

which is so important to families across the country.

With all respect to the majority leader, the issue of school safety is out there. We need to ensure that we will do everything we possibly can to make sure we are not only going to have small class sizes, well-trained teachers, afterschool programs, efforts to try to help to respond to the needed repairs that are so necessary to so many schools across this country, and strong accountability provisions but make sure that, even if we are able to get those, the schools are going to be safe. We have measures we believe the Senate should address to make them safe.

If the majority is going to continue to, in a real way, filibuster, effectively, the consideration of elementary and secondary education by never bringing the matter before the Senate, they bear the responsibility of doing so. It is their responsibility. Every family in this country ought to understand that because they have the power, the authority, and the responsibility to put that before the Senate. If there is a question in terms of the relevancy or nonrelevancy of a particular amendment, the Senate can make that decision. But when we are denying families in this country the opportunity to address that and respond to it, we do a disservice to the families and to the children in this country, and, I believe, to the Senate itself.

This issue isn't going to go away. It will not go away. We may have only 3 more weeks, but we are going to continue to press it. We are going to press it all during July and all during September as well. It will not go away. Elementary and secondary education needs to be addressed. We have to take action. We owe it to the American families, and we have every intention of pursuing it.

I thank the Chair.

#### BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL M. HANKINS

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding officer in the United States Air Force who is an individual we have each come to know over the past two years—Brigadier General Paul M. Hankins.

As those of us who work on national security matters know, General Hankins has been serving as the Deputy Director of Legislative Liaison, where he has worked closely with us on a variety of issues of great importance to the defense of the nation. As he has done in all his previous assignments, General Hankins distinguished himself as an individual of selflessness who possesses a strong sense of service and an unflagging dedication to executing his duties to the best of his abilities.

General Hankins arrived at the job of Deputy Director of Legislative Liaison well prepared for the position. A graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, he is a career personnel offi-

cer whose assignments are a mix of operational, joint, and high-level staff duties. Included among his tours are assignments at Tactical Air Command, Air Training Command, Air Combat Command, and the Air Force Personnel Center. The General has also served previously in the Secretary of the Air Force's Office of Legislative Liaison and with the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. He commanded the 6th Support Group at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, and he served as chief of the Air Force Colonels' Group.

During the 106th Congress, General Hankins has been a valuable intermediary between the Congress and the Air Force on any number of vital matters. He always provided clear, concise, and timely information that was beneficial in supporting our deliberations on national security matters. Clearly, the leadership, professional abilities, experiences, and expertise of General Hankins enabled him to foster excellent working relationships that benefitted the Air Force and the United States Senate.

On a personal note, I am pleased to point out that I have known General Hankins since his days as a young captain, when he first demonstrated his skills at building ties with the Legislative Branch. At the time, he was serving at Kelly Air Force Base near San Antonio when he met a young woman who was a member of my Washington staff and visiting that facility. To make a long story short, Paul Hankins and the former Donna Folsie fell in love, had a whirlwind romance, and got married approximately one-year after they began dating. Today, they have been married for fifteen years and together, they have raised two fine children, Priscilla and Clark.

The reward that the Air Force is giving General Hankins for doing a difficult and demanding job well is to give him an even more challenging assignment, solving the recruiting and retention issues facing the Air Force. Then again, given how the General has repeatedly demonstrated his ability to successfully meet and complete any assignment with which he has been tasked, it should not be surprising that the Secretary and Chief of Staff would select him to head-up this effort.

I am confident that I speak for all my colleagues when I say that we are grateful and appreciative for the hard work of General Hankins during his tenure as Deputy Director of Air Force Legislative Liaison. He is a credit to the Air Force and he can be proud of both the record of accomplishment he has created and the high regard in which he is held. We wish the General the best of luck in his new assignment and continued success in the years to come.

#### VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Col-

umbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read some of the names of those who lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

July 10, 1999:

Thomas Carson, 72, Houston, TX;  
Vincent Coleman, 22, Irvington, NJ;  
Joseph Horter, 79, Philadelphia, PA;  
Gregory Jones, 29, Miami-Dade County, FL;  
Ricky Lane, 38, Mesquite, TX;  
Edler Monestime, 51, Miami-Dade County, FL;  
Cashonda Miller, 18, Kansas City, MO;  
Gene Pailin, 17, Dallas, TX;  
Michael Perry, 31, Miami-Dade County, FL;

Tristan Thompson, 23, Houston, TX;  
David Woods, 21, Kansas City, MO;  
Unidentified male, 27, Newark, NJ;  
Unidentified male, 31, Portland, OR.

In addition, Mr. President, since the Senate was not in session last week, I ask unanimous consent that the names also be printed in the RECORD of some of those who were killed by gunfire last year on the days from June 30th through July 9th.

