

24 CROWS systems in Iraq. If the Pentagon meets its funding targets in this year's supplementals, we will be able to field 245 systems into Iraq this year. To meet this target, this important system needs another \$28 million in the Senate bill—and another \$103 million on the next supplemental in early spring.

My amendment would add that additional funding so that we can meet this important target.

These are five very important amendments to the Department of Defense appropriations bill. I look forward to working with my colleagues—with Senator STEVENS and Senator INOUE and all my colleagues in the Senate—to move forward and ensure that we enact these amendments for the benefit of our men and women in uniform.

I yield the floor.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. INOUE. I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### AMENDMENT NO 1903

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, on amendment No. 1903 to H.R. 2863, submitted by the Senator from Colorado, Mr. SALAZAR, on behalf of the chairman of the committee, Mr. STEVENS, and the ranking member, we are ready to accept it.

I urge its approval.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I am gratified that it was possible for the Senate to consent to the adoption of amendment No. 1903, offered by Senator SALAZAR of Colorado. I am grateful to Senator SALAZAR for introducing this amendment, which will ensure that students attending a number of schools receiving assistance through the Impact Aid program—including the Window Rock Unified School District located on the Navajo Nation in Arizona—are not punished for administrative errors made by district personnel. I am also grateful to the chairman and ranking member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee for consenting to the inclusion of this amendment in this bill.

The Window Rock district is known is a 100 percent impacted district. That is, because the land it encompasses is federally owned, it cannot rely on a local property tax base to fund school operations as most districts in our country can. It is important to note that the administrative error that triggered this penalty—the loss of \$1.2 million—was a one-time occurrence, and that Senator ENZI, the chairman of the committee with jurisdiction over this matter plans to address that ongoing administrative problem that has occurred here the next time Impact Aid

is reauthorized. Moreover, as Senator SALAZAR rightly emphasized, the money here is not new money but previously appropriated funds that had been withheld.

There is no question that district must take pains to ensure that rules and procedures are adhered to but in this case I agree with Senator SALAZAR that the penalty here was disproportionate and that, in any case, punishing reservation schoolchildren is not a particularly well-targeted penalty. This amendment will rectify that, and I am pleased that it will be accepted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment? The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment (No. 1903) was agreed to.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. SALAZAR. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Hawaii, a great friend and truly an inspiration and hero for all of us in this Nation, for his great contribution, not only during World War II but also his continuing contribution in the Senate—likewise, to the chairman of the committee, Senator STEVENS, for an equally remarkable contribution to our country during World War II, and their understanding of the importance of doing everything we can to defend our country.

I thank the Chair and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. 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. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 10 minutes.

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

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, 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. 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.

#### ABU GHRAIB PICTURES

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, yesterday, we had a hearing of the Senate

Armed Services Committee where we had testify the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Myers; we had General Casey, who is in charge of the battles that are taking place over there in Iraq at this time; we had General Abizaid, and we had Secretary Rumsfeld.

About that time, we learned that, at the behest of the ACLU, a Federal judge in New York by the name of Alvin Hellerstein has ordered the Government to release more pictures of the Abu Ghraib abuse. This is despite the fact that General Myers said if you do this, it will cost American lives. Apparently, Hellerstein missed the Newsweek Koran debacle, where 15 people were killed immediately after a bogus report by that publication, Newsweek, inciting impulsive violence that is done on a case-by-case basis.

I think sooner or later we are going to have to do something about it, try to at least do all we can to make the American people aware of the bias we have in the media.

I have had occasion, since I am on the Armed Services Committee, to probably be over in Iraq more than anyone else. On one trip, the Presiding Officer was with me. All of us who have been over there will remember that every time we arrive the first thing the troops say to us is: Why is it the American people don't understand what we are doing? Don't they realize our country is under the greatest threat it has ever had throughout its history? And don't they understand the resolve we have and the fact that we know we are risking our lives? And I say to them: They do know it, in spite of the fact that the media is wrong.

There is a lieutenant colonel by the name of Tim Ryan. He was in the 1st Calvary in Iraq. He actually led a group into Fallujah. I am going to read one quote he made. He finally could not take it any longer. He said:

The inaccurate picture they paint [talking about the media] has distorted the world view of the daily realities in Iraq. The result is a further erosion of international support for the United States' efforts there, and a strengthening of the insurgents' resolve and recruiting efforts while weakening our own. Through their incomplete, uninformed and unbalanced reporting, many members of the media covering the war in Iraq are aiding and abetting the enemy.

They are aiding and abetting the enemy. And to have this thing revived on the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse—by the way, I have to say this: Long before the public was even made aware of it, the military had gone in, taken the necessary precautions, and had prosecuted those who were guilty. That was done long before this came out in public.

Now, as far as the war is concerned, I think it is very important for people to know we are being very victorious in the areas. It is a tough asymmetrical type of threat, an enemy we have never had before.

But I would suggest that on one of the trips when I went there, we spent