

And 48 States and the United States have enacted statutes prohibiting the desecration of the flag. Have the States and Congress passed laws prohibiting the desecration of the Constitution, or the Presidential seal, or any other national symbol? The answer, of course, is "no."

So, as you can see, the flag stands alone. It stands alone as the unique symbol of our ideals, our hopes, our aspirations as a Nation. And that is why I am proud to join today with the citizens flag alliance, the American Legion, and 113 other civic and patriotic organizations representing millions of Americans across this country who support this amendment.

"BANNER YET WAVES"

Mr. President, I will conclude now with a few words from an article entitled, "The Banner Yet Waves," written by the editors of the Reader's Digest.

I read these words during the last debate on the flag amendment, back in 1989, and I want to share them once again with my colleagues. The words continue to ring true today. I quote:

While Americans know that behind this rectangle of cloth there is blood and great sacrifice, there is also behind it an idea that redefined once and forever the meaning of hope and freedom. Lawyers and justices may debate the act of flag-burning as freedom of expression. But a larger point is inarguable: When someone dishonors or desecrates the banner, it deeply offends, because the flag says all that needs to be said about things worth preserving, loving defending, dying for.

Mr. President, that is what this debate is all about. It is not about making fine legal distinctions or trying to prove who is the best constitutional scholar. It is about protecting that which is sacred to us as citizens of this great country.

Amidst the rich diversity that is America, we must cherish the principles and ideals that bind us together as one people, one Nation, and for which thousands of brave Americans have given their lives. As the unique symbol of these principles and ideals, the flag must receive the constitutional protection it so richly deserves.

Mr. President, I regret that we are now in a position of having to obtain cloture before we can even consider this amendment. I hope that the Senator from New Mexico, who, as I understand, opposes the flag amendment, would find some other way to distract us from what I think is a very important amendment. I know he is concerned about ambassadors. I know he is concerned about treaties. But I can tell him, as I indicated this morning, this Senator is, too. I have tried almost every day to bring this matter to some resolution. We think we are very, very close. And I see no reason to hold up this particular constitutional amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 31, in an effort to become involved in a process that has been going on for weeks and in which the Senator from New Mexico, as far as I know, has not been involved at all. So I have no other course than to

hold up other nominations. If he wants to play this game—we cannot bring up bills; we cannot determine what the legislative agenda is going to be—if any Senator can stand up and say I will determine what we will bring up to the floor, if the leaders are powerless, then we have to resort to whatever means we have. In this case, all we can do is file cloture, and we will obtain cloture on Friday morning because I know more than 60 Members will support cloture.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. I now ask unanimous consent there be a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 8 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SOUTH DAKOTA CHAMPIONS

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to the champions of the 1995 South Dakota High School Football Playoffs. The playoffs were held at the "Dakota Dome" on the campus of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion on Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4.

In class 11AA, the Yankton Bucks won the championship for the second year in a row and the fourth time in school history. First year coach Jim Miner led the Bucks. Quarterback Mason Mehrman was named the game's Most Valuable Player (MVP).

The Vermillion Tanagers capped an undefeated season by claiming the class 11A crown. The Tanagers, who also won a State title for the fourth time in school history, are coached by Gary Culver. Running back Vince Roche was named the game's MVP.

The Cavaliers of Bon Homme County High School, located in Tyndall, South Dakota, won the class 11B championship for the second year in a row. The Cavaliers extended their consecutive winning streak to an impressive 21 games. The Cavaliers are coached by Russ Morrell. Running back Josh Ranek was named the game's MVP.

In class 9A, the Wakonda-Gayville-Volin Panthers won their first State title. The Panthers, who finished the season undefeated, are coached by Glen Ekeren. Quarterback Dan Freng was named the game's MVP.

The Wildcats of Grant-Deuel County High School, located in Revillo, SD, captured their first ever class 9B championship. Coach Chad Gusso led the Panthers. Running back Heath Boe was named the game's MVP.

I congratulate all the coaches, the players, and the parents of these five schools, as well as all the South Dakota schools that competed in this year's playoffs. In the spirit of competition, they have demonstrated the hard work, commitment, and teamwork that it takes to be champions. They all are to be commended for continuing such a great football tradition in South Dakota.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the rosters of each championship team be included in the Congressional RECORD at this time.

