

Last, these provisions contain huge loopholes that many will exploit. Will abortion clinics apply for preferential rates as medical facilities? Will law firms with legal libraries seek preferential rates? These terms are not precisely defined in the bill and are open to exploitation.

Mr. President, as an example of what would be provided, it says in the bill on page 134, paragraph 3:

Health Care Provider. The term "health care provider" means post-secondary educational institutions, teaching hospitals, and medical schools.

After reading through the bill language and also after consultation with staff, I am told that the term "elementary school" means a nonprofit institutional day or residential school that provides elementary education as determined under State law.

Does that mean a nonprofit private school falls under this? Does it mean, as I said before, that clinics that perform abortions are a medical facility? Does it, under the term "secondary school," mean a nonprofit institutional day or residential school that provides secondary education, as determined under State law, except that such term does not include any education beyond grade 12?

Does this mean private schools? I know that some private schools such as private parochial schools are not very wealthy. I also know that we all know there are certain private schools that are extremely well off.

Mr. President, I just think this is a wrong idea. It passed by a vote of 10 to 8 in the committee without a large amount of debate.

I hope we can strike this from the bill. I have no idea how much this would cost. I believe that we have spoken very loudly and clearly that unfunded mandates are something that we are rejecting. I urge the adoption of this amendment.

Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. BRYAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we might return to morning business for 3 minutes.

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

Mr. BRYAN. Mr. President, I thank the Chair and the distinguished managers of the bill.

#### TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN O'GRADY

Mr. BRYAN. Mr. President, the nation sighed with relief this morning as we heard reports that Air Force Capt. Scott F. O'Grady, the United States pilot downed by a Serbian surface-to-air missile, had been found in good health, and was resting comfortably on a United States aircraft carrier.

Yesterday, in the Senate Armed Services Committee, Secretary of Defense Perry and Chairman of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff, General Shalikashvili, gave a presentation on United States policy towards Bosnia. As was clear from this hearing, there is little agreement on what United States policy should be towards this war-torn region, and many deeply troubling questions continue to surface regarding the depth of United States involvement in Bosnia, and the need for a strong and coherent United States and NATO policy.

But today, I would like to focus on a good news story, and extend commendations to Captain O'Grady and the American military personnel who were involved in his remarkable recovery.

Although details of the rescue effort are still being released, it is clear that many American military personnel put themselves at great risk in the all-out attempt to locate Captain O'Grady and safely bring him out of Bosnia.

The ability of Captain O'Grady to evade capture by the Bosnian Serbs for nearly 6 days in heavily wooded areas is a great tribute not only to the courage and survival skills of Captain O'Grady, but also to the outstanding training he has received as a U.S. Air Force pilot.

Equally outstanding was the courage and competence of the marines who went into Bosnia under extremely dangerous conditions. Early reports indicate two CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopters under attack by both Serbian surface-to-air missiles and small arms fire were able to land within 50 meters of where Captain O'Grady was concealed. The commander of these marines, Col. Martin Berndt, reached out, grabbed the young pilot, and took off in a matter of seconds.

Finally, many American pilots risked their lives during the past 6 days, flying through a highly sophisticated Serb integrated air defense system in an attempt to pinpoint the location of Captain O'Grady. Many of these flights were extremely hazardous routes in and out of thunderstorms. During the actual rescue mission, additional American pilots covered the Marine helicopters with fighter and electronic monitoring aircraft.

Mr. President, the training, competence and experience that led to the spectacular success of this rescue mission gives credit to the outstanding job done by Secretary of Defense Perry and General Shalikashvili, as well as Adm. Leighton Smith, the NATO commander for Southern Europe. But our highest tribute should go to the courageous young men who were on the ground in Bosnia or flying low overhead. They have demonstrated the best of our U.S. Armed Forces, and the quality of the young men and women we have defending our national security. And a special tribute must go to the remarkable young man, Captain O'Grady, whose actions and courage serve as an example for us all.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

AIR FORCE CAPT. SCOTT O'GRADY

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I want to join the President, my House and Senate colleagues, and the American people in expressing my deep relief at the safe return of Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady, who was shot down over Bosnia 6 days ago while on a NATO mission.

It is a tribute to Captain O'Grady and the Air Force that trained him that he was able to survive for so long under such difficult circumstances. And certainly we must all loudly applaud the brave marines who put their own lives on the line and rescued him under the most treacherous circumstances, braving both missile and small-arms fire during their 5-hour rescue mission, to pull one of their own to safety.

Captain O'Grady's family has no doubt had a week of anguish and hope, and I celebrate with them this wonderful news and the remarkable strength and courage of Captain O'Grady and the marines who come to his rescue.

Scott O'Grady, who is from Spokane, WA, is an inspiration to citizens across my State and this nation, and I am proud to join the many many voices today that are celebrating his safe return.

#### THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AND DEREGULATION ACT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 1262

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on amendment No. 1262?

The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, as we know, the distinguished Senator from West Virginia, Senator ROCKEFELLER, on the Commerce Committee, has been the lead Senator on our side, and the distinguished Senator from Maine, Senator SNOWE, on the majority side of the Commerce Committee with respect to the public entities. They did not realize this amendment was coming up and they are on their way to the floor.

My friend from Arizona got some quick figures and questioned the figures I had given relative to the air fares. So let me once again state that the USAir fare from National to Charleston round trip is \$628. United from Dulles round trip to Charleston is \$628. There is a Continental flight at \$608 round trip from National.

With respect to USAir going down to Miami, we talked about flying 500 miles further and of course the 500 miles coming back, 1,000-mile difference. There is a USAir \$658 round trip to National, and if you walk up to the counter, there is a special of \$478 for the 10 seats available that the clerk at the counter can give at that reduced rate.

Perhaps that is what was the case with respect to the quoted figure of going from Dulles to Charleston, D.C. to Charleston, the \$249 fare round