

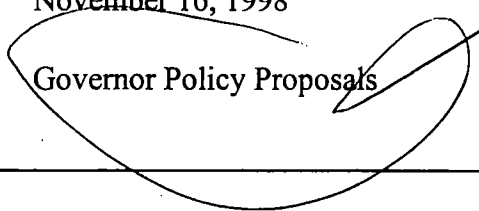
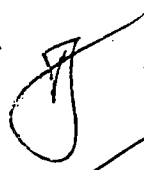
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"In the 1998 State of the State Address, the Governor unveiled a revolutionary long-term care initiative which will impact all of our families. While FamilyCare will directly address the care and needs of the elderly, physically disabled and developmentally disabled with chronic illnesses, it may touch the lives of more than 1 million Wisconsin residents. Currently our long term care system is complicated and confusing; there are more than 40 state and local programs with each having differing eligibility criteria, cost-sharing requirements and allowed services. Family Care will improve the quality of care for recipients and reduce costs, while providing recipients with choices for support, services, providers and residential settings that are consistent with the individuals' and their families values and preferences." ["Governor Thompson on Protecting our Senior and Disabled Citizens" fact sheet from the Thompson98 web page]

HOUSING

- 24) **Gov. Christie Whitman (R-NJ): Increasing Homeownership With "H-EASY 2000"**
In the fact sheet "Overall Accomplishments for a Better New Jersey" Gov. Christie Whitman touts "H-EASY 2000, a comprehensive housing plan to increase homeownership, create new rental housing, expand housing for those with special needs, and provide technical assistance to municipalities. One of the key elements of the H-EASY 2000 program is the job-producing, national award-winning Urban Home Ownership Recovery program (UHORP) that, to date, has commitments for more than 2,250 homes, many in areas that had not seen new construction in decades. Another major component, the "Too Good, But It's True" program, is providing 30-year mortgages at a fixed five percent interest rate with zero points, allowing many families in urban areas to pay less for a mortgage than they paid for rent." ["Overall Accomplishments for a Better New Jersey," fact sheet from Gov. Whitman's Home Page]

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

- 25) **Gov. Thompson (R-WI): "Pathways to Independence" Allows Disabled to Work Without Losing Health Coverage**
According to his accomplishments fact sheet on protecting disabled citizens, "through Tommy Thompson's Pathways to Independence Program, disabled individuals will be able to enter the workforce without the fear of losing their health care coverage." Later the fact sheet provides the following description of the program: *"Pathways to Independence is a research and demonstration project that will build on existing services and address the issues of health and long term care coverage and system complexity. This program creates a win-win opportunity for Wisconsin. The taxpayers win, because upon entering the workforce, people with disabilities become wage earners who will contribute social security and income taxes. Wisconsin employers also win because they will be able to tap the full potential of Wisconsin's workforce."*

26) **Gov. Bush (R-TX): Created Faith-Based Task Force**

"Governor Bush created the Faith-Based Task Force in May 1996 to (1) survey Texas' legal and regulatory landscape to identify obstacles to faith-based groups, and (2) recommend ways Texas can create an environment in which these groups can thrive, free of regulations that dilute the 'faith factor.'" ["Faith in Action: A New Vision for Church-State Cooperation in Texas" fact sheet from the Gov. George Bush web page]

Gov. Bush Issued "Charitable Choice" Executive Order. In December 1996, Gov. Bush issued an executive order *"directing state agencies to begin aggressive implementation of the landmark 'charitable choice' provision of the federal welfare law, which invites private and religious charities to deliver welfare services – while at the same time guarding the religious integrity of participating groups and religious freedom of beneficiaries."* ["Faith in Action: A New Vision for Church-State Cooperation in Texas" fact sheet from the Gov. George Bush web page]

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