

The Senate is known for its bipartisanship to pass legislation. I hope that the work Senator BAUCUS and I have done in a bipartisan way to bring this product of tax relief to the American taxpayers and to this body for it to become law serves as an example not only for the entire Senate but also will continue the tradition of bipartisanship that we have had in our committee.

I hope that we do, in fact, look upon the Senate as being very closely divided for a long period of time, and for whoever is in control, it is very important that we continue this bipartisanship in the Senate.

I yield the floor, and I yield back the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the conference report.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BINGAMAN (after having voted in the negative). Mr. President, on this vote, I have a pair with the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI). If he were present and voting, he would vote "yea." If I were permitted to vote, I would vote "nay." I therefore withdraw my vote.

Mr. AKAKA (after having voted in the negative). Mr. President, on this vote, I have a pair with the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI). If he were present and voting, he would vote "yea." If I were permitted to vote, I would vote "nay." I therefore withdraw my vote.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that if present and voting, the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) would each vote "yea."

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) is absent attending a funeral.

I also announce that the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) is absent attending his daughter's wedding.

I further announce that if present and voting, the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) would each vote "nay."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 58, nays 33, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 170 Leg.]

YEAS—58

Allard	Frist	Murkowski
Allen	Gramm	Nelson (NE)
Baucus	Grassley	Nickles
Bennett	Gregg	Roberts
Bond	Hagel	Santorum
Breaux	Hatch	Sessions
Brownback	Helms	Shelby
Bunning	Hutchinson	Smith (NH)
Burns	Hutchison	Smith (OR)
Campbell	Inhofe	Snowe
Carnahan	Jeffords	Specter
Cleland	Johnson	Stevens
Cochran	Kohl	Thomas
Collins	Kyl	Thompson
Craig	Landrieu	Thurmond
Crapo	Lincoln	Torricelli
DeWine	Lott	Voinovich
Ensign	Lugar	Warner
Feinstein	McConnell	
Fitzgerald	Miller	

NAYS—33

Bayh	Dodd	McCain
Biden	Dorgan	Mikulski
Byrd	Durbin	Nelson (FL)
Cantwell	Edwards	Reed
Carper	Feingold	Reid
Chafee	Graham	Rockefeller
Clinton	Hollings	Sarbanes
Conrad	Inouye	Schumer
Corzine	Kennedy	Stabenow
Daschle	Levin	Wellstone
Dayton	Lieberman	Wyden

PRESENT AND GIVING A LIVE PAIR, AS PREVIOUSLY RECORDED—2

Akaka, against	Bingaman, against	
		NOT VOTING—7
Boxer	Harkin	Murray
Domenici	Kerry	
Enzi	Leahy	

The conference report was agreed to. Mr. ENSIGN. I move to reconsider the vote by which the conference report was agreed to.

Mr. BROWNBACK. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I ask that there now be a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

LETTER OF DECISION

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter, which I received from Senator JEFFORDS this week, be printed in the RECORD.

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

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, May 24, 2001.

Hon. THOMAS DASCHLE,
Democratic Leader,
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR DASCHLE: I am writing to you, Vice President Cheney and Senator Lott, to inform you of my decision to become an Independent and caucus with the Senate's Democrats for organizational purposes once the conference report to accompany H.R. 1836 is transmitted to President George Bush for his signature.

My change in affiliation is to become effective at the close of business on either the

first day of session following the upcoming Memorial Day recess, or the close of business on the date of such transmittal, whichever occurs later. I hope it will assist the Senate if the recess is available to the Leaders to discuss and decide the numerous transition issues the Senate will face.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. JEFFORDS,
U.S. Senator.

HONORING THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a Resolution to honor a group of Americans who have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting our Nation.

As we approach Memorial Day, we should take time to remember the sacrifices and achievements of our armed forces. In doing so, I would like to recognize the heroic African Americans who served in the Ninth and Tenth Horse Cavalry Units of the U.S. Army. These units first were established at the end of the Civil War and eventually were ordered to the Western Frontier, where they earned the name "Buffalo Soldiers." These men were instrumental in the realization of our Manifest Destiny by guarding settler communities and securing new western land. These brave American soldiers continued to serve our country in the Spanish-American War as part of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders and again in during World War II, both in Europe and here at home as our domestic defense in California against a possible Japanese invasion.

The Buffalo Soldiers were truly brave Americans to which our country owes a great debt. I would like to draw special attention to a soldier in their ranks—Colonel Charles Denton Young. Colonel Young was a lifelong resident of my home state of Ohio and contributed greatly to his country. He graduated from West Point in 1884 as only the third African American to ever receive a diploma from the Academy. Owing to his strength, perseverance, mental and physical toughness, and a natural ability to lead, Young eventually was promoted to the rank of Colonel, which was the highest rank ever achieved by an African American at that time.

Leading his men on the battle field, however, was not the only way Colonel Young had an influence on the people around him. He took an active role in his community as an educator and mentor to students at Wilberforce University in Ohio. Colonel Young was a person whom others wished to emulate, and continue to emulate today, as Secretary of State Colin Powell has cited Colonel Young as one of his earliest role models. I believe I can speak for all Ohioans when I say that we are extremely proud of Colonel Young and his contributions to our nation, and I believe that America has great cause to share in this pride.

