

the early stages. We have heard from people who are very thankful to the United States, people who are thankful to President Bush, thankful to us and our country, about these programs. Some of these programs are programs we put in place.

We heard some very good success stories about many of these programs. They show very promising results. With these programs and the drugs they provide, we are seeing HIV/AIDS transmission rates from a mother who has AIDS to a child about to be born, and then born, drop from 30 percent to 5 to 10 percent. What do we mean by that? Well, the doctors tell us that if a mother is HIV positive and she is not treated, the odds are approximately 30 percent that she is going to give birth to a child who will be HIV positive. In these developing countries, with treatment—and usually a fairly simple treatment and it costs about \$3—we can reduce those numbers to about 5 to 10 percent. That is a dramatic drop in the number of children who would be born HIV positive. If given the proper medication, the odds go dramatically down.

The challenge, of course, is getting these mother-to-child transmission programs going and then getting the pregnant women into the program.

We also have to face the challenge of treating children who do develop AIDS. That is a different ball game, a different problem. Treatment for these kids is, as I said when I referenced South Africa—and it is true of all the other three countries—is virtually nonexistent, just like the treatment for adults.

In Johannesburg, to take one example—and you can replicate these numbers or use similar numbers across all of Africa, or at least all the countries where HIV is prevalent—there are 6,000 to 7,000 kids in need of antiretroviral treatment, yet fewer than 100 kids are getting any treatment at all. The good news is that there are good people in the hospitals who are ready now to treat these kids. Dr. Tammy Meyers is ready now to start a program to provide drug treatment for these children.

In conclusion, on this trip we saw the human face of Africa. We saw the human face of AIDS. I have seen this face before in Haiti and Guyana. That human face will remain with all of us who went on this trip after all the specific statistics have faded.

I will always remember Graca Machel telling us about her going out in the rural area visiting a grandfather and his two wives. He is 83 and his wives are 73 and 76. They lost their eight children. They saw them die one by one, each one claimed by AIDS. Now these elderly people are caring for their 30 grandchildren after having lost each 1 of these 8 children. I will remember that.

I will remember watching a young teenager as he described losing his parents to AIDS and then having to go from home to home to home, relative

to relative, to see others of his relatives die of AIDS, being handed from one family to another.

I will remember an HIV-positive mother describe giving birth to a child who developed AIDS, a little baby, who died shortly after birth. I will remember watching her describe that child as that child died.

I will also remember an HIV-positive mother who described getting the help she needed, having someone reach out to her, getting the drug treatment she needed before giving birth to her child, and described the joy she felt to know her child was not HIV positive, that her child was a healthy child. We listened to her joyfully describe that child and the future that child now has. Her baby was born HIV free. Her story doesn't need to be the exception.

With our HIV/AIDS money, more and more babies can be born free of AIDS. We need to move quickly. Time is not on our side. We need to move now. We need to invest in the people who are ready to go and in the programs that already work. We need to do all we can to address the human tragedy of global AIDS. We have the ability to ease this suffering, and it is our moral obligation to lead this fight. We are at a critical time in world history. I believe history will judge us well by what we are doing today. It is our obligation at this critical time to make sure that we not only begin this fight—and we have—but that we carry it out, that we stay with it, that we do it effectively, that we do it correctly, and that we stay with it day after day after day.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period for morning business.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO JIMMY PITTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to speak of an American patriot.

Jim Pitts was my classmate during my 4 years at Basic High School in Henderson, NV. I have fond memories of Basic, and one reason is because I also have fond memories of my friend, Dr. Jim Pitts.

I remember when Jim and I were chosen to go to Reno as members of Boys State. We headquartered at UNR. For two young men from Henderson, where there is almost no greenery, it was almost unreal to see the green grass, the

clear flowing water of the Truckee, and even Manzanita Lake.

Boys State is an experience I will always remember. And again, my memories of that experience will always include Jim Pitts.

I also recall our senior prom, Nancy Niece, a junior, was the prom queen . . . and Jim Pitts was president of the senior class. Jim and Mike O'Callaghan, who was one of our teachers and later served as Governor of Nevada, got the idea to bring in some flowers for the dance. It is an understatement to say we had flowers—they were literally everywhere! They were flown in from Hawaii. How they were purchased, I will never know. But what a prom Jimmy put together—memories are made of this.

