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The conference report was agreed to.
Mr. ENSIGN. I move to reconsider the vote by which the conference report was agreed to.

Mr. BROWNBACK. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I ask that there now be a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

LETTER OF DECISION

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter, which I received from Senator JEFFORDS this week, be printed in the RECORD.

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

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, DC, May 24, 2001.

Hon. THOMAS DASCHLE,
Democratic Leader,
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR DASCHLE: I am writing to you, Vice President Cheney and Senator Lott, to inform you of my decision to become an Independent and caucus with the Senate's Democrats for organizational purposes once the conference report to accompany H.R. 1836 is transmitted to President George Bush for his signature.

My change in affiliation is to become effective at the close of business on either the first day of session following the upcoming Memorial Day recess, or the close of business on the date of such transmittal, whichever occurs later. I hope it will assist the Senate if the recess is available to the Leaders to discuss and decide the numerous transition issues the Senate will face.

Sincerely,

JAMES M. JEFFORDS,
U.S. Senator.

HONORING THE BUFFALO SOLDIERS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a Resolution to honor a group of Americans who have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting our Nation.

As we approach Memorial Day, we should take time to remember the sacrifices and achievements of our armed forces. In doing so, I would like to recognize the heroic African Americans who served in the Ninth and Tenth Horse Cavalry Units of the U.S. Army.

These units first were established at the end of the Civil War and eventually were ordered to the Western Frontier, where they earned the name "Buffalo Soldiers." These men were instrumental in the realization of our Manifest Destiny by guarding settler communities and securing new western land. These brave American soldiers continued to serve our country in the Spanish-American War as part of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders and again during World War II, both in Europe and here at home as our domestic defense in California against a possible Japanese invasion.

The Buffalo Soldiers were truly brave Americans to which our country owes a great debt. I would like to draw special attention to a soldier in their ranks—Colonel Charles Denton Young. Colonel Young was a lifelong resident of my home state of Ohio and contributed greatly to his country. He graduated from West Point in 1884 as only the third African American to ever receive a diploma from the Academy. Owing to his strength, perseverance, mental and physical toughness, and a natural ability to lead, Young eventually was promoted to the rank of Colonel, which was the highest rank ever achieved by an African American at that time.

Leading his men on the battle field, however, was not the only way Colonel Young had an influence on the people around him. He took an active role in his community as an educator and mentor to students at Wilberforce University in Ohio. Colonel Young was a person whom others wished to emulate, and continue to emulate today, as Secretary of State Colin Powell has cited Colonel Young as one of his earliest role models. I believe I can speak for all Ohioans when I say that we are extremely proud of Colonel Young and his contributions to our nation, and I believe that America has great cause to share in this pride.

I ask that when celebrating the great accomplishments of our armed forces this Memorial Day, we do not forget our Buffalo Soldiers. I would like to urge all Americans to honor the Buffalo Soldiers for the strength, valor, dedication, and courage they exhibited during their service. The sacrifices they made allow us to live as we do today—in a proud and free United States of America.

RECOGNITION OF JOHN SAUER— OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, since 1963, the month of May has helped the nation focus on the contributions and achievements of America's older citizens. Fewer people over the age of 65 require nursing home care and more are living on their own, with little or no outside help. Older Americans increasingly redefine modern maturity, re-shape cultural boundaries and dispel

age-related stereotypes associated with getting older. They are leaders in our families, in our workplaces and in our communities.

One of these leaders is a 76-year-old man from Mechanicsville, IA. John Sauer understands the value of helping others. Through his initiative, compassion and commitment, he has touched the lives of many in his community.

Mr. Sauer began volunteering with the local seniors group in 1992. At that time, he responded to a request from a friend to help out with the group for a short time. Today, not only does he continue to volunteer in Cedar County, but he also serves seniors in six other counties as chairman of the advisory council of the Heritage Area Agency on Aging.

Although Mr. Sauer has always been active in the community service, he took on many of his current activities after he retired from farming in 1994. At that time, Mr. Sauer became increasingly involved with county senior citizens groups. He joined the transportation board of the Cedar County Senior Citizens task force and began providing transportation for older people in his area who were unable to drive. Two or three times a week, Mr. Sauer drives seniors to and from doctor and hospital visits in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, both 25 miles away from Mechanicsville. The service Mr. Sauer provides is invaluable to those people who otherwise would have no way to make those important visits.

Mr. Sauer is also committed to serving the visually impaired. For 37 years, Mr. Sauer has been an active member of Lions Club International, a service organization recognized for their help to the blind and visually impaired. In 1994, Mr. Sauer became an Iowa district director for the organization. In that position, he traveled around the United States and Canada representing the state at various meetings and events for the service club.

In addition, Mr. Sauer has volunteered in the Ophthalmology Department at the University of Iowa Hospitals for the past 4 years. He greets people from across the Midwest who come to the hospital for care and guides them to their appointments. Mr. Sauer says he enjoys volunteering at the hospital because he likes meeting new people from various locations.

Mr. Sauer also enjoys learning new things. Three years ago, he became a member of the Eastern Iowa Mutual Insurance Board. Although his background was not in insurance, Mr. Sauer accepted the challenge of serving on the board and has enjoyed learning about the industry. He's also been active in the local schools, serving as a member of the school board and most recently on the school foundation. In addition, Mr. Sauer is an active member in his church and in the American Legion.