

wealthy man. People who are on unemployment benefits, without exception, are not wealthy. They are people who were depending on a check to come when payday came. Payday came, and they had no job. The unemployed are a pet project of mine. I would say that the unemployed don't have the advocates, the lobbyists that a lot of other groups have, but they are as important.

Is it a pet project to help businesses weather the storm of this downturn? I don't think so. Is it a pet project to help people pay for their heating bills? And if there is something negative about that term, I plead guilty. Is it a pet project to help families avoid foreclosure? If the answer is yes, we know that a majority of the Senate is in favor of these pet projects. We know that a majority of the Senate supports these pet projects and will defend these projects.

I hope there are enough of my friends on the other side of the aisle who will step forward and do the right thing and support this bipartisan plan that will help stimulate the economy.

I am not naive enough not to know that when this bill leaves here, whatever shape it is, it goes to a conference with the House. The President will be heavily involved in that. It will have the stamp of approval of the House and the Senate. But pressure is building, and that is why a majority of the Senate of the United States believes that this Senate stimulus package is a good piece of legislation. We have already established tonight, through the words of the Republican leader, that the House package is far from perfect, because he has acknowledged that he wants to change that. If we stand together on this bill—and Senators BAUCUS and GRASSLEY have stood together—we can achieve something today that will make our economy stronger and make the American people proud that we have not forgotten the unemployed, that we have not forgotten the military folks who have given so much, and the seniors.

I still often want to call my mother. I used to call my mother every day. She was a Social Security recipient. I know I can't call my mother, even though I want to on many occasions. But I do know that if she got this check like we are trying to give her and others similarly situated, she would spend that money if she were alive. She would have that money spent in a matter of a few days. So this is the right thing to do.

The Senate should feel good that right now a bipartisan group of Senators, Democrats and Republicans, reported a bill out of the Senate Finance Committee and, after having done so, a bipartisan group of Democratic Senators and Republican Senators have joined together to say: Let's give the economy a boost. That is what this legislation will do.

Our time has expired, or it will in a minute or so.

Mr. President, as usual, we have people who want to get out of here and people who want to stay here. So we

are going to wait until the time expires. So I will ask that we have a quorum call. There is just a minute or so left.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

CLOTURE MOTION

Under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on amendment No. 3983 to H.R. 5140, the economic stimulus bill.

Herb Kohl, Max Baucus, Mark L. Pryor, Byron L. Dorgan, Robert Menendez, Jon Tester, Christopher J. Dodd, Barbara A. Mikulski, Joseph I. Lieberman, Frank R. Lautenberg, Daniel K. Akaka, Sheldon Whitehouse, Benjamin L. Cardin, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Richard Durbin, Claire McCaskill, Harry Reid.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call is waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on amendment No. 3983, offered by the Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID, to H.R. 5140, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. KYL. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCAIN).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 58, nays 41, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 8 Leg.]

YEAS—58

Akaka	Durbin	Murray
Baucus	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Bayh	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Biden	Grassley	Obama
Bingaman	Harkin	Pryor
Boxer	Inouye	Reed
Brown	Johnson	Rockefeller
Byrd	Kennedy	Salazar
Cantwell	Kerry	Sanders
Cardin	Klobuchar	Schumer
Carper	Kohl	Smith
Casey	Landrieu	Snowe
Clinton	Lautenberg	Specter
Coleman	Leahy	Stabenow
Collins	Levin	Tester
Conrad	Lieberman	Webb
Dodd	Lincoln	Whitehouse
Dole	McCaskill	
Domenici	Menendez	Wyden
Dorgan	Mikulski	

NAYS—41

Alexander	Cornyn	Isakson
Allard	Craig	Kyl
Barrasso	Crapo	Lugar
Bennett	DeMint	Martinez
Bond	Ensign	McConnell
Brownback	Enzi	Murkowski
Bunning	Graham	Reid
Burr	Gregg	Roberts
Chambliss	Hagel	Sessions
Coburn	Hatch	Shelby
Cochran	Hutchison	Stevens
Corker	Inhofe	

Sununu
Thune

Vitter
Voinovich

Warner
Wicker

NOT VOTING—1

McCain

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 58, the nays are 41. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I enter a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion to reconsider is entered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, first, let me express my appreciation to everyone who took my calls, who listened to Democrats and Republicans asking them to vote for this very important stimulus package. It was a good debate. The American people would have been better for having done this, but I appreciate the bipartisan nature of this vote. Fifty-nine Senators joined together to do what they thought was the right thing for the country.

I will have before the evening is out, in fact shortly, a conversation with the Republican leader in the immediate future this evening to let him know what I intend to do in the near future and not so near. So pending my conversation with the Republican leader, I note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CASEY). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

RECOGNIZING EDWARD J. MOLITOR, SR.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Ed Molitor has been coaching basketball at Palatine High School for so long that when the local paper reported on his retirement, the sports trivia question it ran included the name of his predecessor.

When Ed Molitor was in college, he went to a playoff game between two Chicago high school basketball teams—DuSable and DePaul Academy. He credits this game with altering the course of his life.

At the time, Ed Molitor was a pre-med student at St. Procopius College. When he wasn't consumed with his studies, he helped a friend coach basketball at an elementary school on the

city's south side. It wasn't until he watched the two high school teams battle it out on the court, though, that he realized medicine wasn't his real passion. It was basketball. Molitor transferred to Roosevelt University and shifted his focus to education.

After graduation, Molitor started as assistant coach of the DePaul Academy High School basketball team. As assistant coach, he worked under Coach Bill Gleason, who became both a mentor and friend. Molitor went on to coach basketball at Marist High School on the southwest side of Chicago.

