

should vote. Other opponents have threatened to filibuster to prevent a final vote.

It is time for the Senate to act. By now it is obvious that Dr. Foster is a highly principled physician and educator who has devoted his life and his career to the service of others. His record is outstanding. He has been widely praised for his contributions to the quality of health care for his patients, for his service to his community, and for his research and teaching and medicine. We do a disservice to Dr. Foster, the Senate and the Nation as a whole by prolonging this process.

The Nation has now been without a Surgeon General for 6 months, and there is no justification for further delay. Only one issue is holding up this nomination. Many other issues have been raised as a smokescreen, but they are easily dispelled. The real issue delaying this nomination is the issue of abortion. The diehard opponents of a woman's right to choose are doing all they can to block this nomination because Dr. Foster participated in a small number of abortions during his 38-year career. But Dr. Foster is a baby doctor, not an abortion doctor. He has delivered thousands of healthy babies, often in the most difficult circumstances of poverty and neglect. As one commentator has observed, "Dr. Foster has saved more babies than Operation Rescue."

In any event, abortion is a legal medical procedure and a constitutionally protected right. It is not a disqualification for the office of Surgeon General of the United States. And there is no justification for some of our Republican colleagues to try to make it one.

Dr. Foster is an obstetrician and a gynecologist, and it is no surprise to anyone that he has participated in abortions. Those who have heard Dr. Foster describe his vision for health care and have examined his record know about the lives he has saved, the hundreds of young doctors he has trained, his outstanding research on sickle-cell anemia and infant mortality, his model program on maternal and infant care, and his groundbreaking work to combat teenage pregnancy. President George Bush thought so highly of Dr. Foster's "I Have a Future Program" in Nashville that he honored it with the designation as one of his thousand points of light.

With this nomination, the Nation has an unprecedented opportunity to deal more effectively with some of the more difficult challenges facing us in health care today and to do it under the leadership of an outstanding physician and an outstanding human being who has devoted his life to providing health care and for opportunity to those who need the help most.

As Dr. Foster has stated, his first priority will be to deal with the Nation's overwhelming problem of teenage pregnancy, and he is just what the doctor ordered to lead this important battle.

Teenage pregnancy is a crisis of devastating proportions. The United States has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in the industrial world. More than a million U.S. teenagers become pregnant every year, and every day the problem gets worse. Dr. Foster can be the national spokesman we need on this issue to educate teenagers about the risks of pregnancy.

Every day, every week, every month, every year, the number of teenagers lost to this epidemic grows further out of control. With Dr. Foster's leadership, we have an unparalleled opportunity to deal more effectively with this cruel cycle of teenage pregnancy, dependency and hopelessness.

Dr. Foster's "I Have a Future Program" has been a beacon of hope to inner-city teenagers. His program provides the guidance they need to make responsible, sensible decisions about their health and their future and to put themselves on the road to self-sufficiency and productivity and away from dependency, violence and poverty. He has taught them to say no to early sex and yes to their futures and to their education and to their dreams.

Dr. Foster has devoted his life to giving people a chance, giving women the chance for healthy babies, giving babies a healthy childhood, giving teenagers a chance for successful futures.

Now Dr. Foster deserves a chance of his own, a chance to be voted on by the entire Senate. I urge the majority leader to do the right thing and bring this nomination up before the Senate and a vote by the entire Senate.

Mr. President, I heard earlier during the debate and discussion that we have legislation before us that is going to be necessary to pass by October. I daresay that every day that we delay in terms of approving Dr. Foster is a day when this Nation is lacking in the leadership of this extraordinary human being who can do something about today's problems, not problems and challenges that the States are going to face in the fall, but today's problems, tomorrow's problems, on the problems of teenage pregnancy and the problems of child and maternal care, and all the range of public health problems that are across this country.

That individual ought to be approved. We ought to have a debate. If the majority leader was looking for something to do on a Friday, we ought to be debating that today and voting on it today, instead of debating the issue that is going to deny working families income to put bread on the table.

We can ask what our priorities are. The majority has selected to debate Davis-Bacon, not to debate the qualifications of Dr. Foster. As much as I am sympathetic to where we might be in the fall, I am concerned about the public health conditions of the American public today. There is no excuse—no excuse whatsoever—not to bring him up, other than the power of those who have expressed their views about

the issues on abortion. That is what is behind this delay, and it is wrong.