June 30:

Edwin Cruz, 23, Chicago, IL;  
Jermaine Demps, 26, Detroit, MI;  
Stephen Gawel, 37, Detroit, MI;  
Arron Green, 19, Detroit, MI;  
Herth Hawks, 25, Charlotte, NC;  
Blake King, 17, Gary, IN;  
Donte A. Marshall, 22, Gary, IN;  
Benjamin McCoy, 18, Gary, IN;  
Edward Perry, Jr., 27, Baltimore, MD;  
Sharon P. Robinson, 51, Oklahoma City, OK;  
Jessie Wilburn, 48, Dallas, TX;  
Unidentified male, 50, Nashville, TN.

July 1:

CRAIG Butler, 44, Philadelphia, PA;  
James Hopkins, 20, Baltimore, MD;  
Michael Okarma, 56, Seattle, WA;  
Derrick Owens, 26, Bridgeport, CT;  
Gloria Pickett, Detroit, MI;  
Angel Rivera, 23, Philadelphia, PA;  
Frankie Rivera, 29, Philadelphia, PA;  
Mark Spann, 18, Baltimore, MD;  
Anthony Stroud, 12, Houston, TX;  
Unidentified male, 14, Chicago, IL.

July 2:

Antonio Baker, 21, Charlotte, NC;  
Keith Carter, 34, Detroit, MI;  
Eric Harvey, 14, Nashville, TN;  
Tae-Dong Kim, 59, San Antonio, TX;  
Ahmed Massey, 14, Rock Hill, SC;  
Derren Minnick, 30, Philadelphia, PA;

James Ortiz, 39, Houston, TX;  
Michael A. Smith, 25, Chicago, IL;  
Unidentified male, 18, Newark, NJ.

July 3:

J.C. Addington, 81, Dallas, TX;

Kelton R. Austin, 24, Chicago, IL;  
 Patricia Austin, 38, Akron, OH;  
 Norberta Bachiller, 48, Miami-Dade County, FL;  
 Raymond Castillo, 19, Dallas, TX;  
 William Brock Crews, 24, Washington, DC;  
 Gerald Crowder, 21, Atlanta, GA;  
 Ronald V. Daily, 56, Oklahoma City, OK;  
 Ricky Davis, 22, Chicago, IL;  
 Augustine Garza, 18, Chicago, IL;  
 George Green, Jr., 47, Dallas, TX;  
 Reginald Griffin, 15, St. Louis, MO;  
 Anthony Hawkins, 16, Houston, TX;  
 James Jones, 40, Baltimore, MD;  
 Carl Peterson, 45, Superior, WI;  
 Luis Rebolledo, 25, Chicago, IL;  
 Salvador Romero, 35, Detroit, MI;  
 Kenny Sharpless, Detroit, MI;  
 Jeremy Thalley, 16, Denver, CO;  
 Shawn Washington, 28, Oakland, CA.  
 July 4:  
 Souksevenh Bounphithack, 34, Minneapolis, MN;  
 Charles Butler, 52, Washington, DC;  
 Quinn Johnson, 28, Miami-Dade County, FL;  
 Eric McCara, 39, Detroit, MI;  
 Kenneth C. Rutledge, 22, Chicago, IL;  
 Mark Russell, 35, Akron, OH;  
 Gerardo Silva, 21, Chicago, IL;  
 Demario Stephens, 18, Oakland, CA;  
 Won J. Yoon, 26, Bloomington, IN.  
 July 5:  
 Dewayne Allen, 21, New Orleans, LA;  
 Jason Anderson, Pine Bluff, AR;  
 Jill H. Barringham, 53, Seattle, WA;  
 Melvin Blagman, 19, Philadelphia, PA;  
 Davattah Brown, 37, Gainesville, FL;  
 Lewis J. Fennell, 52, Oklahoma City, OK;  
 Brian Paylor, 18, Baltimore, MD;  
 Jose Pantoja, 27, Houston, TX;  
 Unidentified female, 67, Nashville, TN;  
 Unidentified male, 74, Honolulu, HI;  
 Unidentified male, 18, Newark, NJ.  
 July 6:  
 Alicia Arellano, 23, Elkhart, IN;  
 John Thomas Crowder, 34, Washington, DC;  
 Darren Franklin, 13, New Orleans, LA;  
 Eugene Glass, 29, Detroit, MI;  
 James Hartsock, 66, Houston, TX;  
 Raymond E. Johnson, Pine Bluff, AR;  
 Doffice Kelly, 48, Fort Wayne, IN;  
 Mark Kingsbury, 25, Washington, DC;  
 Ronald Powell, 26, Kansas City, MO;  
 Tamica Tyler, Pine Bluff, AR;  
 Kevin Walter, 40, Detroit, MI;  
 Linda A. Winters, 35, Chicago, IL.  
 July 7:  
 Eugene Akins, 41, Rochester, NY;  
 Allen G. Barrousse, 40, New Orleans, LA;  
 Imon T. Boyce, 20, Oklahoma City, OK;  
 Theodore M. Goode, 26, Oklahoma City, OK;  
 Eric Goodloe, 20, Gary, IN;  
 Kevin Gore, 17, Philadelphia, PA;  
 Duskie M. Murrow, 20, Oklahoma City, OK;  
 Angel Ortiz, 26, Holyoke, MA;  
 Peter Quattro, 24, Miami-Dade County, FL;

