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VISIT TO THE SENATE BY
CROW INDIANS

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, Senator METCALF's and my good friend, Barney Old Coyote, has informed me that a number of his people from the Crow country would be arriving in Washington, and I am glad to note that they are in the Capitol this afternoon.

This group numbers 32 Crow Indians with their chaperones. The Crow Tribe is sponsoring this trip for the students as an incentive to them and to give them a better appreciation for the country in which they live.

Some of these students are recent graduates from high school; some are honor students; and others are selected for their perfect attendance; but the primary criterion is that "these are good students." Some will enter college this fall; others will be attempting to continue their education while still others will continue in high school.

The chief chaperones are Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Small. Mrs. Small is the former Pauline Whiteman-Runs-Him and the outgoing vice secretary of the Crow Tribe. Pauline has always been interested in providing educational and enrichment opportunities for Crow Indians.

The other chaperones are Mr. and Mrs. George Bull Tail, Mr. and Mrs. John Half, and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Falls Down. All three wives are members of the education committee of the Crow Tribe. It has been instrumental in providing educational opportunities and enrichment activities for Crow youth, including the establishment of the Crow Youth Camp in the Big Horn Mountains, which was a unique experiment in enrichment activities for Crow youth—even before the Job Corps program. It is very similar to the Job Corps program in that remedial classroom work is provided while working in the Big Horn Canyon. This will be the fourth year of operation for the Crow Youth Camp.

On behalf of Senator METCALF and myself, I welcome our fellow Montanans and descendants of the first Americans to the Nation's Capitol.