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PENCE VOTES AGAINST COMMERCE, STATE, JUSTICE FUNDING BILL

Washington, Jul 23, 2003 - WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence today voted against the Fiscal Year 2004 Commerce, State, Justice Department funding bill, citing fiscal irresponsibility.

“This bill includes funding for the U.N. that is irresponsible for the American taxpayer to support,” said Pence. “It is time to send a message to the U.N. that the United States will no longer help fund corrupt and inept programs in UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)).”

Background

UNESCO does the following:

- UNESCO meddles in the education affairs of its member-countries and seeks to impose on Americans a UN-based school curriculum, including radical notions of the family and bizarre sex education programs.
- UNESCO has been fully supportive of the United Nations’ Population Fund in its assistance to China’s brutal coercive population control program.
- UNESCO has designated 47 U.N. Biosphere Reserves in the United States covering more than 70 million acres, without Congressional consultation.
- The UNESCO “World Heritage Convention” has allowed UNESCO to designate some of the most treasured American public monuments as “world heritage” sites. These include some of our most treasured sites like Independence Hall, the Statue of Liberty, President Thomas Jefferson’s home at Monticello, the Grand Canyon. It is UNESCO, not the United States, that develops the policies and regulations that control these sites.

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