Delfino Vega, 21, Chicago, IL;  
 Unidentified male, 43, Bellingham, WA;  
 Unidentified male, 57, San Jose, CA.  
 July 8:  
 Renee Battle, 29, Chicago, IL;  
 Bruce Bensch, 52, Miami-Dade County, FL;  
 Devon Campbell, 19, Louisville, KY;  
 Roberto Carmona, Jr., 17, Chicago, IL;  
 Curtis J. Crawley, 19, Rochester, NY;  
 Jerrod Crump, Pine Bluff, AR;  
 Vickie A. Owensboro, 36, Memphis, TN;  
 Jesus Gomez, 24, Seattle, WA;  
 Nathan Goodman, 17, Dallas, TX;  
 Julia Matlock, 39, Nashville, TN;  
 Curlenzo Stith, 29, Baltimore, MD;  
 Francisco Terrazas, 19, Chicago, IL;  
 Maurice Thomas, 26, Chicago, IL;  
 Margie Villarreal, 24, San Antonio, TX;  
 Juan Yanes, 80, Miami-Dade County, FL.  
 July 9:  
 John Amado, 22, San Bernardino, CA;  
 Mark Barton, San Francisco, CA;  
 Michael Day, 20, Washington, DC;  
 Michael Gloria, 17, Mesquite, TX;  
 John Hendricks, Detroit, MI;  
 Lindell Kendall, 16, Macon, GA;  
 Russell H. Lee, 39, Seattle, WA;  
 Benjamin Lindsey, 34, Atlanta, GA;  
 Miguel McElroy, 18, Minneapolis, MN;  
 Oren W. Nevins, 69, Oklahoma City, OK;  
 Tony Paxton, 28, Miami-Dade County, FL;  
 Freddie Poyner, 15, Baltimore, MD;  
 Michael Randell, 33, Tulsa, OK;  
 Anthony Whitney, 27, Kansas City, MO;  
 Unidentified male, San Francisco, CA.

#### IMPACT AID SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AMENDMENT

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, last week, I was successful in achieving the inclusion of a bipartisan amendment in the Manager's Amendment on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriation bill, on one of the most important issues we will deal with in this Congress—the poor condition of our Nation's school buildings.

Let me briefly describe this amendment before I talk about the larger problem this amendment is seeking to address.

This amendment is co-sponsored by Senator BINGAMAN, Senator DOMENICI, and Senator HUTCHISON from Texas—this bipartisan group should send a very strong signal that this amendment is worthy of support.

This is a very simple amendment. Both the House and Senate versions of the Labor-HHS Appropriations bill set aside \$25 million for Impact Aid school construction. This amendment increases that amount to \$10 million.

It offsets the increase by reducing the administrative and related expenses of the Departments of Health

and Human Services, Labor, and Education on a pro rata basis by \$10 million.

Allow me to explain why this amendment is so important to me and to the bi-partisan group of Senators that support this amendment.

As you know, there are a number of pending bills that address our nation's school construction needs. And in the past days, we have voted on a number of amendments addressing school construction issues generally.

These funds assist local school districts who are then able to raise the remainder of their construction funds through bond issues. Like other school costs, the bonds are paid for by taxes on local property.

Issuing bonds is a time-honored approach to school construction. But in the heated national debate, one group of children is continually left out in the cold—students who live on federally owned land, usually an Indian reservation or a military installation.

In Montana, some 12,000 children fall into this category.

These schools are located in areas where much of the local property can't be taxed because of Federal activities. This tax-exempt property may be a military base or an Indian reservation.

In many cases, the local public schools have to educate the children of families that live on the property. These so-called "Federal Students" could come from military families. They could come from civilian families. They could come from Native American families.

The Congress has recognized its responsibility for these schools through payments authorized by Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The House and Senate bills allocate \$25 million for school construction to be distributed under Section 8007 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

This is simply insufficient to meet the needs of these federally impacted schools.

In fiscal year 2000, Montana had 28 school districts that were 50 percent or more impacted with either Indian land children or military students. Nationwide, there were 249 such districts.

In FY2000, the average allocation per school district in Montana of Impact Aid funds is just below \$18,000. The average dollar received per student is \$57.

Think about that for a moment. \$57 for construction is not going to do a heck of a lot of good for schools that are literally falling down.

Now, under the FY2001 appropriations bill, funding would increase to approximately \$90 per student. And while that's better than \$57, it still falls way short of meeting the needs of our students.

Let me tell you a couple of stories to illustrate this point.

I remember talking last year with the Superintendent for the Harlem School District Don Bidwell. His district is so crowded, he has students