In 1976, Molitor became head coach of Palatine High School's varsity basketball team. He stayed for more than three decades. During his 32 years at Palatine, Molitor coached more than 700 athletes. He left an indelible mark on the players, the school, and the community. No fewer than 16 of his former players have gone on to coach high school basketball, and 5 currently coach collegiate basketball.

On December 28, 2007, Coach Molitor earned his 500th career victory. When honored with the game ball at a postgame ceremony, Molitor admitted that he hadn't been aware he was approaching this impressive milestone until he read about the achievement in the newspaper.

Throughout his remarkable coaching career, Ed Molitor emphasized achievement off the court as much as on it. In his own words, "you have to convince a kid he's got potential, not only in athletics, but in other walks of life."

Coach Molitor emphasizes the mental elements of the game over the physical, and this approach has brought him and his players success on the court and in life. He has led teams to six conference championships, seven regional titles, and two sectional championships.

I am happy to report that his peers have recognized Ed Molitor's skills. On two occasions, he has been named Coach of the Year by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. In 1997, the association inducted Molitor into its Hall of Fame. Over the years, Coach Molitor has been selected to coach a number of regional, state, and national teams. He also sits on the All-State Selection Board.

Ed Molitor has been a tremendous asset to Illinois high school basketball throughout his coaching career, but his greatest value has always been to his players. Today, I join the current and former members of Palatine High School's varsity basketball team in thanking Coach Molitor for his commitment to coaching and his passion for helping student-athletes develop character, discipline, and perseverance—skills that will prove valuable even after the season has ended.

Mr. President, I congratulate Coach Ed Molitor on his accomplishments throughout his long and successful coaching career, and I wish him many more years of happiness and accomplishment in retirement.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHRISTOPHER F. PFEIFER

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to honor PFC Christopher F. Pfeifer of Spalding, Nebraska.

Private First Class Pfeifer grew up in Spalding and, during high school, played football, as well as the drums in the school band. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, and especially music and playing his drums. His music teacher said he was one of the better drum players she had ever seen. After joining the Job Corps, he earned his high school diploma, and met his future wife, Karen. They married on March 22, 2006, and 1 month later, he joined the U.S. Army, partly influenced by his brother's service as a Green Beret. His father said he loved the Army and, after completing his military commitment, wanted to use the G.I. bill to go to college.

Private First Class Pfeifer was serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, assigned to the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, in Schweinfurt, Germany. On August 17, 2007, his unit came under enemy fire near Kamu, Afghanistan. Private First Class Pfeifer sustained wounds while bravely trying to pull fellow soldiers to safety. He passed away on September 25, 2007, at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX. Private First Class Pfeifer was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

Private First Class Pfeifer is survived by his wife Karen and their newborn daughter Peyton; his parents Michael and Darlina Pfeifer of Spalding, NE; his brother, Aaron of Fort Bragg, NC; and his sister Nichole, of Hauppauge, NY. I offer my most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Private First Class Pfeifer. He made the ultimate and most courageous sacrifice for our Nation, and his daughter will grow up knowing her father is a hero. I join all Americans in grieving the loss of this remarkable young man and know that Private First Class Pfeifer's passion for serving, his leadership, and his selflessness will remain a source of inspiration for us all.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING B. LYN BEHRENS

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Lyn Behrens as she retires as president and CEO of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, drawing to a close a successful career in medicine and civic leadership.

After completing her degree in medicine from the Sydney University School of Medicine in Australia in 1964, Dr. Behrens became the first and only pediatric resident at Loma Linda University Medical Center in 1966. By 1986, Dr. Behrens was the first female Dean

of the School of Medicine, and by 1990 she had become the first female President of Loma Linda University. Five years later she assumed the position of CEO of Adventist Health System, which soon became the Loma Linda University Adventist Health Science Center. In 1999, Dr. Behrens was chosen to serve as President of Loma Linda University Medical Center. Loma Linda University and Medical Center has prospered under her leadership, and has become a preeminent institution for patient care and medical technology. I have had the pleasure of visiting Loma Linda University and have found Dr. Behrens to be an exemplary model to her colleagues, capable of bringing out the best in her associates.

During Behrens' tenure, Loma Linda University witnessed the development of a dedicated children's hospital with the most advanced equipment and methodology. The university has also witnessed the development of a center for behavioral medicine, as well as a rehabilitation, orthopaedic and neurosciences institute. The university has also added new schools of pharmacy and science and technology, and has worked diligently to foster its interaction with local research institutes to develop innovation in the use of global information systems to assist with emergency medical response. The first hospital-based center for proton therapy and research has also been developed under Behrens' tenure, and has become a leading institution in the treatment of cancer. The university has taken great strides to improve care and support for our Nation's veterans at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center.

Dr. Behrens has also been a dynamic leader in her community, working to ensure positive community service to her area and throughout the world. She has been instrumental in bringing to fruition a great number of social and community services organizations and programs. Programs such as the Social Action Community Health Services Clinic, PossAbilities, Community Kids Connection and Operation Jessica, have brought medical and social support to a broad group of individuals. These organizations have assisted special needs and at-risk children and teens, and developed after-school programs and ESL—English Second Language—programs. Dr. Behrens' leadership has also provided for increased medical and community support internationally, providing support in 12 nations, including the only teaching hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, and the most advanced hospital in mainland China.

As she retires from more than four decades of service and leadership in medicine to the communities of California and beyond, I am pleased to ask my colleagues to recognize her for a career of visionary leadership. The future of medical education, research, and service will be forever changed thanks to her bold leadership. •