

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF HARRY CLEMMONS

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, today I recognize Harry Clemmons, Kennewick School District's middle school director, for his leadership in fighting school violence.

Last January, I organized a meeting of over 200 parents, teachers, administrators, and students. At this conference I listened carefully to the concerns and ideas of those in attendance. While I heard many varied and different suggestions, one theme was constant. Innovative and resourceful programs which educators work hard to plan and execute deserve more recognition. I therefore promised to recognize, on a monthly basis, a school or school program that is outstanding and innovative. The school violence prevention programs that Harry Clemmons has successfully implemented are worthy of such recognition.

It is time we took the steps necessary to regain control of our Nation's schools. In Washington State, for example, violent crimes by youths have doubled in number in the past decade, despite a 3-percent reduction in the youth population. Our superintendent of public instruction recently released her annual report of weapons in Washington State schools for the 1992-93 school year. A total of 2,237 incidents of possession of firearms or dangerous weapons on school premises were reported by school districts and approved private schools.

The prevalence of such incidents is constantly increasing, as is the variation and types of weapons. We must address this problem now. We must ensure the safety of our children in school and provide a learning environment free of violence and disruption.

Mr. Harry Clemmons and his innovative prevention programs should continue to be promoted throughout Washington State, as well as the entire United States. Recognizing that a problem exists and taking the initiative to develop successful programs is the key to improving our education system. •

REGARDING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN MEXICO

• Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, while American diplomats and foreign policy pundits hand-wring over various crises in Eurasia and the American military is hand-holding the doomed in a number of Third World quagmires, an economic crisis of alarming proportions is threatening to engulf our nearest neighbor to the south. Could there be a better example of the failure of our foreign policy than the potential collapse of Mexico?

I believe that charity begins at home. Mexico and Canada are part of the American family. Yes, we bicker. We

snipe. We engage in the kind of heated battles only family members could get away with, but, in the end, it is the family ties that bind.

We can no longer take our good neighbors for granted. Our national security and our economic well-being are inextricably linked to the health and stability of Mexican society and the Mexican economy. We face a far greater threat from instability in Mexico than we will ever face from open conflict or economic chaos in most of the places American diplomatic attention and foreign aid are currently focused.

We must help the Mexicans stabilize the peso, to renegotiate their debt, and to develop an economic strategy of long-term investment and growth that will improve the quality of life of all Mexicans, and, by extension, the quality of life of all Americans.

To do as we have been doing, to focus on the problems of other continents while ignoring our own, is asking to worrying over a distant storm as wolves gather in our backyard. •

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,
JANUARY 12, 1995

Mr. LOTT. Now, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 1995; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date and the time for the two leaders be reserved.

I further ask unanimous consent that there then be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m., with the following Senators to be recognized under the following limitations: Senator GRASSLEY for 10 minutes, Senator THOMAS for 10 minutes, Senator SIMPSON for 10 minutes, and Senator CONRAD for 30 minutes.

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

CONSIDERATION OF S. 1

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, under a previous unanimous-consent agreement, at 10 a.m. Thursday, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1, the unfunded mandates bill for debate only prior to 2 p.m. Therefore, there will be no rollcall votes prior to 2 p.m. on Thursday.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, as I understood the unanimous-consent agreement last night, there would be no amendments laid down prior to 2 o'clock, and I would just want to confirm that with the distinguished majority whip.

Mr. LOTT. I believe that was the understanding, that there would be debate only until 2 and no amendments offered until after 2 p.m.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

1994 MEN OF THE YEAR

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, recently I received a newspaper insert from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch concerning the selection of 2 of our former colleagues as the 1994 St. Louis Men of the Year.

Former Senators Tom Eagleton and John Danforth were selected to receive this prestigious designation by 19 of their fellow citizens, each of whom had been chosen in the past for this same award. They are the 41st and 42d individuals to be so honored by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch since the award was first established in 1955.

I congratulate the Post-Dispatch on its excellent selections of this dynamic duo. Both of these men were shining lights when they served here among us in the Senate, and they have both obviously continued to shine and inspire in private life.

Jack Danforth was a voice of reason and moderation in the Senate. He was a credit to his party precisely because he was never a slave to the party line. Senator Danforth's calm reasoned approach to the issues of the day, no matter how politically charged gave him enormous credibility of the type that is so needed in the Senate today. His presence is sorely missed in the Chamber.

Senator Tom Eagleton is a personal friend, and has been for many years, in addition to being an individual for whom I have tremendous respect and admiration. Over the years, Tom Eagleton has stayed in touch with my office, and he is never too busy to weigh in when the battle needs his energy and his force of character. Senator Eagleton brought to this chamber an irrepressible personal and intellectual honesty which was apparent in his floor statements and in the positions that he took on the issues of the day. If one wanted to hear the unvarnished truth, no matter how unpopular it might be to utter, one could always look to Tom Eagleton to come to the point, and to state with eloquence and with logic the bottom line. Common sense has been called genius dressed in its working clothes. Tom Eagleton has an abundance of that often too-scarce commodity.

I congratulate both Senator Eagleton and Senator Danforth. They have brought great credit to the Senate by their service in the body and now as private citizens. St. Louis is much the richer for the Senate's loss in the case of these two fine former Members.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an insert from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch be printed in the RECORD at this point.