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### **CHIP ACTION NEEDED**

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was allowed to expire at the end of September. This program covers approximately 9 million children from families whose income does not allow them to qualify for Medicaid but who do not make enough money to afford regular health insurance. You are urged to contact your Senators and Representative to urge them to extend the expiration date of CHIP. The toll-free number to reach these legislators is given at "Contacting Your Legislator."

### **LEGISLATION OF INTEREST**

A bill has been introduced in the House which would prohibit the manufacture, possession or obtaining parts which would convert a rifle to a machine gun. (H.R.3999). H.R.899 which would eliminate the Department of Education and H.R.861 would eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency. Both were introduced and referred to committee. If passed both would take effect December 2018. Currently a House resolution is being considered which would set budgets both for the upcoming year as well as making recommendations for budgets for fiscal years 2019-2027 (H.Con.Res.71). Congress is also beginning to start zeroing in on revisions to the tax code. One sticking point is not allowing tax payers to deduct state taxes on their federal income tax.

### **NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR (NLS) SCHEDULED**

The National Legislative Seminar will be held in Washington, DC March 18-21, 2018. The registration form can be found at [nls\\_registration\\_2018\\_updated.pdf](#).

### **FREE RESOURCES**

You may want to go to [pbs.org](http://pbs.org) for a number of instructional programs. Another related site is [pbskids.org](http://pbskids.org). I found the segment with Curious George and the bowling shoes interesting. This can be made into an exercise in critical thinking. Can your students figure out what the problem/s are before George figures it out?

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## **FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK**

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U. S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>

**FORUM WEB SITE:** <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>

## **CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR**

If you wish to contact your senator to express your opinion, you can call the Congressional Switchboard at [1-866-327-8670](tel:1-866-327-8670) [this is a toll-free number]. You can email your senator or representative via a link at [Congress.gov](http://Congress.gov). Another way of contacting your senator is by using a telephone number which is not toll free both of which are available at [https://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

### **Email access and addresses:**

For members of the House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/>

For members of the U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov/>

White House: [1-202-456-1111](tel:1-202-456-1111)

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