

An act to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted in foreign countries on account of religion; to authorize United States actions in response to violations of religious freedom in foreign countries; to establish an Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Freedom, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council; and for other purposes.

Several Senators addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 1998—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 505, H.R. 4250, the House-passed health care reform bill.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move to table the pending motion to proceed and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to table.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) is necessarily absent.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Ohio (Mr. GLENN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 311 Leg.]

YEAS—50

Abraham	DeWine	Hutchison
Allard	Domenici	Inhofe
Ashcroft	Enzi	Jeffords
Bennett	Frist	Kempthorne
Brownback	Gorton	Kyl
Burns	Gramm	Lott
Campbell	Grams	Lugar
Chafee	Grassley	Mack
Coats	Gregg	McCain
Cochran	Hagel	Murkowski
Collins	Hatch	Nickles
Coverdell	Helms	Roberts
Craig	Hutchinson	Roth

Santorum	Smith (OR)	Thompson
Sessions	Snowe	Thurmond
Shelby	Stevens	Warner
Smith (NH)	Thomas	

NAYS—47

Akaka	Durbin	Levin
Baucus	Faircloth	Lieberman
Biden	Feingold	Mikulski
Bingaman	Feinstein	Moseley-Braun
Bond	Ford	Moynihan
Boxer	Graham	Murray
Breaux	Harkin	Reed
Bryan	Inouye	Reid
Bumpers	Johnson	Robb
Byrd	Kennedy	Rockefeller
Cleland	Kerrey	Sarbanes
Conrad	Kerry	Specter
D'Amato	Kohl	Torricelli
Daschle	Landrieu	Wellstone
Dodd	Lautenberg	Wyden
Dorgan	Leahy	

NOT VOTING—3

Glenn	Hollings	McConnell
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The motion to lay on the table the motion to proceed was agreed to.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, may we have order?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will be in order.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

UTAH SCHOOLS AND LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1998

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 574, H.R. 3830.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3830) to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I yield to Senator HATCH for 2 minutes, and then to Senator BENNETT for 2 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise to express my support for this legislation to exchange school trust lands located in Utah to the federal government. This timely piece of legislation has the full support of the Utah delegation, the Governor of Utah, and the Clinton administration, as well as the PTA and local educators from across our state. It is, in some small measure, the result of the unfortunate situation created several years ago when President Clinton created the Grand Staircase Escalante Monument that withdrew hundreds of thousands of additional Utah school trust lands from benefiting Utah's school children. This bill

represents the largest land exchange in the history of Utah.

I commend the President for being willing to do this, the Secretary of the Interior for being willing to do this, and others on the floor, including my colleague, Senator BENNETT, the chairman of the Energy Committee, Senator MURKOWSKI, and the distinguished Senator from Arkansas, Senator BUMPERS. Without their leadership and support, this legislation would not have been possible. I want to express that appreciation. This is a momentous day for the State of Utah that will leave a lasting legacy for our school children.

This bill passed the House of Representatives in July and was approved by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources last month. I am pleased the full Senate will consider it today and send it to the President.

I and all the citizens of Utah have looked forward anxiously to this day, which has been a long time coming.

When Utah became a state in 1896, Congress designated a portion of each township in the state to be set aside as School Trust Land which would be used to generate revenue for Utah's schools. The patchwork layout of these school trust lands across the state has historically created management difficulties between federal and state governments. As new national parks, forests, and monuments are designated, the school lands are often enveloped within them. This has the effect of closing off development of these lands and, therefore, any revenue they might produce for the school land trust fund.

As of 1995, over 200,000 acres of school trust land, called inholdings, were isolated this way. As I mentioned, President Clinton doubled this amount with his designation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument in 1996.

At the time of the creation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument, President Clinton gave numerous assurances that Utah's school children would not be hurt by this designation. H.R. 3830 represents the partial fulfillment of these promises.

The Utah Schools and Lands Exchange Act is the culmination of long and careful deliberations between Governor Leavitt and Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt. As a result of this thorough and delicate planning, the act enjoys broad support from environmentalists, private landowners, educators, legislators, and the Administration.

The bill exchanges approximately 350,000 acres of school trust lands located in Utah monuments, recreation areas, national parks, and forests to the Federal Government. To provide equitable compensation for these lands, Utah will receive cash, lands, mineral rights, coal deposits, and other Federal properties. I assure my colleagues that this is a fair and equitable exchange of assets.

The land received by the Federal Government, totaling 376,739 acres of