

dividuals battled against the floodwaters that devastated Illinois and the Midwest this past summer.

Working through five emergency response centers, SCS and ISWC staff gathered information from local communities, and dispatched technical specialists to evaluate flood situations and offer assistance. Many of these workers were flood victims themselves, ravaged by the loss of their crops, homes, and property. Despite their personal deprivation, they gave freely of their time, energy and resources to those who were more in need.

SCS members helped repair levees at the height of the flooding and surveyed the affected areas for people who might need urgent assistance. They also assisted evacuation efforts in towns before the floods hit, and worked to provide necessary supplies. Even now, as the floodwaters recede, they continue to assist communities' repair and recovery operations. SCS has already completed 11 restoration projects and is working on 70 others at present.

Mr. President, each member of the Soil Conservation District staff—which includes Ron Hall, Joe Gates, Ivan Dozier, Jerry Kaiser, Marlyn Schafer, Rob Meats, and Glen Smiddy—deserves our highest praise and thanks. I commend everyone involved with the Soil Conservation Service and the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts for their selflessness and dedication.

THE ESPERANZA PRIMARY CAMPUS

• Mr. DECONCINI. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the Esperanza Primary Campus in Phoenix, AZ, which provides a unique academic setting for children of different ages who discover, question, and learn together.

The Esperanza Primary Campus began operating 2 years ago. Administration, faculty, and architects designed the school to produce a conducive and comfortable atmosphere for students. This school was the first in the State of Arizona to utilize the multi-age program, a distinctive program in which children of various ages and cultural backgrounds learn together. Further, this program fosters a family-like environment where children can excel through their interactions and experiences with one another. A multi-age classroom has many benefits for students as it builds social skills, increases self-esteem, and encourages higher-level thinking.

Bilingual and monolingual children benefit greatly from the multiage program at Esperanza Primary Campus where learning situations and interactions create a nurturing environment. Bilingual students receive basic scholastic instruction in their primary language, but other types of creative instruction are carried out in English thereby supporting second language acquisition.

Another feature of this school is the developmental center that includes a

display and discussion area, a multisensory room, a kitchen/lab area, an enclosed animal housing area, an outdoor garden, sand and water exploration tables, and a woodworking center. Esperanza Primary Campus seeks to provide children with the opportunity for personal discovery and investigation which builds both knowledge and self-esteem and further develops a child's sense of purpose for attending school and participating actively in all areas of the educational program. This primary campus also houses a creative center which offers students experiences in the fine arts. The facility includes graphic design, drama, a publishing center, as well as a recording studio.

I commend Principal Maria Rosales and the faculty of the Esperanza Primary Campus for promoting a positive educational environment for students that provides a sense of continuity, the motivation to learn and builds self-esteem.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO AND CONTINENTAL BANK

• Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, I am proud to acknowledge National Housing Services (NHS) and Continental Bank as one of Social Compact's 1993 Outstanding Community Investment Award partnership recipients. NHS and Continental Bank are being recognized for their efforts to strengthen neighborhoods by helping lower income families achieve home ownership.

Continental Bank was a founding partner of NHS of Chicago. Over nearly 20 years of operation, it has evolved to offer a highly sophisticated and comprehensive program of services which are helping to rebuild neighborhoods on Chicago's west and south sides. These are primarily minority communities with large elderly populations. One-third of NHS' clients are female heads of families.

In 1987 Continental initiated a home improvement loan fund with a \$20-million loan to be administered by NHS of Chicago with loans up to \$50,000. Over 1,000 loans have been made to restore 1,833 units to safe, affordable housing. In 1992 the commitment was renewed with longer terms and lower rates. In 1992 127 loans were made totaling \$2.7 million leading to rehabilitation of 212 housing units for Chicago's lower income residents. This program has provided capital to over 1,800 Chicago families to improve and save their homes and has not experienced a single loss.

I am proud to recognize the members of NHS and Continental Bank for their dedication to providing secure housing for those who need it most. Partnerships such as NHS and Continental Bank play a critical role in rehabilitating disadvantaged neighborhoods, and I commend their commitment to community enhancement.

WELCOMING DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN PAKISTAN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 154, a resolution welcoming the holding of democratic elections in Pakistan; that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relative to the passage of this item appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

So the resolution (S. Res. 154) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. Res. 154

Whereas the United States and Pakistan have maintained close and cooperative relations over many years;

Whereas the United States has a strong interest in strengthening democracy and human rights in Pakistan;

Whereas Pakistan held elections for the National and Provincial Assemblies on October 6 and 9, 1993, respectively;

Whereas the elections were observed by independent domestic monitors and by an international delegation organized by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI);

Whereas the NDI delegation reported that "the balloting was generally open, orderly and well-administered," that "election officials generally carried out their tasks impartially and with diligence," and that the announcement of results "generally proceeded in accordance with the law;"

Whereas the people of the United States enjoy an abiding friendship with the people of Pakistan; and

Whereas the United States and Pakistan share a common interest in the promotion of stability in Pakistan and the easing of tensions in the South Asia region; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) welcomes the holding of elections on October 6 and 9, 1993, in Pakistan as an important step toward reaffirming Pakistan's democratic course;

(2) congratulates Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto on the occasion of her swearing-in on October 19, 1993;

(3) reaffirms the existing ties of friendship between the peoples of Pakistan and the United States; and

(4) underscores the continuing interest of the United States in working with the government of Pakistan on issues of bilateral and regional concern.

ORDERS FOR TOMORROW

Mr. REID. On behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 27; that following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be deemed approved to date; that the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period for morning business not to extend beyond

the hour of 9:40 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each, with the time from 8:30 until 9:30 equally divided and controlled between Senators MOSELEY-BRAUN and KEMPTHORNE, or their designees; that at 9:30 a.m., Senator KERRY of Nebraska be recognized for up to 10 minutes; that at 9:40 a.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. 578, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, with 20 minutes total remaining for debate on the Reid amendment and that the bill, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators KENNEDY AND REID, or their designees; that at 10 a.m., without intervening action or debate, the Senate vote on or in relation to the Reid, et al. amendment No. 1003; that upon disposition of the Reid amendment, the remaining provisions of the previous order be executed, with the above occurring without in-

tervening action or debate; that upon conclusion of the vote on passage of H.R. 1308, the Senate then stand in recess until 1 p.m.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be two votes beginning at 10 a.m. The first vote is in relation to the Reid amendment, the second passage of the bill. At the conclusion of the second vote the Senate will then recess until 1 p.m.

RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 8:30 A.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the

Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess as previously ordered.

There being no objection, the Senate at 9:09 p.m., recessed until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27, 1993, at 8:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 26, 1993:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FRANK EUGENE KRUESE, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.
STEVEN O. PALMER, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.