

(3) commends Federal, State, and local governments, and the private sector, for promoting February as "Go Direct Month"; and

(4) encourages all citizens of the United States to—

(A) participate in events and awareness initiatives held during the month of February;

(B) become informed about the convenience and safety of direct deposit; and

(C) consider signing up for direct deposit of Social Security or other Federal benefits.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 364, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 364) honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 364) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 364

Whereas Catholic schools in the United States have received international acclaim for academic excellence while providing students with lessons that extend far beyond the classroom;

Whereas Catholic schools present a broad curriculum that emphasizes the lifelong development of moral, intellectual, physical, and social values in the young people of the United States;

Whereas Catholic schools in the United States today educate 2,420,590 students and maintain a student-to-teacher ratio of 15 to 1;

Whereas the faculty members of Catholic schools teach a highly diverse body of students;

Whereas more than 27.1 percent of school children enrolled in Catholic schools are minorities, and more than 13.6 percent are non-Catholics;

Whereas Catholic schools saved the United States \$19,000,000,000 in educational funding during fiscal year 2005;

Whereas Catholic schools produce students strongly dedicated to their faith, values, families, and communities by providing an intellectually stimulating environment rich in spiritual, character, and moral development; and

Whereas in the 1972 pastoral message concerning Catholic education, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops stated, "Education is one of the most important ways by which the Church fulfills its commitment to the dignity of the person and building of community. Community is central to education ministry, both as a necessary condition and an ardently desired goal. The edu-

cational efforts of the Church, therefore, must be directed to forming persons-in-community; for the education of the individual Christian is important not only to his solitary destiny, but also the destinies of the many communities in which he lives." Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the goals of Catholic Schools Week, an event cosponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that recognizes the vital contributions of thousands of Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the United States; and

(2) congratulates Catholic schools, students, parents, and teachers across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and for the vital role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for this Nation.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 332, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 332) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 332) was agreed to, as follows.

H. CON. RES. 332

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Wednesday, February 1, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Wednesday, February 8, 2006, or Thursday, February 9, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker or his designee, after consultation with the Minority Leader, shall notify the Members of the House to reassemble at such place and time as he may designate if, in his opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

STATE HIGH RISK POOL FUNDING EXTENSION ACT OF 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP

Committee be discharged and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4519.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4519) to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for the operation of State high risk health insurance pools.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 4519) was read the third time and passed.

WATER NEEDS OF THE DRY PRAIRIE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 355, S. 1219.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1219) to authorize certain tribes in the State of Montana to enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights to meet the water needs of the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Inc.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1219) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1219

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY CONVEYANCE OF WATER RIGHTS TO DRY PRAIRIE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana (referred to in this section as the "Tribes") may, with the approval of the Secretary, enter into a lease or other temporary conveyance of water rights recognized under the Fort Peck-Montana Compact (Montana Code Annotated 85-20-201) with the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association, Incorporated (or any successor non-Federal entity) for the purpose of meeting the water needs of that association, in accordance with section 5 of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-382; 114 Stat. 1454).

(b) CONDITIONS OF LEASE.—With respect to a lease or other temporary conveyance described in subsection (a)—

(1) the term of the lease or conveyance shall not exceed 100 years; and

(2)(A) the lease or conveyance may be approved by the Secretary without monetary compensation to the Tribes; and

(B) the Secretary shall not be subject to liability for any claim relating to any compensation or consideration received by the Tribes under the lease or conveyance.

(C) NO PERMANENT ALIENATION OF WATER.—Nothing in this section authorizes a permanent alienation of any water by the Tribes.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 2. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to consideration of H.R. 4297, the tax reconciliation bill; provided further that when the Senate resumes the bill there be 3½ hours remaining for each side under the statute; further, that the bill be subject to debate only until the majority leader is recognized at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today the Senate did begin consideration of the House version of the tax relief bill that this body passed last November. We now have 7 hours remaining under the statutory time limit for this piece of legislation. We began with 20 hours and now have 7 hours remaining.