There being no objection, the rosters were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

YANKTON "BUCKS" (11-0)

	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
No.—Name:				
12—Mason Mehrman	QB	5-11	165	12
14—Chris Reiner	QB	6-1	180	12
15—Kevin Jordahl	QB	5-11	165	12
16—Lars Anderson	QB	5-11	165	11
20—Thomas Draskovic	FB	5-9	165	12
21—Aaron Dykstra	HB	5-10	145	11
22—Matt Jensen	HB	5-9	160	12
23—Carl Tween	HB	5-11	165	12
27—Jason Hermanson	SE	5-10	150	11
28—Danny Grant	LB	5-7	150	12
30—Wade Buxcel	LB	5-11	160	11
31—Ryan Hanson	HB	5-9	165	11
32—Jeremy Tamislea	HB	5-8	165	12
33—Jacob Wurth	HB	5-11	185	11
34—Matt Bohn	FB	6-1	185	11
36—Scott Nedved	HB	6-0	180	10
40—Derik Budig	FB	6-2	220	12
42—Joe Merkwian	LB	5-10	170	12
43—Paul Creviston	HB	6-0	154	11
44—Joey Novak	QB	5-11	140	11
45—Rusty Williamson	HB	6-1	185	12
46—Scott Elwood	SE	5-10	165	11
51—Jon Rhode	C	6-1	252	11
52—Chris Swanson	C	6-1	180	12
54—Brady Muth	T	6-2	245	12
55—Chad Sherman	C	6-0	205	12
56—Daric Mortenson	C	6-0	270	12
60—James Rye	C	5-10	145	12
61—Andy Holst	G	5-11	180	12
62—Kevin Plavec	T	5-10	205	12
63—Nick Sternhagen	G	6-4	230	11
64—Ryan Swanson	G	5-11	180	11
65—Chauncy Lanning	T	5-10	170	11
66—Kyle Tacke	G	5-11	175	11
67—Kam Williams	T	5-10	185	12
68—Radim Miksik	K	6-1	180	11
69—Jamie James	T	5-11	245	12
70—Tony Pierce	G	5-11	175	12
71—Chad Eilers	T	5-11	240	11
72—Lance Peterson	G	6-3	250	12
73—Owen Cowles	T	6-0	215	11
74—John Bohlmann	G	5-10	215	11
75—Joey Remp	G	6-2	225	12
76—Samuel Graham	T	5-11	245	11
77—Derek Danilko	T	6-4	190	12
78—Jason Cwach	T	6-2	265	11
79—Beau Paulson	T	5-10	250	12
80—Jeremy Fischer	SE	6-0	165	12
81—John Fischer	SE	6-2	165	12
82—Mike Rhoades	TE	6-2	165	11
85—Danny Johnson	SE	6-4	190	11
85—Jody Pinkelman	TE	6-0	170	11
86—Scott Robbins	SE	5-8	145	11
87—Matt Christensen	TE	6-3	195	11
88—Nick Meyers	K	6-1	175	12
89—Ryan Heine	TE	6-6	215	12

Head Coach: Jim Milner.

Assistant Coaches: Arlin Likness, Dan Mitchell, Bob Muth.

Student Managers: Matt Gunderson, Jerry Haas, Jake Harens.

Athletic Director: Bob Winter.

Cheerleaders: Mandy Humpal, Laurie Koupel, Michelle Olson, Erika Simonsen, Stephanie Sprecher, Natalie Tapken.

