

of computers by pedophiles who access child pornography, and then seek to molest children. We are pleased that your bill, unlike some other Internet filtering bills introduced in Congress, requires that child pornography be blocked for all users, adults and children.

American needs the Children's Internet Protection Act. Thank you for your leadership on this important matter.

American Family Association, Family Research Council, Republican Jewish Coalition, Traditional Values Coalition, Morality in Media, National Law Cntr. for Children & Families, Family Friendly Libraries, Family Association of Minnesota, Family Policy Network, VA, Christian Action League, NC, Citizens for Community Values, OH, American Family Assoc., IN, American Family Assoc., MS, American Family Assoc., NY, American Family Assoc., PA, American Family Assoc., TX, American Family Assoc., AR, American Family Assoc., AL, American Family Assoc., KY, American Family Assoc., GA, American Family Assoc., MO, American Family Assoc., CO, American Family Assoc., OR, American Family Assoc., IA, American Family Assoc., MI, American Family Assoc., OH, American Family Assoc., NJ.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, this is from Houston Reuters, Thursday, June 15:

A Georgia man has been arrested in Texas and charged with trying to buy two elementary school boys for sex after FBI agents monitoring the Internet identified him as a pedophile, the agency said on Thursday.

Jonathan Christopher Wood was arrested on June 3 after traveling to Houston from Perry, Georgia, with the intention of buying the boys and taking them back to Georgia for illegal sex, the FBI said in a statement.

Wood, 53, was arrested after arriving in an agreed-upon meeting place with \$12,000 in cash for the purchase, the FBI said.

Brian Loader, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's Houston field office, told Reuters the arrest came as a result of FBI monitoring of Internet chatrooms.

"He was identified by our Crimes against Children task force as a person who was actively seeking to purchase children for sexual exploitation. He was using the Internet," Loader said.

Loader declined to say whether an FBI agent had posed as a seller but he said that no other arrests had been made.

A Federal criminal complaint filed against Wood alleges that he traveled across States lines with intent to engage in prohibited sexual relations with a minor. Woods had recently moved to Georgia from Alabama, where he had owned a company that provided Internet access.

Also on Thursday, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn announced the arrest of five men charged with aggravated sexual assault for allegedly having sex with a 12-year-old girl they contacted through an Internet chatroom.

Mr. President, I will have a longer statement when we pursue this amendment later on. I hope we can have an up-or-down vote. Anyone who uses the Internet knows of this problem.

I am not advocating censorship. The fact is that when Federal dollars are used to wire schools and libraries in America, then it seems to me the schools and libraries have an obligation to provide Internet filters and use them according to community standards—only according to community standards, in the same fashion that a school or library filters printed mate-

rial that comes into a school or library. Occasionally, a wrong book may be taken off the shelf in a library. But I know of no school board or library board that does not filter printed material.

How in the world can we sit still and have all of this stuff coming into our schools and libraries without the kind of filtering that is done with printed materials? A few years ago, a 13-year-old boy in the Phoenix library was viewing pornography on the Internet, and he walked out and sexually molested another young boy. This is rampant throughout this country.

Some argue that I can't stop everything over the Internet, nor do I wish to try that or to enter anybody's home; that is their private business. But schools and libraries in this country should exercise their responsibilities to screen this kind of material according to community standards.

Why in the world the American Library Association opposes this legislation is one of the great curiosities of my political career. I hope we can overcome that opposition. The overwhelming number of parents in America want their children protected in schools and libraries as they view the Internet.

Mr. President, I look forward to an overwhelming vote in favor of this amendment. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama is recognized.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 15 minutes each.

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

#### PROTECTING CHILDREN ON THE INTERNET

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I appreciate Senator MCCAIN for raising this important issue. I agree with him that it is difficult to conceive that anyone would think that material that comes through the Internet which would not be allowed in the library in a book should be allowed to be in there electronically. It is frustrating to see the National Library Association, who I have observed over the years have a very radical view of absolutely no one telling a librarian what can be brought into a library. I don't think that is legitimate. Their salaries are paid by the taxpayers, and they receive money from the Federal Government. They don't have an absolute, unprotected right to select whatever they want in the library. It is not a healthy matter.

#### ELLSWORTH WOULD BE THE BEST HOME FOR THE NEW GLOBAL HAWK AIRCRAFT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, the Air Force is currently evaluating five

military bases to see which would be the best home for its new unmanned surveillance craft, known as Global Hawk. Accordingly, the Air Force is using the final 2 weeks of June to send a team out to each of the five candidates to solicit public opinion on potential environmental impacts. The next such meeting occurs Friday in Rapid City, SD and focuses on Ellsworth Air Force Base.

For the past year or so, I have been making the case for Ellsworth to senior officials in the Department of Defense and the Air Force. Perhaps not surprisingly, I firmly believe Ellsworth represents the best choice for the Air Force to host this important new mission. As we approach the date of the Air Force's meeting in South Dakota, I thought I would say a few words here in the Senate about why I feel as strongly as I do. Although I am confident none of my colleagues will be surprised by this position, they may find some of what I have to say about Ellsworth surprising.

Friday's meeting moves the Air Force one step closer to a deployment decision on the Global Hawk system. I and the scores of other supporters of Ellsworth welcome a careful, objective review. We are confident that at the end of such a process the Air Force will conclude that Ellsworth is the most appropriate home for the Air Force's next generation of surveillance aircraft.

We hold this view for three very important reasons. First, geography. Ellsworth offers uncrowded airspace and largely open spaces. Such a setting is ideal for conducting the kinds of training missions necessary to ensure the Air Force maximizes the technological possibilities offered by Global Hawk.

The second reason Ellsworth has an edge over its competitors is base infrastructure. Many people who have never visited Ellsworth or who have not visited recently will be surprised to see the modern facilities at this base. Many people perceive Ellsworth as a sleepy, rundown former Strategic Air Command Base. Nothing could be further from the truth. As a result of years of effort, it now has the facilities to match the fine personnel it has always had.

The final advantage Ellsworth enjoys is community support that is as deep as it is widespread. From elected officials, to business owners, to hard-working South Dakotan families living in the surrounding area, all stand completely behind what Ellsworth does for South Dakota and our national security. The Air Force will be hard pressed to find a community more supportive of its mission.

For all of these reasons, I stand behind Ellsworth and welcome the Air Force to my state so they can see first hand what I have been talking about in meetings with defense officials and here today on the Senate floor.