

should be deciding them. That is what votes are about. Once they have been totally explored, we look forward to making a decision and not to obstruct a decision.

I look forward very much to the continuing efforts on the part of this body to respond to voters, responding to the people in this country in making decisions on major items, in the first opportunity in many years we have had to explore finding ways to do things in a better way.

I think the war on poverty is a good example. It has been going on for what—30 years? Twenty years? The fact of the matter is we are less well off now than we were then in terms of the things that the war on poverty was designed to resolve. It makes it pretty clear, if you want different results, you have to start doing things differently. You cannot expect different results by continuing to do the same thing.

So I look forward to the continued discussion. I look forward to dealing with the issues that the House has dealt with. However the majority here decides to deal with them is fine; I just suggest we come to grips with them, that we move forward, that we do not lose the momentum of an election, that we do not lose the interest and the interest of the American people in taking a look at questions like a balanced budget amendment, like line-item veto, like term limits, like accountability. All of those are issues that really deserve our best attention and final decision.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRAHAM. 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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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. GRAHAM. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that I may proceed as if in morning business for up to 5 minutes.

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

Mr. GRAHAM. I thank the Chair.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL IN TAMPA BAY

Mr. GRAHAM. Madam President, I rise today to commemorate the birth of one of baseball's two newest members, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The Tampa Bay community was awarded a franchise last Thursday and will commence play in 1998. This is a very important and welcome, celebrated event for our State and particularly for the 2 million citizens of the Tampa Bay area who have been waiting a long, long time for baseball to come in the summer.

For many years, the Tampa Bay area has been home to spring training baseball, and for many years there has been the hope and expectation that baseball would not terminate as the teams left

to begin the regular season. That expectation will now be soon realized. This comes after many years of effort. The quest for a major league team began in 1977 with the formation of the Pinellas Sports Authority, an organization that has had as its goal to bring a major league franchise to the Tampa Bay area.

Since that time, there have been efforts to secure seven different franchises. In each case, there was the hope and the expectation that the franchise would be relocated to the Tampa Bay area, and then for a variety of reasons that hope was crushed.

The latest attempt occurred several years ago when an actual contract was signed for the relocation of the San Francisco Giants to Tampa Bay, and this contract was subsequently canceled by action of the other major league teams.

During the course of this activity, working with the various series of major league baseball commissioners, the city determined that it was in its interest and would advance its potential as a major league franchise by proceeding to construct a state of the art domed stadium, which has now been completed, which is utilized for other sports activities and which stands ready with modifications and final refinements to be the home to the new Tampa Bay Devil Rays professional team.

In achieving this success, there were many people who were active. I would like to particularly express my appreciation to the managing general partner of the new team, Mr. Vince Naimoli, who, over a period of setbacks and frustrations, remained constant in his commitment to bring major league baseball to Tampa Bay. There have been many officials with the Saint Petersburg city government who have been active in helping to realize this objective.

I should like to recognize Saint Petersburg City Administrator Rick Dodge, who, from the very beginning, has played a crucial role in helping to move toward the completion of the stadium and maintaining a high level of community support behind the effort to receive a major league franchise. He is illustrative of dozens of others—elected officials, city administration officials, and the citizens of Pinellas County—who have worked so hard to bring this to a successful realization.

Madam President, we are proud of the recognition of this awarded franchise to the important position which the State of Florida plays in major league professional athletics. With this award, our State will now have nine major league franchises in baseball, football, basketball, and hockey, second only to California in the number of professional major league teams playing in the State. This is appropriate to the size and rapid growth of our State and its demonstrated support for professional sports.

Madam President, I thank the major league baseball ownership for awarding this franchise to Tampa Bay. They have demonstrated wisdom in doing so because I am confident that this will quickly become one of the strongest franchises in major league baseball. There is a certain degree of optimism in accepting a major league franchise in the context of the current labor-management status, but I am confident well before 1998 we will be playing major league baseball again in America and look forward to the day when the Tampa Bay Devil Rays open their first season.

Madam President, thank you for affording me this opportunity to make these remarks on behalf of the citizens of our State and the event that we have long looked forward to celebrating.

EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. HOLLINGS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that morning business be extended for 10 additional minutes, and that I be recognized for that period of time.

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

Mr. HOLLINGS. I thank the distinguished Chair.

REPORTING OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. HOLLINGS. Madam President, I rise today to comment on the RECORD made earlier this morning by my distinguished colleague from New Mexico, Senator DOMENICI, the chairman of our Budget Committee. Let me say at the outset that I have the highest regard for Senator DOMENICI. He is very conscientious, very hard-working, and very honest in his beliefs and his work in the Senate. So in rising I do not intend to reflect on him, but rather to reflect on Charles Krauthammer's recent article concerning Social Security that the distinguished Senator from New Mexico included in the RECORD.

So there will not be any trouble referring to it, I ask unanimous consent that the article of Charles Krauthammer entitled "Social Security 'Trust Fund' Whopper" of last Friday, March 10 be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Washington Post, Mar. 10, 1995]

SOCIAL SECURITY "TRUST FUND" WHOPPER

(By Charles Krauthammer)

Last week, Sens. Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan managed to (1) kill the balanced budget amendment, (2) deal Republicans their first big defeat since November and (3) make Democrats the heroes of Social Security. A hat trick. How did they do it? By demanding that any balanced budget amendment "take Social Security off the table"—