In high school, Jim was one of the smart kids. He was good at math, and he even liked science. So it was only natural that the faculty recognized his potential. With the support of his teachers and his family, he enrolled at the University of Oregon in Eugene. He graduated with honors, then went on to medical school at the University of Oregon in Portland.

Jim began his residency program to become a surgeon in Fresno, CA. But after 2 years, duty called, and Dr. Pitts joined the United States Army. He volunteered to become a paramedic. In lay terms, this is a medical doctor who parachutes out of airplanes to care for those who are injured in combat.

He served with the 101st Airborne Division during the bloodiest years in Vietnam, 1967–68. In Vietnam, Jim received the Bronze Star, the Army Accommodation Medal, and the Combat Medic Badge. His medical training gave him the skills needed to save lives. He was a hero.

After coming home from Vietnam, Jim returned to Fresno and completed his residency in general surgery. Dr. Pitts then moved back to Nevada, but this time he settled in the north, in Carson City. He has made his home in Carson City ever since, performing miracles and saving lives at the Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

In 1989, Dr. Pitts was honored as Distinguished Physician of the Year by the State Medical Association. He obviously passed his talents as a surgeon along to his son, Todd, who has been serving in his father's practice for the past 6 years.

But Dr. Pitts is not just a talented surgeon, he is also a great friend and a gentleman, a caring person who has made a tremendous difference in his community. And he passed these traits to his daughter Kathy, who teaches school here in Carson City. I know Jim and Carol are very proud of both of their children. And I know they, in turn, are both proud of their parents.

Since our high school days, Jim and I have rarely been able to spend much time together. He went his way, and I went mine. We have had an occasional dinner, and even went shooting together, but not often enough.

In spite of our limited contact, and the passage of 45 years, our friendship has never wavered. I am so proud of Jim and his accomplishments.

I recently wrote Jim a letter, expressing sympathy at the passing of his dear father. Little did I know when I wrote the letter that Jim was ill himself. As soon as I learned of his condition I called him, after worrying the entire weekend about my high school buddy.

When I called, I hoped I would be able to perk him up. But just the opposite occurred. Jim, always the physician, cheered me up.

He said, in effect, I am so fortunate to have the life I have, a wonderful family, and time to plan for the future.

I am sorry I can't attend the event to celebrate Jim's outstanding career, and at the same time—this sounds just like Jimmy Pitts—raise money for the Cancer Treatment Center at Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

Jimmy, may you know from your old boyhood friend of my love and affection.

Thinking of you, I am reminded of the old Jewish saying: "Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure."

Fifty years ago, I made a friend, and I found a treasure. Jimmy Pitts has truly been a blessing in my life.

Thank you, Jimmy.

**CHANGES TO H. CON. RES. 95 PURSUANT TO SECTION 403 SCHIP RESERVE FUND ADJUSTMENT**

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, section 403 of H. Con. Res. 95, the FY 2004 budget resolution, permits the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to make adjustments to the allocation of budget authority and outlays to the Senate Committee on Finance, provided certain conditions are met.

Pursuant to section 403, I hereby submit the revisions to H. Con. Res. 95, and I ask unanimous consent that the revisions be printed in the RECORD.

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

	(\$ in millions)
Current Allocation to Senate Finance Committee:	
FY 2003 Budget Authority .....	766,693
FY 2003 Outlays .....	770,464
FY 2004 Budget Authority .....	769,846
FY 2004 Outlays .....	773,735
FY 2004-2008 Budget Authority .....	4,617,937
FY 2004-2008 Outlays .....	4,627,228
FY 2004-2013 Budget Authority .....	10,991,162
FY 2004-2013 Outlays .....	11,006,226
Adjustments:	
FY 2003 Budget Authority .....	1,259
FY 2003 Outlays .....	20
FY 2004 Budget Authority .....	1,325
FY 2004 Outlays .....	85
FY 2004-2008 Budget Authority .....	685
FY 2004-2008 Outlays .....	760

