

POLITICAL POINTS

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other welfare programs as entitlements — that is, as need-based, guaranteed income-assistance programs. Roll-Call vote No. 199, May 24, 1995, rejected 41-59. A vote for this measure supported African American interests. Senator Richard Bryan voted favorable and Senator Reid voted favorable.

5) Balanced Budget Amendment - H.J Resolution 1, a vote on the constitutional amendment to require the federal government to submit balanced budgets after the year 2000. Republican sponsors of the amendment refused to guarantee the measures Democratic critics that budget balancing would not be achieved by raiding social security. Other opponents of the measure feared that the amendment would give congressional legislators political cover to slash programs benefiting middle-and low-income Americans. Roll-Call vote 98, March 2, 1995, rejected 65-35. A vote against supported African American interests.

Senator Richard Bryan voted against African American interests while Senator Reid voted in support.

6) Restore Education Cuts - This vote would restore \$40 billion in cuts to education and college loans over seven years. Rejected May 22, 1995 47-51. A vote for supported African American interests. Both Senator Bryan and Reid voted for.

7) Restore Medicare Cuts - Restore \$100 billion of the \$256 billion in Medicare cuts proposed

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leadership development for young people seriously. It does local leadership training programs for young people which includes public speaking, problem solving, constructive criticism, and fund-raising. In addition, it sponsors a national fellows program which is an eight-month training program and internship for young people.

There are signs of hope for our youth all across the country. There are people who care about our children and people who are doing something in their own communities, their own churches or mosques, even in prisons. There are my heroes and heroes. Let's give them our support. Let's do something ourselves. Let's be signs of hope.

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in the budget resolution, rejected 46-53. A vote for supported African American interests. Both Senator Bryan and Reid voted in support.

8) Increase Military Spending - An increase of an additional \$67.9 billion. These funds would be drawn from non-defense discretionary programs.

Rejected 40-60, May 23, 1995. Nevada Senators Reid and Bryan voted against and in support.

9) Tobacco Tax - A motion to kill an amendment to express the sense of the Senate that the federal tax on cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products should be increased by \$1 a

pack. A vote against supported African American interests. The motion was agreed to May 25, 1995, 62-38. A vote against supported African American interests. Both Senator Reid and Bryan voted in support of African American interests.

10) Nomination of Dr. Henry Foster - A vote to limit debate

that was blocking the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster, the president's choice for Surgeon General. The nomination was rejected 57-43, June 22, 1995. A vote for supported African American interests. Nevada Senators Reid and Bryan both voted for the position.

Senators Bryan and Reid

scored outstanding on these ten issues and should be commended for such. I'll give you the report on other key votes in the 103rd Congress soon.

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