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Member, Indiana Supreme Court.

Member, U.S. Attorney General’s Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys, 1985–1987 and Vice Chairman, 1986–1987.

Member, Judicial Conference of the United States; Member, Committee on Automation and Technology, 1994–1997 and Member, Committee on Court and Judicial Security, 1990–1992.

ABA Rating: Unanimous well-qualified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is, Shall the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit?

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. LOTT. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WHITEHOUSE). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 93, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 442 Ex.]

YEAS—93

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| Akaka | Dorgan | McConnell |
| Alexander | Durbin | Menendez |
| Allard | Ensign | Mikulski |
| Barrasso | Enzi | Murkowski |
| Baucus | Feingold | Murray |
| Bayh | Graham | Nelson (FL) |
| Bennett | Grassley | Nelson (NE) |
| Bingaman | Gregg | Pryor |
| Bond | Hagel | Reed |
| Boxer | Harkin | Reid |
| Brown | Hatch | Roberts |
| Brownback | Hutchison | Rockefeller |
| Bunning | Inhofe | Salazar |
| Burr | Inouye | Sanders |
| Byrd | Isakson | Schumer |
| Cantwell | Johnson | Sessions |
| Cardin | Kennedy | Shelby |
| Carper | Kerry | Smith |
| Casey | Klobuchar | Snowe |
| Chambliss | Kohl | Specter |
| Coburn | Kyl | Stabenow |
| Cochran | Landrieu | Stevens |
| Coleman | Lautenberg | Sununu |
| Collins | Leahy | Tester |
| Conrad | Levin | Thune |
| Corker | Lieberman | Vitter |
| Cornyn | Lincoln | Voivovich |
| Craig | Lott | Warner |
| Crapo | Lugar | Webb |
| DeMint | Martinez | Whitehouse |
| Dole | McCaskill | Wyden |

NOT VOTING—7

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| Biden | Domenici | Obama |
| Clinton | Feinstein | |
| Dodd | McCain | |

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the President will be notified of the Senate’s action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will return to legislative session.

Mr. PRYOR. 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. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORVIS SCHOOL OF NURSING

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as the Senate finishes its business for the year, it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Orvis School of Nursing at the University of Nevada, an important part of Nevada’s health care community.

The beginnings of the Orvis School are humble. During a brief hospitalization in Reno, Arthur Orvis, a stockbroker and Nevada resident, noticed the lack of student nurses and began to wonder about the educational opportunities for health care providers in Nevada. On December 15, 1955, in a letter to University President Minard W. Stout, Orvis wrote, “ I desire to give \$100,000 to the University of Nevada for the establishment of a department to be known as the ‘Orvis School of Nursing.’ This is a free will offering with no strings attached.”

As a result of this generosity, the Orvis School of Nursing was founded by Arthur and Mae Orvis at the University of Nevada in 1957. When the Orvis School opened its doors in the fall of that year, there were 12 students and 5 faculty members. Unusual for the time period, the Orvis School’s first class was very diverse, including one African-American student, one male student, one Asian-American student, and nine white female students.

The Orvis School of Nursing has come a long way from that first class of 12 students. Today, a wide group of students attend a world-class institution that offers the highest quality of nursing education. While traditional nursing programs focus only on hospital nursing, the Orvis School is distinctive in that it offers a bachelor’s of science degree in nursing, emphasizing nursing leadership, community health, and nursing research. I confidently believe that this unique focus will lead to greater innovations and ideas for the future of health care.

In closing, I extend my most sincere gratitude to the Orvis School of Nursing, its alumni, and greater community. Nevadans are fortunate to have such a talented and skilled institution in our State.

GLOBAL HIV/AIDS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise in recognition of World AIDS Day, which millions around the globe commemorated on December 1. Although this event will be a recent memory as the new year begins, it is my hope that its purpose will be reflected in our thoughts and actions throughout 2008 and beyond.

World AIDS Day is a solemn opportunity to remember that HIV/AIDS continues to wreak havoc on individuals, families, and communities around the globe. Although the new estimates on HIV prevalence is good news, we cannot forget that AIDS is still a leading cause of death. More than 5,700 lives are taken by this disease every day, many just at a time when they are attending school, raising children, or contributing to society as productive adults. At the same time, nearly 7,000 people become infected every day, meaning that as 2.5 million more people—about as many people in my home state of Nevada—will face the start of the new year with HIV/AIDS. More than 30 million globally are already living with HIV/AIDS today.

In Nevada, the number of HIV and AIDS cases diagnosed each year since 2000 is on the upward trend, and AIDS rates continue to disproportionately impact ethnic and racial minorities. Our State also ranks 14th in the Nation for the rate of adolescents and adults living with AIDS. As a Nevadan, as well as a Member of Congress, I know that more must be done to tackle the epidemic at home and abroad.

In Congress, we must continue to support international AIDS relief programs like PEPFAR and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. It should be a priority to fund vital programs that fight HIV/AIDS domestically as well, especially the Ryan White Care Act and the National Family Planning Program, which works to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and other diseases. Medicaid in particular is a lifeline for vulnerable HIV/AIDS patients who would otherwise have no other means of receiving the care they need.

In giving recognition to the human toll of the HIV/AIDS global epidemic, let us also heed the resulting call to action. From supporting prevention to treatment, individual remembrance to public awareness, let us all keep working together to ensure that the goals of World AIDS Day will soon become reality.

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Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I have repeatedly come to the floor to speak