RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes  No X)

Adopt a Resolution to oppose House Bill H. R. 2967, the Older Americans Act written by Representative Matthew Martinez (D-California). It will be heard in the Senate in the next few weeks.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The House of Representatives version of the Older Americans Act written by Representative Martinez has made amendments in the Older American Act striking priorities on frail and rural as funding criteria.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Do not oppose House Bill H. R. 2967.
2. Provide further direction.

A. Budgeted current FY $_______
B. Total anticipated costs $_______
C. Required Add'l funding $_______
D. Source: ______________________
E. 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Internal transfers $_______
B. Unanticipated revenues $_______
C. Reserve for contingency $_______
D. Description: ____________________
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: $_______

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

Recommended
Not Recommended
For Policy Determination
Submitted with Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment: ______________________

A.O. Initials: ____________________

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Mariposa, State of CA

Deputy
September 30, 1991

TO: A12AA Board Members  
    A12AA Service Providers  
    A12AA Advisory Council Members  
    Senior Legislators  
    County Supervisors Chairs

FROM: Dennis Dudley A12AA Executive Director

REGARDING: Exclusion of Frail and Rural as funding Characteristics From The Older American Act Re-Authorization

In an effort to be timely and brief I am forwarding a copy of the Older Americans Report.

Basically, it states that the House of Representatives version of the Older Americans Act written by Rep Matthew Martinez (D Los Angeles) has made amendments in the Older American Act striking priorities on frail and rural as funding criteria.

This amendment was done in the last few minutes and under pressure form several minority organizations. The organizations sighted are identical to those who have caused suit in the California case Martinez v Wilson.

It would appear that it is not enough for these organizations to attempt to deny those not living in a urban area services, but they feel now it should be expanded to those who are frail. We cannot stand by and allow this exclusion to happen to the frail and rural elderly in America. ITS JUST NOT RIGHT!

This matter will be taken up in the Senate in Washington sometime within the next week! I urge you to GET INVOLVED, write or call your Senator and Congressman, and notify your local legislators of your concern.

cc: All State/Federal Legislators