Tomorrow, we will continue debate on this important bill. At this point I expect further debate tomorrow morning until all time has expired. As all Senators are aware, once all time expires Senators may offer amendments, and therefore a series of stacked votes over the course of tomorrow afternoon is to be expected. Senators should expect a busy afternoon, and I ask Members to remain close to the Chamber tomorrow while these amendments are considered to this tax reconciliation bill. We don't know exactly how many amendments that will be, but once those amendments start we will go straight through those amendments until completion, whether that be tomorrow night or on Friday. We will finish the bill this week and it is possible we could finish it tomorrow night if we have good cooperation from both sides of the aisle on this legislation. But if not, we will go into Friday to complete the bill.

Progress was good today. There was a lot of discussion over the course of the day. We have a lot of people who said they wished to offer amendments and I do hope that they would reconsider and make sure, if the amendment is to be offered, it is a substantive amendment, important to the tax reconciliation bill and, if not, not offer the amendment. Thus we could get through this tomorrow night.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, February 2, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 1, 2006:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DAVID P. VALCOURT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. RAYMOND T. ODIERNO, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. STANLEY A. MCCHRYSTAL, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. ELDER GRANGER, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. ROBERT T. CONWAY, JR., 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

BRUCE S. ABE, 0000
CLIFTON W. BAILEY, 0000
KEVIN H. BLACK, 0000
MICHAEL D. BROOKS, 0000
JEFFREY S. BROWN, 0000
ROBERT M. CRITTENDEN, 0000
ARON W. ENGELS, 0000
EDITHANN JENNINGS GRAHAM, 0000
JODY S. HARRISON, 0000
BRENT E. HAVEY, 0000
CLAYTON G. HICKS, 0000
GRETCHEN B. JUNGEMANN, 0000
ALFRED G. KHALLOUF, 0000
CARL A. LABELLA III, 0000
BRIAN J. LOREI, 0000
JENNIFER F. MCCARTHY, 0000
NORMAN L. MCGEATHY III, 0000
JOANNA SAENZ MCPHERSON, 0000
MASOUD MILANI, 0000
LEONARDO M. RIOSANDERSEN, 0000
LEE E. ROUNDY, 0000
JENNIFER B. SAMS, 0000
LOGAN SMITH, 0000
STEPHEN H. SPECK, 0000
JANICE TIMOTHEE, 0000
JAMES D. WATTS, 0000
RYAN COOPER WAYLAND, 0000
ANN E. ZIONIC, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

STEVEN J. ACEVEDO, 0000
ZARAH ANN A. ALBA, 0000
ANTOIN M. ALEXANDER, 0000
MICHAEL B. ALEXANDER, 0000
BRETT K. ANDERSON, 0000
BRIAN A. ARTZBERGER, 0000
LEE S. ASTLE, 0000
KAREN M. AYOTTE, 0000
LAURA E. BABER, 0000

