

a problem in another season. Perhaps there is still time in some cases to be of assistance in this season. It is a plan and a program that has been in place and has worked over the years. We need to continue to allow people to participate in that plan.

I urge us to move forward and address the problem and make some kind of solution and not let it just die out and impact visitors, as well as employees and employers, in places such as Jackson, WY, and other places where people come for the summer.

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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. As a Senator from the State of Wyoming, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now stand in recess until the hour of 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:27 p.m., recessed until 2:17 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. VOINOVICH).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from the State of Ohio, I observe that a quorum is not present.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Mr. ALLARD. 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. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

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

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to report to you and our colleagues on the latest Board of Visitors meeting for the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Ordinarily, I don't do this, but in light of what has been happening for the last year and several months as far as the Air Force Academy, I feel compelled to give a report to the Senate to keep it updated on how matters are progressing at the Air Force Academy.

The Board of Visitors primary responsibility is advisory at the Academy. But in the process of monitoring the administration of the Academy and to be a voice for the students at the Academy, the Board of Visitors meets in mid-May at the Academy to review the activities of the Academy, assess current programs, discuss current disciplinary issues, and address proposed congressional legislation impacting the Academy and the Board of Visitors.

First, let me say I was pleased by the attendance and contribution of the board members and welcomed involvement of the board's newest members, including Senator MARK PRYOR. It is clearly apparent that the board is united in its purpose and serious about its responsibilities.

The meeting we had here was probably the best board meeting we have had since I have had the honor to serve on the Board of Visitors at the Air Force Academy.

Let me also say that Governor Gilmore continues to provide exceptional leadership and has done an excellent job of keeping the board on track and focused.

During the meeting, Air Force and Academy leaders briefed the board on several important issues. First, the board discussed the retention rates of the Academy graduates. Based on the statistics provided by the Air Force, it appears the Academy graduates have high retention rates, including in some professions rates of nearly 50 percent. Retention rates for Academy graduates continue to be higher than ROTC and OTS graduates.

Next, we discussed recent climate surveys. The Academy is wisely surveying faculty, civilian staff, and administrative staff, as well as the cadets. The Department of Inspector General also surveyed the cadet body in April. The result of the surveys is expected in July.

The Academy did share some preliminary results which include improvements regarding respect for women, the use of alcohol, and improved response to sexual assaults.

The new officer development program currently being implemented appears to be making a difference. Under this new system, cadets are taught leadership skills each year instead of just in their first years. This new system is consistent with that being used at the West Point and the Naval Academy.

Lastly, the board discussed three legislative proposals. I plan to work with the leadership on these proposals, perhaps as amendments, sometime during the deliberations on this bill. The first proposal would require the dean of the faculty for the Air Force to have some

prior military service. The second proposal would repeal the requirement that the Academy superintendent retire after serving the Academy. The Board of Visitors indicated its support for these two proposals.

The third proposal would have structured the Board of Visitors. At this time, this proposal requires additional work. I look forward to working with Chairman WARNER on refining that particular proposal.

I take a moment to compliment the superintendent of the Air Force Academy, Superintendent Rosa, and also his commandant, General Weida, who stepped in at a very difficult time at the Air Force Academy. They have shown exemplary leadership in working with the student body and charting out a new course for the Air Force Academy. It is a course that will allow oversight bodies, including members of the Armed Services Committee in both the House and the Senate, the Secretary of the Air Force, the President, and the members of the Board of Visitors, to review what is happening at the Academy. In other words, they have put a system in place that is much more accountable, which will make it easier for those who have the responsibility of oversight at the Air Force Academy to follow what is actually happening.

I thank the Congress for its concern about the welfare of the students at the Academy and for the opportunity to discuss the latest Board of Visitors meeting.

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. DEWINE. 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.

HAITI

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, last week, my wife and I had the opportunity to spend 3 days in the troubled country of Haiti. I want to take a couple of minutes to report to my colleagues about the situation in Haiti. I believe it is particularly of importance because the United States still has troops in Haiti, and we had the opportunity to visit with a number of these wonderful young men and women.

Our trip coincided with the horrible flooding that occurred last week in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. In fact, I had the chance to fly out with our troops to a village in Haiti, Fonds Verettes, about 35 miles east of Port-au-Prince. I saw our troops doing a tremendous job to take food and water and shelter to the Haitians who had been devastated by this flooding.

Our trip was also timely because it is during this period of time that our troops are beginning to leave Haiti, or were scheduled to begin to leave Haiti,