Dr. Foster has appeared before the committee, answered the questions, has been reported out, and he is entitled to a vote. Even two members of our committee who voted in opposition indicated that they believe the Senate ought to vote on this.

We have to ask ourselves, how much longer do we have to wait? This is a timely, important, sensitive position, and this country is being denied the leadership of Dr. Foster, and we have no adequate explanation about why that is the case. The nominees are entitled to be debated and to be reported out and, once reported out, they are entitled to be voted on in the U.S. Senate.

So, Mr. President, I hope that we will have an opportunity the next time the majority is looking around for something because we are not ready to deal with the welfare reform issues, and we are not prepared to deal with some other issue, that we can move ahead on the Dr. Foster nomination. We are ready to debate it. The committee is ready to debate it. We are entitled, he is entitled, and the country is entitled to have a vote on that nomination, and I hope that it will be very soon.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AND DEREGULATION ACT

SECTION 252(a)(2)(A)

Mr. PACKWOOD. Section 252(a)(2)(A) requires a separate subsidiary for all information services except those that were being offered before July 24, 1991. Since that date literally hundreds of information services have been initiated and offered, because July 24, 1991, is the day before the information services line of business restriction was lifted by the MFJ court. This means that all of those services have to be shifted to a separate subsidiary on the date of enactment of this act.

Are there not two problems in your view: First, the bill does not grandfather all existing information services. Second, it will be impractical for Bell operating companies to transfer existing information services to a separate subsidiary prior to the date of enactment of this act.

Mr. PRESSLER. Yes; I agree. It is my intention to address these problems in conference.

ROTARY PEACE PROGRAM ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I have recently been contacted by Mr. David Stovall, a constituent from Cornelia, GA. In addition to his professional work at Habersham Bank and his community service with the chamber of commerce and the Georgia Mountains Private Industry and Local Coordinating Committee, Mr. Stovall serves in the Habersham County Rotary Club and as governor of Rotary District 6910.

It is in his capacity as a Rotary District Governor that Mr. Stovall brought to my attention a recent "Rotary Peace Program" put on by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Entitled "Population and Development: A Global Perspective for Rotary Service," the event brought together Rotarians from District 9100, which includes Rotary clubs in 15 West African nations, and Rotarians from District 6910, which includes 57 Rotary clubs from throughout North Georgia.

At the Dakar Peace Program, the Rotarians were examining an issue of concern to many Americans—that is, the population growth in a number of countries in the world which are incapable of meeting the agricultural, the environmental, the medical, and the economic challenges that accompany such high rates of growth.

Mr. President, these Rotarians, meeting in Dakar, Senegal, serve as an example of how nonprofit service organizations can take actions which contribute to the public debate and help to further policy objectives. To this end, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks the resolution adopted at the Dakar Peace Forum.

I also want to recognize other Georgia Rotarians who participated in the Dakar Peace Forum. They include Buck Lindsay of Lawrenceville, David Roper of Martinez, James Lyle of Augusta, and Dr. Ruby Cheves of Union Point.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

A ROTARY PEACE PROGRAM BY THE ROTARY
FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Trustees of Rotary International have endorsed a Rotary Peace Program on the topic of World Population and Sustainable Development, held this date in Dakar;

Whereas, in Forum, assembled Rotarians from Districts 6910 and 9100, and other parts of the Rotary World, along with NGOS in the field of population, have discussed in detail the topic of Population and Development;

Whereas, Recognized international and governmental experts on the subject of population and development have presented detailed information on the subject and participated in the deliberations;

Whereas, the Forum considered the conclusions of the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo, Egypt in 1994, encouraging and promoting respect for all human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all;

Whereas, The participants in the Forum expressed unanimous consensus that World Population is an issue of extreme importance and is an area in which Rotary must accordingly apply its humanitarian attention; now therefore: be it *Resolved*, That recommendation should be and is hereby made to the Board of Directors of Rotary International and to the Trustees of TRF that the following priorities be recognized:

(1) That awareness be promoted at all levels among Rotarians and others on the subject of Population and Development, in forums, including conferences, assemblies, institutions and peace forum;

(2) That the Directors establish a Task Force on Population and Development;

(3) That the Trustees of the TRF, in their humanitarian works, give high priority to projects which promote the role of women in development and which recognize the importance of the environment and population;

(4) That the education of Rotarians and non-Rotarians on the subject of population be carried out through the existing infrastructure of Polioplus, or a variation thereof. Be it further

Resolved, (5) That the Trustees provide appropriation for and begin research and development in support of a 3-H product, to serve as a model, addressing the subject of population and development.