I ask that when celebrating the great accomplishments of our armed forces this Memorial Day, we do not forget

our Buffalo Soldiers. I would like to urge all Americans to honor the Buffalo Soldiers for the strength, valor, dedication, and courage they exhibited during their service. The sacrifices they made allow us to live as we do today—in a proud and free United States of America.

RECOGNITION OF JOHN SAUER— OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, since 1963, the month of May has helped the nation focus on the contributions and achievements of America's older citizens. Fewer people over the age of 65 require nursing home care and more are living on their own, with little or no outside help. Older Americans increasingly redefine modern maturity, re-shape cultural boundaries and dispel age-related stereotypes associated with getting older. They are leaders in our families, in our workplaces and in our communities.

One of these leaders is a 76-year-old man from Mechanicsville, IA. John Sauer understands the value of helping others. Through his initiative, compassion and commitment, he has touched the lives of many in his community.

Mr. Sauer began volunteering with the local seniors group in 1992. At that time, he responded to a request from a friend to help out with the group for a short time. Today, not only does he continue to volunteer in Cedar County, but he also serves seniors in six other counties as chairman of the advisory council of the Heritage Area Agency on Aging.

Although Mr. Sauer has always been active in the community service, he took on many of his current activities after he retired from farming in 1994. At that time, Mr. Sauer became increasingly involved with county senior citizens groups. He joined the transportation board of the Cedar County Senior Citizens task force and began providing transportation for older people in his area who were unable to drive. Two or three times a week, Mr. Sauer drives seniors to and from doctor and hospital visits in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, both 25 miles away from Mechanicsville. The service Mr. Sauer provides is invaluable to those people who otherwise would have no way to make those important visits.

Mr. Sauer is also committed to serving the visually impaired. For 37 years, Mr. Sauer has been an active member of Lions Club International, a service organization recognized for their help to the blind and visually impaired. In 1994, Mr. Sauer became an Iowa district director for the organization. In that position, he traveled around the United States and Canada representing the state at various meetings and events for the service club.

In addition, Mr. Sauer has volunteered in the Ophthalmology Department at the University of Iowa Hospitals for the past 4 years. He greets people from across the Midwest who come to the

hospital for care and guides them to their appointments. Mr. Sauer says he enjoys volunteering at the hospital because he likes meeting new people from various locations.

Mr. Sauer also enjoys learning new things. Three years ago, he became a member of the Eastern Iowa Mutual Insurance Board. Although his background was not in insurance, Mr. Sauer accepted the challenge of serving on the board and has enjoyed learning about the industry. He's also been active in the local schools, serving as a member of the school board and most recently on the school foundation. In addition, Mr. Sauer is an active member in his church and in the American Legion.

A devoted family man, Mr. Sauer has been married to his wife Kathleen for 51 years. The couple has three children and five grandchildren.

I want to thank Mr. Sauer for his contributions to the people of Cedar County. His initiative and compassionate concern for others is an example to us all that we should always be willing to contribute, no matter what our age.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN HONOR OF DON LAUER

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today with pride to remark on the extraordinary public service career of Dr. Donald Lauer. For over twenty-five years, Dr. Lauer has played a key leadership role at the Earth Research Observation Systems, EROS, Data Center near Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and for over a decade has served as Chief at EROS.

Under the jurisdiction of the United States Geological Survey, the EROS Data Center holds one of the world's largest collections of images of the earth's land surface. These incredibly valuable images are managed and distributed by EROS personnel to scientists, policy makers and educators worldwide. The data is used to study a wide range of natural hazards, global environmental change and economic and conservation issues.

EROS is also now home to the United Nations Environmental Programme's, UNEP, Division of Environmental Information, Assessment and Early Warning office in North America. South Dakotans are proud to host this important United Nations office within our state.

The great success of EROS is due in significant portion to the outstanding leadership provided over the years by Dr. Lauer. His scientific, and management skills have proven invaluable as the role of EROS has expanded and become ever more complex. He has played a key role in facilitating a recent multimillion dollar transfer of NASA earth images to the UNEP, and their placement at EROS.

Beyond all this, Dr. Lauer has also provided important leadership for the

Sioux Falls community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Sioux Valley Hospital, and has had a career long interest in the health and education of his fellow citizens.

I am pleased that Dr. Lauer will remain with the United States Geological Survey as an Emeritus Scientist, and that he plans to continue his residence in Sioux Falls. His vision and commitment to science will continue to well serve the people of the United States and of the world.

Dr. Lauer's life and career serve as models for public servants throughout our nation. I take this opportunity to thank him for all he has accomplished at EROS, and wish him well on all his future challenges and opportunities.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:17 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Rota, one of its clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1836) entitled "An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002."

At 10:36 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 146. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1092(b) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398), the Minority leader appoints the following individual to the Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry: R. Thomas Buffenbarger of Brookeville, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

The following nomination was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions pursuant to the order of May 26, 2001:

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Arthur F. Rosenfeld, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

The following nominations were discharged from the Committee on Finance pursuant to the order of May 26, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Peter F. Allgeier, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Linnet F. Deily, of California, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.