGINAL  
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OF THE  
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CONFERENCE ON AGING

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TITLE II—1991 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON  
AGING <sup>1</sup>

SEC. 201. WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE AUTHORIZED.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) the number of individuals 55 years of age or older was approximately 51,400,000 in 1986, and will, by the year 2040, be approximately 101,700,000,

(2) more than 1 of every 6 persons 55 years of age or older will be hospitalized during the next year,

(3) persons 55 years of age or older have a higher average out-of-pocket medical cost burden than younger persons; approximately 17 percent of individuals age 55 to 64 experience out-of-pocket costs in excess of 20 percent of their family income and the average per capita out-of-pocket cost of persons 65 years of age or older is expected to equal 18.5 percent of income by 1991,

(4) there is a great need to ensure access and the quality of affordable health care to all older individuals,

(5) the need for a comprehensive and responsive long-term care delivery system is great,

(6) the availability and cost of suitable housing, together with suitable services needed for independent or semi-independent living, still cause concern to older individuals,

(7) the ability to lead an independent or semi-independent life is contingent, in many cases, upon the availability of a comprehensive and effective social service system for older individuals,

(8) the availability and access to opportunities for continued productivity and employment is of great importance to middle-aged and older individuals who want or need to work,

(9) the fulfillment, dignity, and satisfaction of retirees still depend on the continuing development of a consistent national retirement policy,

(10) there is a continuing need to maintain and preserve the national policy with respect to increasing, coordinating, and expediting biomedical and other appropriate research directed at determining the causes and effects of the aging process,

<sup>1</sup> (42 U.S.C. 3001 note)

(11) false stereotypes about aging and the process of aging continue to be prevalent throughout the United States and policies should be nurtured to overcome such stereotypes, and

(12) the talents and experience of older individuals represent a valuable community resource which should be developed and more widely shared within the local community.

(b) POLICY.—It is the policy of the Congress that—

(1) the Federal Government should work jointly with the States and their citizens to develop recommendations and plans for action to meet the challenges and needs of older individuals, consistent with the objectives of this section, and

(2) in developing programs for the aging pursuant to this section emphasis should be directed toward individual, private, and public initiatives and resources intended to enhance the economic security and self-sufficiency of elder Americans.

**SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE.**

(a) AUTHORITY TO CALL CONFERENCE.—The President may call a White House Conference on Aging in 1991 in order to develop recommendations for additional research and action in the field of aging which will further the policy set forth in subsection (b).

(b) PLANNING AND DIRECTION.—The Conference shall be planned and conducted under the direction of the Secretary in cooperation with the Commissioner on Aging and the Director of the National Institute on Aging, and the heads of such other Federal departments and agencies as are appropriate. Such assistance may include the assignment of personnel.

(c) PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE.—The purpose of the Conference shall be—

(1) to increase the public awareness of the essential contributions of older individuals to society,

(2) to identify the problems of the older individuals,

(3) to develop recommendations for the coordination of Federal policy with State and local needs and the implementation of such recommendations,

(4) to examine the well-being of older individuals,

(5) to develop such specific and comprehensive recommendations for executive and legislative action as may be appropriate for maintaining and improving the well-being of older individuals, and

(6) to review the status of recommendations adopted at previous White House Conferences on Aging.

(d) CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND DELEGATES.—

(1) PARTICIPANTS.—In order to carry out the purposes of this section, the Conference shall bring together—

(A) representatives of Federal, State, and local governments,

(B) professional and lay people who are working in the field of aging, and

(C) representatives of the general public, particularly older individuals.

(2) SELECTION OF DELEGATES.—The delegates shall be selected without regard to political affiliation or past partisan activity

and shall, to the best of the appointing authority's ability, be representative of the spectrum of thought in the field of aging.

**SEC. 203. CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION.**

(a) **ADMINISTRATION.**—In administering this section, the Secretary shall—

(1) request the cooperation and assistance of the heads of such other Federal departments and agencies as may be appropriate in the carrying out of this section,

(2) furnish all reasonable assistance, including financial assistance, to State agencies on the aging and to area agencies on the aging, and to other appropriate organizations, to enable them to organize and conduct conferences in conjunction with the Conference,

(3) prepare and make available for public comment a proposed agenda for the Conference which will reflect to the greatest extent possible the major issues facing older individuals consistent with the provisions of subsection (a),

(4) prepare and make available background materials for the use of delegates to the Conference which the Secretary deems necessary, and

