

These lists symbolize the healthy competition that charter schools have created within the public school system.

However, a charter school's primary mission is to educate its students. Standardized testing has revealed that a charter school education has a dramatic impact on its students. All public schools in Michigan, including charter schools, administer the Michigan Education Assessment Program test. Between 1997 and 1998, Michigan charter schools exam results kept pace or surpassed those of traditional public schools. In fact, half of all charter schools in 1998 doubled or tripled the number of students receiving satisfactory scores in one or more subjects. These results indicate that charter schools are truly improving education.

In closing, I wish to honor charter school students, who work day after day to develop their skills and gifts. These students are the future of our nation and contribute to the vibrant life found throughout the countryside and cities of America. I applaud them for their efforts and congratulate them on this important day, Charter Schools Day.●

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ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 4,  
1999

Mr. McCain. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4. I further ask that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day. I further ask that, following the prayer, Senator McCain be recognized for 5 minutes for a closing statement, with the majority leader recognized immediately following Senator McCain.

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

Mr. McCain. I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. so that the weekly party caucus luncheons may take place.

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

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#### PROGRAM

Mr. McCain. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Following a brief statement by Senator McCain, the majority leader will make a motion to table S.J. Res. 20. Therefore, Senators can expect the first roll-call vote of the day at approximately 9:35 a.m. If S.J. Res. 20 is tabled, the

Senate will immediately begin debate on S. 900, the financial modernization bill, under the provisions agreed to this evening by unanimous consent. It is hoped that significant progress will be made on the banking bill. Therefore, Senators can expect further rollcall votes throughout Tuesday's session of the Senate. The Senate will recess for the weekly party caucus luncheons from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. McCain. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:06 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 4, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

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#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 3, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROBERT RABEN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE ANDREW FOIS, RESIGNED.