VERMILLION "TANAGERS" (11-0)

	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
No.—Name:				
2—Ryan Baedke	QB-LB	6-0	180	11
5—Marc Billings	WB-DB	5-11	145	11
6—Joe Guerie	TE-LB	5-8	195	12
7—Josh Merrigan	TE-DE	6-3	200	11
8—Brian McGuire	QB-LB	5-11	160	10
9—Matt Jordt	WB-DB	5-10	155	11
10—Dave Holoch	QB-DB	5-11	155	10
11—Andy Mechtenberg	WB-DB	6-2	160	12
12—Kevin McGuire	QB-DB	6-1	145	12
13—Josh Koller	HB-DB	5-9	150	11
14—Drake Olson	QB-DB	5-11	150	10
16—Mike Groves	HB-LB	5-8	150	11
18—Vince Roche	HB-DB	5-8	175	12
22—Jeremy Johnson	HB-DB	5-8	130	11
23—Micah Thompson	HB-DB	5-6	130	12
25—Tim Willroth	HB-DB	5-6	125	10
26—Brandon Hays	HB-LB	5-8	145	10
29—Matt Taggart	WB-DB	5-9	150	10
30—Joe Ulrich	HB-DB	5-8	145	12
32—Ben Hays	TE-LB	5-10	185	10
33—Jerrold Edelen	HB-LB	6-1	175	10
42—Shane O'Connor	WB-DB	5-7	140	10
43—Travis Gors	WB-LB	5-11	160	12

VERMILLION "TANAGERS" (11-0)—Continued

	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
44—Ben Leber	FB-LB	6-3	205	11
50—Wade Beach	OG-LB	5-9	180	11
51—Rich Schoellerman	OG-LB	5-10	150	12
52—Troy Myron	OT-DL	6-0	170	10
54—Wade Bromwich	OC-DL	5-7	165	10
55—Stafford Larsen	OT-DL	6-2	240	12
56—Kevin Jensen	OC-DL	6-0	225	12
58—Ryan Knutson	OC-LB	5-11	180	11
61—Shawn Benzel	OG-DL	5-9	180	10
62—Cory Moore	OG-DL	6-0	160	11
63—Josh Stewart	OT-DL	6-1	205	10
65—Dan Nelson	OG-DL	6-1	175	10
66—Casey O'Connor	OG-LB	5-9	200	12
67—Jon Leffers	OG-LB	5-8	165	12
69—Matt Sorensen	OT-DE	6-2	185	12
71—Paul Lilly	OT-DL	6-0	220	12
72—Chad Stensaaas	OT-DL	5-11	235	10
73—Mike Rasmussen	OG-DL	5-10	175	11
75—Steve Powell	OT-DL	5-10	225	10
78—Chris Ross	OG-DL	5-10	185	10
79—Travis Vacek	OG-DL	5-11	270	11
81—Billy Willroth	SE-LB	6-0	170	12
82—Roland Johnson	SE-DE	6-2	170	11
85—Blaine Schoellerman	SE-DB	6-2	145	10
86—Brett Bartling	TE-DE	5-9	150	10

Head Coach & Athletic Director: Gary Culver.

Assistant Coaches: Roger Heirigs, Jim McGuire.

Student Managers: Teisha Upward, Alison Hogen, Aaron Kerkhove, Aaron Hammer, Mikal Boughton.

Cheerleader Advisor: Jennifer Huska.

Cheerleaders: Amy Johnson, Kerri Wempe, Shanna Manning, Shelley Kulkonen, Sarah White, Heidi Zimmerman.

BON HOMME "CAVALIERS" (11-0)

	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
No.—Name:				
1—Chip Carda	RB	5-11	155	10
2—Nick Kortan	RB	5-7	135	10
3—Kevin Morrell	QB	6-2	175	11
5—Jamie Hajek	QB	5-7	135	10
7—Jon Vavruska	RB	5-5	100	9
8—Ryan Kortan	QB	5-10	165	9
14—Kris Vollmer	RB	5-11	145	9
16—Jayson Branaugh	RB	5-9	135	10
18—John Nagel	E	5-6	125	10
21—Corey Meske	E	5-9	140	11
23—Derrick Garhart	RB	5-6	130	10
24—Josh Holland	E	6-1	155	11
27—Dalon Wynia	RB	5-10	155	11
30—Josh Raneek	RB	5-10	170	12
32—Rick Island	RB	5-6	120	9
33—John Showers	E	6-2	160	12
34—Toby Privett	RB	5-4	95	9
35—Brock Tucker	E-RB	5-10	150	10
37—Casey Berndt	RB	5-9	170	11
38—Nathan Lukkes	E	5-9	145	9
40—Nathan Lukkes	E	5-9	145	9
41—Chad Cooper	RB	5-7	140	9
44—Hannon Hisek	RB	5-4	145	10
50—Jared Caba	L	6-0	230	11
51—Dan Walkes	L	5-9	190	11
52—Todd Dvoracek	L	6-1	195	9
55—Matt Johnson	L	5-10	180	9
56—Ben Jacobs	L	6-5	290	11
58—Michael Pechous	L	6-2	175	10
60—Chad Simek	L	5-11	205	12
62—Grant McCann	L	5-9	155	9
63—Kevin Koenig	L	6-6	210	10
64—Bryan Varilek	L	6-5	200	11
66—Jim Saloum	L	6-2	225	10
67—Tony Bares	L	5-8	140	9
70—Chris Garhart	L	5-5	135	9
72—Mike Sedlacek	L	5-8	155	9
75—Travis Berndt	L	6-0	190	9
78—Matt Bierema	L	5-10	170	11
79—Clint Starwalt	L	5-10	205	9
82—Chris Schieffer	E	5-6	115	9
85—John Kaida	E	5-10	160	10
87—Dustin Hoffman	E	5-9	160	10

