

empty shell of Christianity too often only has hostility toward non-Christians.

One of several good things about what we did in Somalia (incorrectly labeled a disaster by those who look at it superficially), in addition to preventing starvation by hundreds of thousands of people, is that a nation labeled by the world as Christian/Jewish, the United States, came to the rescue of a people almost totally Muslim. How would we have looked if the world's most powerful nation had done nothing about massive starvation in a desperate country! But many Muslim nations were permanently surprised that we responded.

The lesson of history is that the genuine practice of religion is wholesome, good for the individual and good for a community and nation. But extreme caution is in order when leaders try to impose their beliefs on others through government.

And the "stop" sign should go up when political leaders who share a heritage call on others to hate or kill those who do not share the same faith. •

#### NOMINATION OF DR. HENRY FOSTER, TO BE SURGEON GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KENNEDY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I want to speak briefly about two important issues facing the Senate. The first is the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster, to be Surgeon General of the United States, and the second is the continuing impasse over the baseball strike.

With respect to the Foster nomination, Dr. Henry Foster has had an extraordinary, distinguished career in medicine and public health. And I believe that the forthcoming hearings on his nomination will demonstrate that he is well qualified to be Surgeon General.

I would like to take this opportunity to make three brief points. First, and most important at this stage of the debate, I reject the view that Dr. Foster's participation in abortions should disqualify him from this high position. Abortion is not a numbers game. It is a legal medical procedure and a constitutionally protected right.

Second, the American Medical Association enthusiastically supports Dr. Foster's nomination because of his distinguished service as Dean of Meharry

Medical College, his record of achievement in medical research, his impressive leadership on issues such as preventive health care for women and children, for reducing infant mortality and teenage pregnancy and fighting drug abuse.

Third, Dr. Foster has had and deserves to continue to have strong bipartisan support. As recently as 1991, he was honored by President Bush as one of the President's Thousand Points of Light for his innovative I Have A Future Program to reduce teenage pregnancy. I look forward to the consideration of Dr. Foster's nomination by the Senate Labor Committee.

#### BINDING ARBITRATION TO SETTLE BASEBALL STRIKE

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, yesterday, I introduced legislation proposed by President Clinton to require the major league baseball players and owners to submit to binding arbitration to settle the baseball strike.

Generally, Congress is reluctant to inject itself in labor disputes. All of us hope that the parties will find a way to end the impasse and settle their differences voluntarily. But there are rare instances in which Congress has a role to play in settling such disputes, and this may well be one of those times.

There is no doubt that Congress' constitutional authority to regulate interstate commerce gives us the power to enact legislation to settle this dispute. Many aspects of major league baseball affect commerce between the States. The strike has caused significant disruptions, especially in the cities where the 28 major league teams play and is about to cause significant additional disruption in Florida and Arizona where spring training is supposed to begin next week.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors estimates that the major league cities lost an average of \$1.16 million per home game and 1,250 full- and part-time jobs because of the strike in 1994. Hard-pressed cities with substantial investments of tax dollars in municipal stadiums are losing substantial revenues. The cancellation of the 1994 league playoffs and the World Series was especially damaging to whichever cities

would have hosted the playoff games and the World Series.

Obviously, Congress does not intervene in every labor dispute that burdens interstate commerce, but baseball is different and unique. It is more than a nationwide industry. It is our national sport. Baseball is part of American life.

We in Congress as representatives of fans throughout the country should not remain silent while baseball is damaged by a strike that the owners and players seem unable to resolve themselves. Clearly, Congress has the power to act. The question is who speaks for Red Sox and millions of other fans across America. At this stage in the deadlock, if Congress does not speak for them, it may well be that no one will.

For all these reasons, Congress can act and should be prepared to act. Legislation to end the strike would not set a precedent for injecting Congress into other labor disputes. There is still time for the owners and players to resolve this dispute on their own or to act voluntarily to establish a safety mechanism for doing so. The players union is willing to agree to voluntary binding arbitration. It is hard to see why the owners are not willing to do so as well. In that event, Congress would not have to be involved.

The parties can quickly agree to a process that would result in a settlement. If both sides are confident that the merits are on their side, they should be willing to submit to binding arbitration and do it now so that spring training can begin on schedule next week. If the parties do not agree on such a mechanism, it is reasonable and appropriate for Congress to act.

We in Congress may be the last and best hope to salvage the game that means so much to Red Sox fans of all ages in Massachusetts and to the fans of all the other teams in all parts of the Nation.

I ask unanimous consent that a table prepared by the U.S. Conference of Mayors on the economics of the strike may be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the data were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### BREAKDOWN OF ECONOMIC IMPACT BY MAJOR LEAGUE CITY

City, State	Team name	Total loss per game	Stadium revenues	Local taxes	Local business revenues	Jobs lost	Stadium ownership
Anaheim, CA	Angels	\$1.9 million	\$61,000	\$441,000	\$1,417 million	600	city.
Arlington, TX	Rangers	2 million	private	incl. in total	incl. in total	2,500	private.
Atlanta, GA	Braves	3 million	2 million	incl. w/stad	1 million	6,350	county.
Baltimore, MD	Orioles	1.2 million	100,000	incl. in total	1.1 million	2,000	commission.
Boston, MA	Red Sox	50,000	private	10,000	40,000	400	private.
Chicago, IL	Cubs	736,181	636,000	30,000	70,000	1,000	commission.
Chicago, IL	White Sox	852,038	780,000	39,000	33,157	1,000	commission.
Cincinnati, OH	Reds	700,000	76,416	10,138	640,700	600	city.
Cleveland, OH	Indians	2.04 million	1.2 million	600,000	240,000	2,000	commission.
Denver, CO	Rockies	2.04 million	43,000	39,600	1.96 million	1,944	city.
Houston, TX	Astros	1.04 million	400,000	40,000	600,000	1,000	county.
Kansas City, MO	Royals	540,740	265,000	23,456	250,000	350	commission.
Minneapolis, MN	Twins	922,600	282,600	366,000	640,000	900	commission.
New York, NY	Mets	2.06 million	2 million	52,500	incl. in total	850	city.
New York, NY	Yankees	2.06 million	2 million	62,500	incl. in total	850	city.
Oakland, CA	Athletics	986,197	32,395	9,358	944,444	438	county.
Philadelphia, PA	Phillies	250,000	125,000	42,000	83,000	500	state.
Pittsburgh, PA	Pirates	460,000	20,000	20,000	400,000	350	city.
St. Louis, MO	Cardinals	432,480	private	30,320	402,160	1,180	private.
Seattle, WA	Mariners	204,745	101,245	23,500	80,000	327	county.
San Diego, CA	Padres	203,000	18,000	5,000	180,000	825	city.
San Francisco, CA	Giants	1,766,000	535,000	136,000	1,095,000	800	city.

Cities not responding: Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami (Dade County), Milwaukee.  
Canadian cities not surveyed: Montreal, Toronto.