

our communities, we must make these activities safer. Mr. President, 5,600 fatalities is an unacceptable number.

In addition to reauthorizing current programs, our bill directs the Secretary of Transportation to make safety grants to fund an information clearinghouse and educational programs to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. These provisions will support existing efforts to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to transportation facilities and to enhance safety for all transportation users.

I believe that these provisions in the bill, if taken into use by our States and communities, will do a great deal to protect the children presently in our system and in the future.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, after conferring with both sides of the aisle, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:19 p.m., recessed until 2:17 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. VOINOVICH).

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. INHOFE. I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from New York, Mrs. CLINTON, be recognized for up to 5 minutes as in morning business and then for me to reclaim the floor at the conclusion of her remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from New York.

OUTSOURCING AMERICAN JOBS

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Oklahoma.

I rise today because I could not believe my eyes when I saw this headline in the Los Angeles Times today: "Bush Supports Shift of Jobs Overseas." If one reads this article, it is clear the

concern I feel on behalf of my constituents, who are finding their jobs going to other countries, is not shared in the White House. In fact, Gregory Mankiw, the President's Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers, has this to say:

Outsourcing is just a new way of doing international trade. More things are tradable than were tradable in the past. And that's a good thing.

I do not think outsourcing American jobs is a new kind of trade. I do not think we should be thinking of our people as commodities, and I certainly do not believe it is a good thing. If the other end of Pennsylvania believes it is a good thing to have companies shift jobs from America to the rest of the world, then maybe they do not have a clue about what it is going to take to bring jobs back to this country and create the kind of economic prosperity that will put our people back to work again.

Of course, this goes hand in hand with the budget the President sent up, which cuts investments and workforce training of dislocated workers, which underscores the failure to push for stricter standards or real enforcement of labor and environmental standards in our trade agreements, has no plans to address rising health care costs or legacy health and pension costs that are strangling American manufacturing companies, and apparently does not care we are now outsourcing radiologists and engineers, people we told to go get a good education, get that college degree, get that advanced degree; there will always be a place for you in the American economy. If this is what the opinion is on the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue—"Bush Supports Shift of Jobs Overseas"—I certainly hope this body will join to pass a resolution repudiating this strategy. This is a strategy for decline. This is a strategy for the destruction of the American job market.

We will be presenting a resolution, a sense of Senate, to stand against this philosophy in the White House that turns a blind eye to the damage that is being done to the American economy: The loss of jobs, the loss of income, the loss of self-confidence and prestige that is now sweeping our land.

I hope both sides of the aisle, Democrats and Republicans, will join in a sense-of-the-Senate resolution saying: We don't know what they are drinking up there in the White House, we don't know what the Council of Economic Advisers is reading, but we in the Senate do not believe shifting jobs overseas is a good economic strategy and we want, once and for all, to not only repudiate that but to come together with real plans and policies that will keep our jobs here and make it possible for us to promise the American workforce that this economy will be creating opportunities for them and they will not be watching the American dream be outsourced as well.

Mr. President, I thank my colleague from Oklahoma for his kindness in let-

ting me express and vent my frustration about this headline and the words coming out of the White House at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRAPO). Without objection, it is so ordered.

SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT OF 2003—Continued

AMENDMENT NO. 2276 WITHDRAWN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to withdraw amendment No. 2276 on behalf of Senator DORGAN.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE WITHDRAWN

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, with the approval of the committee, I now withdraw the committee substitute amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right.

AMENDMENT NO. 2285

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I now send a substitute amendment to the desk and ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) proposes an amendment numbered 2285.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion on the pending substitute to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the pending substitute to Calendar No. 426, S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-Aid Highways, Highway Safety Programs, and Transit Programs, and for other purposes.

Bill Frist, James Inhofe, Christopher Bond, Gordon Smith, Lamar Alexander, Richard G. Lugar, Pat Roberts,