Head Coach and Athletic Director: Russ Morrell.

Assistant Coaches: Byron Pudwill, Vince Tucker, Phil Garhart, Mike Duffek.

Student Managers: Nicole Engstrom, Lisa Humpal, Jenny Rueb, Melinda McNeely, Renee Tjeedsman, Courtney Morrell, Stacy Hellman, Darcie Walkes.

Cheerleaders: Heather Namminga, Kateens Lukkes, Lacie Peterson, Aesli Grande, Jessica Einrem.

GRANT-DEUEL "WILDCATS" (10-1)

	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
No.—Name:				
4—Matt Lounsbury	QB-DB	6-0	200	11

GRANT-DEUEL "WILDCATS" (10-1)—Continued

	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
5—Josh Beutler	FL-DB	5-5	105	10
6—Jon Peschong	QB-LB	5-7	120	8
10—Heath Boe	TB-LB	6-1	175	12
11—Dan Peterson	QB-DB	5-4	115	9
12—Eric Stricherz	E-DB	5-9	160	12
15—Tommy Street	FL-DB	5-5	110	9
19—Erik Peterson	E-E	6-0	160	12
20—Brian Schafer	E-E-P	6-2	165	12
21—Josh Morton	L-L	5-7	125	8
23—Jared Engebretson	L-E	6-2	215	12
30—Kelly Kasuske	E-E	5-9	140	9
31—Cory Street	B-DB	5-5	125	10
32—Parry Toft	B-DB	5-7	135	10
34—Ricky Taylor	FL-DB	5-7	130	10
35—Mathias Lindberg	FL-DB	5-9	140	11
41—Matt Bunting	E-DB	5-8	135	10
42—David Hixon	B-DB	5-	160	12
44—Garrett Hennings	FB-LB	5-	185	10
45—Jamie Schafer	B-DB	5-7	130	9
52—Matt Loeschke	E-E	6-5	200	9
55—Nick Ansbach	E-E	6-1	190	10
56—Chad Johnson	L-L	6-2	215	12
58—Jed Sportz	L-L	5-	170	8
60—Tim Karels	L-L	5-7	145	11
62—Russell Schuelke	L-L	5-	150	8
64—Nathan Boe	B-DB	5-8	120	8
65—Harris Hixon	B-DB	5-5	120	9
70—Ben Johnson	L-L	5-9	175	8
73—Rusty Rabine	L-L	6-0	275	8
75—Garrett Novy	L-L	6-1	200	9
80—David Bunting	E-DB	5-	130	11
83—Justin Syrtstad	L	5-9	155	9
84—Jason Ebsen	L	5-4	170	9
95—Josh Anderson	L	5-8	170	9
99—Wade Novy	L	6-2	270	12

Head Coach: Chad Gusso.

Assistant Coaches: Barry Pickner, Galen Schoenfeld.

Student Managers: Brian Dallman, Jesse Street, Matt Lynde, Tyler Pickner, Shawn Erp.

Cheerleaders: Jodi Wollschlager, Jill Wollschlager, Sharona Iverson, Lindsey Swenson, Wendy Bear.