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE?
THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, as of the close of business yesterday, Thursday, June 15, the Federal debt stood at \$4,893,073,460,637.78. On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,574.19 as his or her share of that debt.

WHAT AN AIR FORCE PILOT'S
RESCUE SAYS ABOUT AMERICA

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, America rejoiced last week when the news broke of Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady's rescue from Serb-controlled territory of Bosnia after being missing for 6 days. We were relieved to know that he was safe and sound and we were eager to receive a sliver of good news from a region where day after day for 3 years we have been besieged by reports of the murder of innocents, genocide, and international hooliganism on a scale unseen since the dark days of World War II.

Our elation could not help but grow when this young F-16 pilot stepped before the microphones for the first time after his rescue. His words filled us with pride and reminded us of what makes the men and women of our Armed Forces so special and what is special about America. After 6 days of eating grass, drinking rain water, and hiding from armed Serbs who were trying to kill him, this young man's first words were of his thanks to God, his parents, his comrades-in-arms, and his country. As remarkable as his own actions were in the face of considerable hardship and danger, Scott O'Grady told the world that he was not the hero in this situation—in his view it was the brave men and women who risked their lives for him by conducting a continuous search effort and, when at last he was located, flying into enemy territory to snatch him away and bring him home.

Though he spoke for less than 2 minutes in that first appearance before a cheering crowd at Aviano Air Base and, thanks to instant communications, the entire world, his words should give us all pause and cause us to consider the values he reflects: trust in God, love of family, unwavering confidence in his country, and faith in the abilities of his colleagues in each of the military services. Throughout the past week of

interviews and ceremonies at the White House and Pentagon, Captain O'Grady has continued to talk about his faith in God, country, family, and coworkers.

Are these values unique to Scott O'Grady or to members of the Armed Forces? Clearly, living, working, and, when called upon, fighting and dying together are unique aspects of life in the Armed Forces which build the camaraderie and faith in your fellow workers that are so evident in the military. These values are critically important when one's work requires you to put your life in the hands of others.

As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I am involved in decisions on defense budgets and policies which remind me every day of the important responsibilities we have for the men and women of our Armed Forces. We must work to ensure that they are properly trained, equipped, and motivated—as Captain O'Grady and the members of the rescue forces clearly were—if they are going to be able to continue their vital work of ensuring our national security. Too often in recent times, the dedicated men and women of our military have been tarred with a brush of scandal because of the proper acts of just a few. These acts are cause for concern and should be taken seriously as the Senate always has. But at the end of the day, I believe that what we see in Captain O'Grady and those brave servicemen and women who rescued him is the best representation of what our Armed Forces are and what they stand for.

But the values we have seen reflected in the words and deeds of Scott O'Grady are, in fact, the values which Americans have prized throughout our history. They are what has made America great. They are the values which most of us learned from our parents in homes across America. Scott's mother and father should be proud of the way they taught these values to their son.

The daily barrage of headlines of violence in the homes and streets of America, stories of broken homes, and indications of racial and religious bigotry could lead one to conclude that there is a cancer growing on America's spirit. I do not believe it and I doubt that most Americans believe it.

Americans are as they have always been—people of faith, courage, patriotism, and hard work. Perhaps it is time to remind ourselves of what is good about us and to allow our values to come to the surface again where they can help pull us above our fears and insecurities.

America owes young Scott O'Grady a debt of gratitude—for the professional manner in which he performed his duties as an officer in the U.S. Air Force and for the reminder that he has given us of what it takes to survive in these troubled times. America should rejoice with his return—and reflect upon what it says about us as a nation.