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## RELIGIOUS GROUPS

American Friends Service Committee.  
The American Jewish Committee.  
American-Jewish Congress.  
Anti-Defamation League.  
B'nai B'rith.  
Church of the Brethren, Washington Office.  
Church Women United.  
Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism.  
The Episcopal Church.  
Episcopal Peace Fellowship.  
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.  
Friends Committee on National Legislation.  
Maryknoll Justice and Peace Office.  
Mennonite Central Committee.  
Methodists United for Peace with Justice.  
National Council of Churches.  
National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.  
NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby.  
Presbyterian Church (USA).  
Union of American Hebrew Congregations.  
Unitarian Universalist Association.  
United Church of Christ, Office for Church in Society.  
United Methodist Board of Church and Society.  
United States Catholic Conference.  
The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

## PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS

American Association for the Advancement of Science.  
American Bar Association.  
Americans for Democratic Action.  
American Public Health Association.  
Arms Control Association.  
Association of the Bar of the City of New York.  
Center for Defense Information.  
Chemical Weapons Working Group.  
Council for a Livable World.  
CTA/Bellona Foundation USA.  
Demilitarization for Democracy.  
Economists Allied for Arms Reductions.  
Federation of American Scientists.  
Friends of the Earth.  
Fund for New Priorities in America.  
Greenpeace.  
Henry L. Stimson Center.  
Human Rights Watch.  
International Center.  
Lawyer's Alliance for World Security.  
League of Women Voters.  
National Resources Defense Council.  
Peace Action.  
Physicians for Social Responsibility.  
Plutonium Challenge.  
Public Education Center.  
Saferworld.  
Sierra Club.  
Taxpayers for Common Sense.  
20/20 Vision National Project.  
Union of Concerned Scientists.  
Women's Action for New Directions.  
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.  
Women Strike for Peace.  
World Federalist Association.

Mr. BIDEN. 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. HELMS. 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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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. HELMS. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I was able to hear part of the brief address by my friend from Delaware. What he apparently does not know is that I was a part of the Lott group to which he referred. I attended the meetings. I participated. That group did accomplish a few things of minor significance, but they could not do anything of importance, not in the really serious issues.

So then they fell back, and there have been no more meetings of the Lott group. My suggestion has been followed about trying to do it on the staff level. But if the Senator from Delaware, or anyone else, thinks they can drive a stake between the majority leader and me, they will have to think again.

I am not going to try to answer the many erroneous statements he has made. And I know he was ad-libbing and he was not hearing his staff whisper to him, and so forth. So he was operating under difficult circumstances.

But I say, again, I want this treaty to be made into an instrument that will be beneficial to the American people and to this country. It is my intent to continue to insist upon that. It is my intent, along with the approval of the distinguished majority leader, inasmuch as we have so many new Senators who were not here last year, the distinguished occupant of the Chair being one of them, and did not have the benefit of the testimony of witnesses, pro and con, who are highly respected in the foreign relations community.

## MORNING BUSINESS

(During today's session of the Senate, the following morning business was transacted.)

## TRIBUTE TO MAJ. GEN. DONALD EDWARDS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Maj. Gen. Donald Edwards, who has served for the last 16 years as the Adjutant General of the Vermont National Guard. Ever since Ethan Allen and his famous Green Mountain Boys took the British fort at Ticonderoga, Vermonters have had a propensity to serve their nation as citizen-soldiers. That tradition is alive and well today, and thanks to Don Edwards, the Vermont National Guard is stronger today than ever before. Don was instrumental in starting the Army National Guard Mountain and Winter Warfare School, which trains soldiers from around the Nation in the rigors of winter warfare. He also excelled at being an advocate of Vermont's interests within the Pentagon.

I remember the case of the 1-86th artillery battalion, which in 1992 was abruptly threatened with elimination, even though it had one of the highest readiness and retention rates in the en-

tire U.S. Army. It was the kind of short-sighted bureaucratic decision that Don Edwards could not tolerate, and he made a strong case to me. I helped save that battalion, although I had to hold up a defense bill to do it. Don never wavered in his devotion to do what was right for the men and women of the Vermont National Guard.

Recently, the Vermont Air Guard received four first-place awards at the Air Force's premier air combat competition, known as William Tell. Don always stressed to the soldiers and airmen under his command the importance of training hard and as realistically as possible.

During Desert Storm, his philosophy paid off, as several Vermont Guard units deployed to Southwest Asia and performed flawlessly during that conflict. Those were anxious times, and Vermonters saw a side of Don Edwards that they had never seen before. He was a tireless advocate for our deployed soldiers, and he acted with great compassion to do whatever he could to help the families of those who were deployed overseas.

I am sure that some of that attitude was shaped by his own experiences in Vietnam. I know that his tireless devotion to Vermont veterans of all wars has helped Vermonters appreciate the extraordinary sacrifices that were made by ordinary citizens. It seemed like whenever two or three veterans gathered together, Don Edwards was there to lend weight to their cause.

As Don Edwards hangs up his uniform for the last time, I want to give him my personal thanks for all he has done for Vermont, and to wish him good luck and Godspeed in his future endeavors.

## THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, March 18, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,367,674,335,377.56.

One year ago, March 18, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,055,610,000,000.

Five years ago, March 18, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$3,859,480,000,000.

Ten years ago, March 18, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,246,620,000,000.

Fifteen years ago, March 18, 1982, the Federal debt stood at \$1,050,784,000,000 which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion (\$4,316,890,335,377.56) during the past 15 years.

## U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 14

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending March 14, the U.S. imported 7,849,000 barrels of oil each day, 704,000 barrels more than the 7,145,000 imported during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 55 percent of their needs last week, and