(5) engage such additional personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section without regard to provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

(b) **DUTIES.**—The Secretary shall, in carrying out the Secretary's responsibilities and functions under this section, assure that—

(1) the conferences under subsection (a)(2) will—

(A) include a conference on older Indians to identify conditions that adversely affect older Indians, to propose solutions to ameliorate such conditions, and to provide for the exchange of information relating to the delivery of services to older Indians, and

(B) be so conducted as to assure broad participation of older individuals,

(2) the proposed agenda for the Conference under subsection (a)(3) is published in the Federal Register not less than 180 days before the beginning of the Conference and the proposed agenda is open for public comment for a period of not less than 60 days,

(3) the final agenda for the Conference under subsection (a)(3), taking into consideration the comments received under paragraph (2), is published in the Federal Register and transmitted to the chief executive officers of the States not later than 30 days after the close of the public comment period provided for under paragraph (2),

(4) the personnel engaged under subsection (a)(5) shall be fairly balanced in terms of points of views represented and shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation or previous partisan activities,

(5) the recommendations of the Conference are not inappropriately influenced by any appointing authority or by any spe-

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cial interest, but will instead be the result of the independent judgment of the Conference, and

(6) current and adequate statistical data, including decennial census data, and other information on the well-being of older individuals in the United States are readily available, in advance of the Conference, to the delegates of the Conference, together with such information as may be necessary to evaluate Federal programs and policies relating to aging. In carrying out this subparagraph, the Secretary is authorized to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, public agencies and nonprofit private organizations.

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#### SEC. 204. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

(a) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—The Secretary shall establish an advisory committee to the Conference which shall include representation from the Federal Council on Aging and other public agencies and private nonprofit organizations as appropriate.

(b) **OTHER COMMITTEES.**—The Secretary may establish such other committees, including technical committees, as may be necessary to assist in the planning, conducting, and reviewing of the Conference.

(c) **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES.**—Each such committee shall be composed of professionals and public members, and shall include individuals from low-income families and from minority groups. A majority of the public members of each such committee shall be 55 years of age or older.

(d) **COMPENSATION.**—Appointed members of any such committee (other than any officers or employees of the Federal Government), while attending conferences or meetings of the committee or otherwise serving at the request of the Secretary, shall be entitled to receive compensation at a rate to be fixed by the Secretary, but not to exceed the daily prescribed rate for GS-18 under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code (including travel time). While away from their homes or regular places of business, such members may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized under section 5703 of such title for persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

#### SEC. 205. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

(a) **PROPOSED REPORT.**—A proposed report of the Conference, which shall include a statement of comprehensive coherent national policy on aging together with recommendations for the implementation of the policy, shall be published and submitted to the chief executive officers of the States not later than 60 days following the date on which the Conference is adjourned. The findings and recommendations included in the published proposed report shall be immediately available to the public.

(b) **RESPONSE TO PROPOSED REPORT.**—The chief executive officers of the States, after reviewing and soliciting recommendations and comments on the report of the Conference, shall submit to the Secretary, not later than 180 days after receiving the report, their views and findings on the recommendations of the Conference.

(c) **FINAL REPORT.**—The Secretary shall, after reviewing the views and recommendations of the chief executive officers of the States, prepare a final report of the Conference, which shall include a

compilation of the actions of the chief executive officers of the States and take into consideration the views and findings of such officers.

(d) **RECOMMENDATIONS OF SECRETARY.**—The Secretary shall, within 90 days after submission of the views of the chief executive officers of the States, publish and transmit to the President and to the Congress recommendations for the administrative action and the legislation necessary to implement the recommendations contained within the report.

**SEC. 206. DEFINITIONS.**

For the purposes of this title—

(1) the term "area agency on aging" means the agency designated under section 305(a)(2)(A) of the Act,

(2) the term "State agency on aging" means the State agency designated under section 305(a)(1) of the Act,

(3) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Human Services,

(4) the term "Conference" means the White House Conference on Aging authorized in subsection (b), and

(5) the term "State" means any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**SEC. 207. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary, for each of the fiscal years 1989, 1990, and 1991, to carry out this title. Sums appropriated under this paragraph shall remain available until the expiration of the 1-year period beginning on the date the Conference is adjourned. New spending authority or authority to enter into contracts as provided in this section shall be effective only to the extent and in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

(b) **RETURN OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS.**—Any funds remaining upon the expiration of such 1-year period shall be returned to the Treasury of the United States and credited as miscellaneous receipts.