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From: Bennett, Jody (Johnson) [Jody_Bennett@johnson.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 4:11 PM
To: Taylor, Bob (Thune)
Subject: RE: Service-Member Testimony before BRAC Commission

Thanks Bob. Do you know the exact date/time of the NG press conference? I'd like to share that information with my boss?

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From: Taylor, Bob (Thune)
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2005 1:40 PM
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Thanks to everyone for your sponsorship of S. 1075, to delay the BRAC process. Senator Thune is planning to introduce another BRAC-related bill by mid-week -- which we also intend to offer as an amendment to the defense authorization bill -- and hope you join as original cosponsors (attached).

The bill would require the Secretary of Defense to permit uniformed service-members to be free to testify before the commission as to the military value of an installation without fear of reprisal. This would, for example, allow service members stationed at your base to advocate on behalf its value, if they so desired. Importantly, it would allow the commission members to hear from actual operators and warfighters as to a base's military value to the performance of their mission, not just budget analysts sitting in the Pentagon.

Please take a look and let me know as soon as possible if you would like to cosponsor. Thank you.

Bob Taylor
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P.S. The National Guard Association and Adjutants Generals Assoc. are planning to hold a press conference this week in support of S. 1075. If they call upon you Senator to attend, we would appreciate your participation. Thanks.