WAKONDA-GAYVILLE-VOLIN "PANTHERS" (11-0)

	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
No.—Name:				
7—Brent Barta	QB-LB	5-8	145	11
9—Damon Eggers	HB-DB	5-9	150	11
10—Andy McCue	HB-DB	5-8	140	10
11—Dan Freng	QB-S	6-4	215	12
12—Guy Eggers	QB-DB	5-9	145	9
17—Tim Olen	HB-LB	5-8	150	11
18—Eric McCue	HB-LB	5-	160	12
19—John Peterson	HB-LB	5-	130	11
20—Daniel Welman	HB-S	5-	160	12
21—Tyler Hoxeng	HB-LB	5-	175	9
22—Shannon Snow	HB-S	5-8	140	12
26—Mike Kool	HB-LB	5-9	165	11
32—Mark Zimmerman	G-DT	5-	170	9
45—Sam Johnsen	HB-LB	6-1	190	12
49—Jeremy Hanisch	G-N	5-8	200	11
51—Chris Happe	G-DE	6-2	235	12
52—Josh Olen	G-DE	5-8	180	10
53—John Freeburg	E-DE	6-0	170	9
55—Don Logue	E-DE	6-5	185	12
59—Ken Girard	G-DE	5-	165	11
64—Nick Buckman	G-LB	5-9	180	10
65—Nick Tripp	C-DE	5-	212	11
66—William Crissey	DE-DT	5-	185	9
68—Tom Orr	G-DE	6-0	240	11
73—J.R. Willman	G-N	5-	205	12
80—Keith Light	E-LB	6-3	205	12
85—Justin Hazen	G-DE	5-	185	10
87—Mike Pollman	FB-LB	6-2	220	12
88—Colter Saccotto	E-DE	6-3	150	11
89—Bob Greely	G-DL	5-	195	11

Head Coach: Glen Ekeren.

Assistant Coaches: Monte Neitzel, Tom Culver.

Student Managers: Brandon Steffen, John Ganschow, Nick Skonovd, Jesse Ekeren.

Cheerleaders: Amy Anderson, Darcy Bye, Megan Dreesan, Erica Freeburg, Mandy

Klamm, Janet Lueth, Carmen Vogel, Emily Fenhaus.

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO ENGLAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, AND IRELAND

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, last week, President Clinton became the first United States President to visit Northern Ireland. The extraordinarily enthusiastic welcome he received from the people was an impressive demonstration of their desire for peace and their gratitude for President Clinton's and America's commitment to that great goal.

Large crowds of both Protestants and Catholics welcomed the President on the Peace Line in Belfast and again at the City Hall for the lighting of the Christmas tree. In addition, the President was also cheered by a large crowd in Dublin when he spoke at College Green during his visit the next day to Ireland.

Just before the President left for his trip, the Irish Prime Minister, John Bruton and the British Prime Minister, John Major, announced the launching of the twin-track process of an international commission on arms, to be led by our former colleague Senator George Mitchell, and talks leading to all-party negotiations by the end of February. The two Prime Ministers credited President Clinton with helping to bring about this significant development. President Clinton's commitment to peace in Northern Ireland has had a profound and positive impact on the efforts of all sides to achieve a lasting peace.

President Kennedy always remembered his 1963 trip to Ireland as among the happiest days of his presidency. I have no doubt that President Clinton will remember his trip with the same fondness.

President Clinton spoke eloquently throughout his visit to England, Northern Ireland, and Ireland and I congratulate him on the remarkable success of his visit. I know several of my colleagues would like to join me in placing the President's statements in the RECORD. I therefore will begin with his first speech which was given to the British Parliament in London. I ask unanimous consent that it may be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the speech was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, ROYAL GALLERY OF THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER, LONDON, ENGLAND, NOVEMBER 29, 1995

My Lord Chancellor, Madam Speaker, Lord Privy Seal, the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Prime Minister, my lords and members of the House of Commons: To the Lord Chancellor, the longer I hear you talk the more I wish we had an institution like this in American government. I look out and see so many of your distinguished leaders in the House of Lords, and I think it might not be a bad place to be after a long and troublesome political career. (Laughter.) My wife