SCOTT A. BALDRIDGE, 0000
NICOLE M. BALLINGER, 0000
CHRISTINE L. BALTZER, 0000
SHANE B. BANKS, 0000
SCOTT J. BARNACLE, 0000
RICHARD J. BARNETT, 0000
DEAN W. BARTHOLOMEW, 0000
IAN M. BAXTER, 0000
JONATHAN B. BERG, 0000
BRIAN S. BERKE, 0000
JEANETTE KEENAN BERRONG, 0000
DOMINGO R. BICALDO, 0000
GRETCHEN E. BLACK, 0000
JAMES J. BOEHMKE, JR., 0000
BRADLEY J. BOETTIG, 0000
JUSTIN B. BOGE, 0000
TERESA A. BONZANI, 0000
BRIAN M. BOSSCHER, 0000
JONATHAN N. BOWMAN, 0000
MICHAEL S. BOXUM, 0000
KARA M. BOYER, 0000
CHRISTOPHER N. BRESSLER, 0000
JONATHAN D. BREWER, 0000
BEATRICE Y. BREWINGTON, 0000
CHRISTOPHER M. BROWN, 0000
JAMES K. BROWN, 0000
JEFFREY D. BUSHNELL, 0000
CHRISTOPHER W. CALABRIA, 0000
MATTHEW A. CARLSON, 0000
KEN J. CARPENTER, 0000
NOELLE A. CARPENTER, 0000
PHIL O. CASTILLO, 0000
NATHAN D. CECAVA, 0000
MAURICE G. CHEN, 0000
JENNIFER C. CHOW, 0000
ANTHONY J. CIAMPA, 0000
STEPHANIE L. CIAMPA, 0000
RAYMOND J. CLYDESDALE, 0000
BRIAN G. COMER, 0000
JOHNATHAN M. COMPTON, 0000
CHRISTIE M. COOKSEY, 0000
BRETT D. COONS, 0000
ERIC A. COSTELLO, 0000
ERIC C. CRABTREE, 0000
ROBERT M. CROMER, 0000
JOHN M. CROWE, 0000
TERESA A. CRUTCHLEY, 0000
LISA K. CULTON, 0000
OSCAR J. CURRIE, 0000
RICHARD L. DAGROSA, 0000
EILEEN H. DAUER, 0000
CHARLES M. DAVIS, 0000
STEVEN W. DAVIS, 0000
PAUL T. DEFLORIO, 0000
SUSANN DEMARINO, 0000
NICOLE M. DEYAMPERT, 0000
BRAD A. DEYKIN, 0000
JAYSON C. DOCK, 0000
JOSEPH J. DUBOSE, 0000
TIMOTHY J. DUNCAN, 0000
ANT. DUONG, 0000
JAMES S. EADIE, 0000
TRACY J. EICHER, 0000
HERMAN R. ELLEMBERGER, 0000
SPRING R. ELLEMBERGER, 0000
ROBERT L. ELLER, 0000
AMY S. ERICKSON, 0000
JASON H. EVES, 0000
GEOFFREY L. EWING, 0000
SHANNON D. FABER, 0000
DELANO S. FABRO, JR., 0000
OLUWOLE O. FADARE, 0000
TROY D. FATE, 0000
BRYAN A. FICARRA, JR., 0000
CARLIE D. FINAN, 0000
RYAN O. FINSTEN, 0000
KEITH A. FISHER, 0000
ERIC M. FLAKE, 0000
TRACY M. FROELICH, 0000
SCOTT ALAN FUJIMOTO, 0000
HEIDI L. GADDEY, 0000
NORA E. GERSON, 0000
JULIE L. GLENN, 0000
SANJAY A. GOGATE, 0000
PAMELA K. GORDON, 0000
RUSSELL K. GORE, 0000
STEVEN M. GORE, 0000
CHRISTOPHER E. GORMAN, 0000
ALLISON E. GORREBECK, 0000
JOSEPH T. GOWER, 0000
RICHARD T. GRECO, 0000
KELLIE D. GRIFFITH, 0000
STUART R. GROSS, 0000
MARK A. GUNST, 0000
KARRN E. GUSTAFSON, 0000
GERALD R. HADDOCK II, 0000
AUDREY M. HALL, 0000
NADEEM A. HAMID, 0000
TAYLOR S. HAN, 0000
EVELYN M. HARDER, 0000
MARTIN J. HARSSEMA, 0000
MICHELLE R. HARSSEMA, 0000
CHAD W. HARSTON, 0000
MARSHALL T. HAYES, 0000
KEVIN D. HETTINGER, 0000
ARTHUR V. HICKSON, 0000
AQUILLA L. HIGHSMITH TYLER, 0000
JOSHUA A. HODGE, 0000
STEFANIE K. HORNE, 0000
STEVEN J. HOSPODAR, 0000
ROBERT J. HOWE, 0000
DAVID T. HSIEH, 0000
DAVID L. HUANG, 0000
JUDY M. HUYNH, 0000
TEDDOR J. HUZIL, 0000
JULIA C. JACKSON, 0000
MICHAEL W. JACKSON, 0000