

HORMEL APPOINTMENT DESERVES INHOFE RESPONSE

As a result of President Clinton's "congressional recess" appointment of James Hormel as Ambassador to Luxembourg, Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma has threatened to thwart all of President Clinton's future nominations.

William Donohue, president of the Catholic League, responded this way:

"The Catholic League applauds Senator Inhofe for courageously standing up to President Clinton. The abuse of the 'congressional recess' appointment process to thwart the will of the legislature deserves the kind of response that the Oklahoma senator is proposing.

"Just yesterday, I wrote to Vice President Al Gore, Bill Bradley, and all the Republican candidates for the presidency in the year 2000, asking whether they agreed with the appointment of Mr. Hormel. The Catholic League has consistently opposed this nomination because of Hormel's refusal to dissociate himself from the anti-Catholic group, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. When given the opportunity by Senator Tim Hutchinson to do so, Hormel rebuffed him.

"The Catholic League could care less about Republicans or Democrats, or straights or gays. What we do care about is stopping anti-Catholic bigots from holding public office."