

before the holidays with one slight modification that represents the Bond amendment on expensing, which was adopted. Otherwise, the amendment is the same as what has passed the House of Representatives and the President said he would sign.

I hope we have an opportunity to get 60 votes for cloture on the amendment and that we are able to get that amendment adopted, get the bill to the President for signature, and consequently, then, immediately—not 3 or 4 months down the road when we have a conference committee trying to reach some agreement—get help to stimulate the economy through accelerated depreciation for business, through middle-income-tax reduction, making it permanent the 27-percent bracket down to 25-percent bracket, and tax rebates for low-income people to stimulate the economy on the demand side, consumer spending. All three are meant to create jobs and will create jobs.

Also, this amendment is for the displaced workers; those mostly affected because of what happened on September 11 will get an increase of unemployment compensation of 13 weeks and a 60-percent tax credit for health insurance, and we do it in a way that people can have the option, if they do not want COBRA, to have other insurance, and also to help those who did not have any COBRA insurance where last employed.

It is a well-rounded stimulus package that will get the job done. The fact that it passed the House of Representatives and will be signed by the President is reason enough for this body to adopt it, particularly because in this body nothing gets done that is not bipartisan. This has bipartisan support.

I yield the floor and 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. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak for a period not to exceed 5 minutes each.

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

#### ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH PROGRAM

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, last Friday the children in my State of West Virginia had reason to celebrate. I am delighted to announce that the Communities in Schools Program and America's Promise have joined to form a new partnership aimed at giving our children resources that help them to

stay in school and be successful in life. This exciting new program, launched on January 31, 2002, is called the Alliance for Youth.

Bill Milliken, Communities in Schools CEO and West Virginia Governor Bob Wise joined together last week to signal the start of a major initiative to help students. The Alliance for Youth combines the missions of education and community service with the goal of making each more accessible to students in West Virginia. Through the Alliance, children can connect with concerned adults and have a safe place where they can develop useful life skills, have a wholesome start in life, and have the opportunity to become involved in their communities. As a former VISTA worker, I personally know how public service can change and improve someone's life. Providing more opportunities for public service will help both the communities served and the students involved. By helping to shape the lives of our children, the Alliance for Youth Program is making the most important investment in our future.

Years ago, the National Commission on Children which I chaired, challenged society in general to create a moral climate for our children. The Alliance for Youth Program responds to this challenge. We all understand that the chances for children's success are tied to quality education, strong child development, and strong support from family and caring adults. It is my hope that the Alliance for Youth will continue the worthy and important work of providing children with extra support for a successful start in life. I applaud this new partnership, and I look forward to seeing the results of its valuable work.

#### LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of last year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred August 30, 1997 in Chicago, IL. A woman and two gay men were attacked by several men who were shouting anti-gay epithets. The assailants, Matthew W. Polley, 21, Jason C. Polley, 22, and Kenneth A. Schultz, 20 were each charged with a felony hate crime in connection with the incident.

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO SOUTH DAKOTA'S SUPER BOWL XXXVI PARTICIPANTS

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I congratulate Adam Vinatieri of the New England Patriots. Adam, a native of Rapid City and a South Dakota State University graduate, was instrumental in the Patriot victory in Super Bowl XXXVI. With :07 left in the fourth quarter and the score tied at 17, Adam kicked the game winning 48-yard field goal.

Adam has had a long and very successful football career. During his NFL tenure, Adam has been to two Super Bowls and numerous playoff games. Prior to Adam's professional career, he played for the Jackrabbits from 1991–1994 and was all-North Central Conference punter and kicker from 1992–1994. Also, during Adam's early athletic years at Central High School in Rapid City, I was pleased to have nominated him for a service academy appointment.

Although Adam will be remembered for his Super Bowl winning kick, his two field goals during the playoff game against the Oakland Raiders may have been even more impressive. During a snowstorm, he kicked a 45-yard field goal to send the game to overtime, and then kicked the game winning field goal in overtime to win the Divisional Playoff game. Without his leadership and resolve, the New England Patriots would not have been in a position to play in the Super Bowl, let alone win it. Adam reflects the best of South Dakota, and I know I speak for the entire State when I say congratulations on the great victory. We are all very proud of you.

Also, I would like to congratulate several other participants from Super Bowl XXXVI who have South Dakota ties, including Adam Timmerman, a guard for the St. Louis Rams and a SDSU graduate; Matt Chatham, a University of South Dakota standout and backup linebacker for the Patriots; Brad Seely, a Baltic native and Special Teams coach for the New England Patriots; and Mike Martz who was born in Sioux Falls and is the head coach of the Rams.

It is very satisfying to know that even though South Dakota has no professional or Division I sports, we were very well represented in the biggest sporting event in America. Congratulations to all who played and participated in one of the best Super Bowls ever played.

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I rise today to honor February as Black History Month. Each February since 1926, our Nation has paused to recognize the contributions of black Americans to the history of our Nation. This is no accident, February is a significant month in black American history. Abolitionist Frederick Douglass, President Abraham Lincoln, and