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## NATIONAL news



Lesbian police officer Lois Marrero was killed in the line of duty July 6 in Tampa, Fla.

would ensure that public servants like Lois Marrero and Mickie Mashburn are treated with the dignity they deserve—in life and in death.”

### NATIONAL

The Employment Nondiscrimination Act, a federal bill to prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation, was introduced July 31 in Congress.

A total of 39 states still allow people to be fired because they are gay. The ones that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation are Minnesota, Hawaii, California, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Nevada.

The bill's introduction shows ENDA's bipartisan support and diverse array of sponsors. The lead co-sponsors in the Senate are Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.; Arlen Specter, R-Pa.; Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.; and James Jeffords, I-Vt. House lead co-sponsors are Christopher Shays, R-Conn.; Mark Foley, R-Fla.; Barney Frank, D-Mass.; and Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif.

The bill also has support from business leaders. A total of 59 companies—

from major corporations to small operations—want ENDA to pass. More than a dozen of them, including Hewlett-Packard Co., General Mills and other major corporations, announced their support during the past year.

The U.S. public also supports the principles of ENDA, according to a Gallup Poll conducted in June. The survey asked respondents, “In general, do you think homosexuals should or should not have equal rights in terms of opportunities?”

About 85 percent of respondents—an increase from 56 percent in 1977—said they favored equal opportunity in employment for gay men and lesbians. Only 11 percent thought homosexuals should be discriminated against in the workplace.

Vowing not to allow the issue to be swept under the rug, U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., held a meeting July 20 with the U.S. comptroller general to discuss a probe into a backroom deal the White House arranged with the Salvation Army regarding a change in the law to allow religious charities to discriminate in hiring for their secular activities. David M. Walker agreed to have the staff at the General Accounting Office—the chief investigative arm of Congress—review the facts, as known so far, and the applicable law.

### FLORIDA

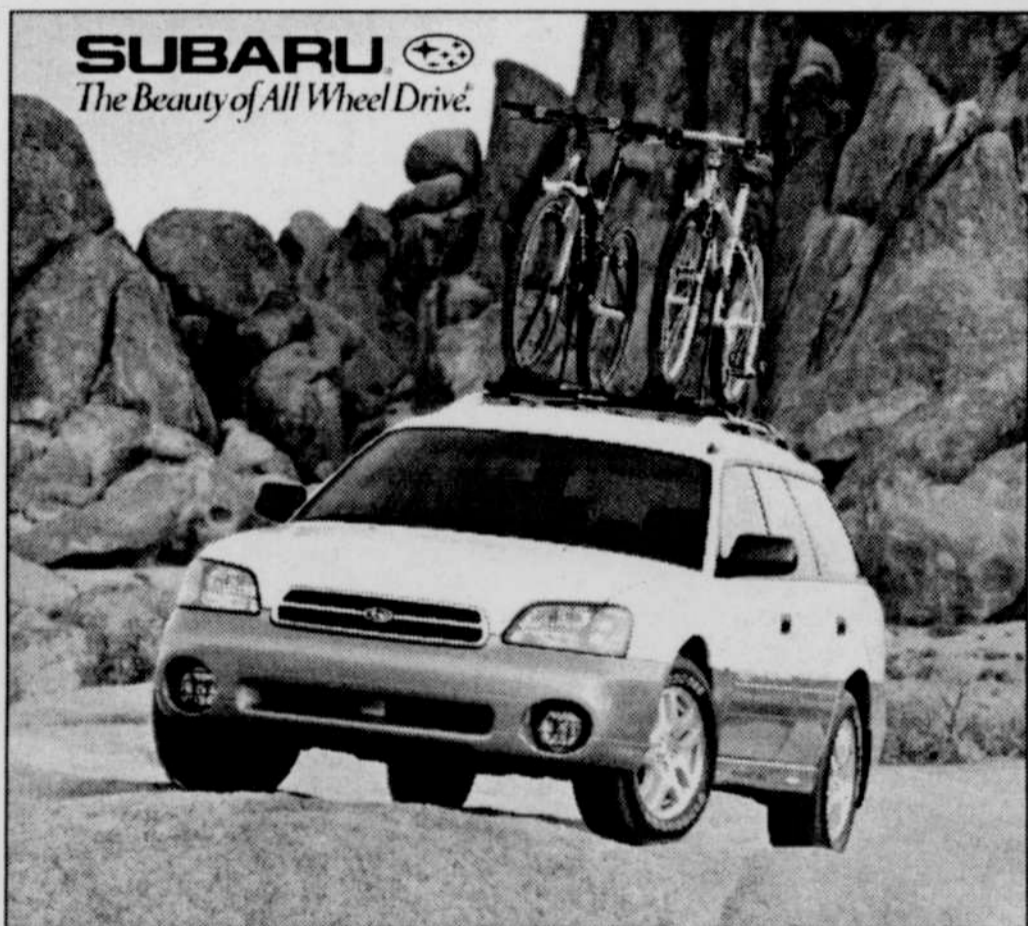
Elizabeth Birch, Human Rights Campaign executive director, has urged the Tampa City Council and the Legislature to change the laws governing public pensions so same-sex partners can inherit benefits. She sent letters to local and state politicians after police officer Lois Marrero was killed July 6 during a robbery and her partner, detective Mickie Mashburn, was ruled ineligible for her pension.

“I hope you will take this opportunity to press for legislation that would put an end to the type of inequity...Mashburn is now facing,” Birch wrote July 17. “Without a change in laws—both in the city of Tampa and the state of Florida—gay and lesbian employees will continue to be second-class citizens.”

The Tampa City Council met July 19 and agreed to create a committee to study pension and domestic partner benefits for same-sex couples. The panel will be composed of members of the police and fire pension board, private citizens and several council members. City Councilor Linda Saul-Sena introduced a domestic partner benefits bill last year, but it went nowhere.

“I implore you to do all that is within your power...to ensure that...Mashburn is treated equitably and that her 10-year relationship with...Marrero is accorded the respect it deserves,” Birch wrote. “The Human Rights Campaign is calling on you...to pass laws that

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