	(\$ in millions)
FY 2004-2013 Budget Authority .....	560
FY 2004-2013 Outlays .....	890
Revised Allocation to Senate Finance Committee:	
FY 2003 Budget Authority .....	767,952
FY 2003 Outlays .....	770,484
FY 2004 Budget Authority .....	771,171
FY 2004 Outlays .....	773,820
FY 2004-2008 Budget Authority .....	4,618,622
FY 2004-2008 Outlays .....	4,627,988
FY 2004-2013 Budget Authority .....	10,991,722
FY 2004-2013 Outlays .....	11,007,116

**TRIBUTE TO DAVID ACKERMAN**

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize a fine public servant who just retired this past August from the Congressional Research Service. David Ackerman is a sterling example of the expertise we in the Congress can call upon to assist us in our legislative responsibilities. I know Senator BIDEN joins me recognizing Mr. Ackerman for his splendid accomplishments during his career at CRS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a summary of Mr. Ackerman's career be included in the record as part of my remarks. Mr. Ackerman devoted nearly 30 years to supporting Congress in his role as legislative attorney for the American Law Division of CRS. His areas of expertise were international law, foreign affairs and first amendment church-state issues and he applied a keen legal mind and sensitivity for balance and non-partisanship in providing Congress with the informed and objective analysis we need. Dave Ackerman joined CRS in 1974 after graduating with distinction from Georgetown University Law School. Prior to his legal career, after graduating magna cum laude from Knox College, he worked on Capitol Hill in the Washington office of the National Council of Churches. At CRS, Dave quickly established himself as an attorney with the legal analytical skills necessary to provide Members and committees of Congress with high level support on some of the most complex questions facing them in their legislative and oversight roles. He did this with the professionalism, objectivity, and devotion to client support that we in the Congress value in CRS. Dave's career saw numerous awards and recognition for outstanding performance by CRS as well as expressions of commendation by congressional clients. His work was referred to and reprinted widely during congressional deliberations and in a variety of congressional publications. Among the most notable of the latter, are his contributions over the years to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Print, "Treaties and Other International Agreements: The Role of the United States Senate," a seminal work and invaluable reference resource on this important topic. Mr.

Ackerman's work ranged over many of the controversial issues faced by the Congress and the country over the last 30 years. In the international/foreign affairs law area, Dave wrote extensively on the respective roles of Congress and the executive in waging war and conducting foreign affairs. Both Gulf wars and the Somalia, Kosovo and Afghanistan conflicts raised their own issues of presidential power and congressional prerogatives and Dave was an invaluable source of legal analysis for the Congress, assisting it in understanding this complex interplay. Mr. Ackerman also provided Congress with sophisticated analyses of such issues as the legal implications for treaties of the break-up of the Soviet Union, the termination of the ABM treaty, NATO enlargement, the Kyoto protocol and the International Criminal Court. Recently, Mr. Ackerman has written extensively on the legally—and politically—complex issue of suits over terrorist acts in United States courts. Both the courts and Congress have struggled to develop solutions to this problem, balancing justice for victims with delicate foreign policy concerns. A remarkable aspect of Mr. Ackerman's career with CRS was his ability to range over a number of areas of law. Dave was also a recognized expert on the separation of church and state. The first amendment's commands regarding the establishment of religion and the free exercise of religion have produced some of the most heated debates in the courts and Congress, whether it be prayer or the Pledge of Allegiance in the schools or government aid to religious institutions. Dave was able to write on these issues with a clarity and acumen that enabled Congress to understand the ever-changing law of church and state in its legislative deliberations. In the finest traditions of CRS, Mr. Ackerman brought objectivity and even-handedness to an area that invariably elicited strong emotions and heated argument. Congress and CRS will miss the expertise of David Ackerman. He represented the best of what we have come to expect from CRS. Fortunately, a body of work remains that will inform the Congress for years to come. We wish Dave and his family all the best in his future endeavors.

**HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES**

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an Iowan who has given his life in service to his country. PFC David Kirchhoff suffered heat stroke in Iraq and was evacuated to a base in Germany where he died. His wife Brooke was with him when he passed away. Private Kirchhoff is the fifth Iowan and the first member of the Iowa Army National Guard to be killed since the start of military operations in Iraq. David Kirchhoff graduated from Metro High School in Cedar Rapids, IA and lived most recently in Anamosa. In addition to his wife Brooke, David leaves