

this invitation went out over 6 months ago, a long time ago.

So I made the mistake of walking in a little bit late this Sunday evening for 5 o'clock mass. As I walked in the door, I knew I made a mistake. It was like being back in school. Father Trainor was up in the pulpit and I missed part of his sermon. He looked down to the congregation and he said: By the way, one other thing I want to tell you all. I want to tell you that I have had the great honor of being invited to open a session of the U.S. Senate this week. It came from the late JOE BIDEN—who just walked in the door. And then he proceeded to tell a story I hope he won't mind my telling.

He was standing in front of the entire congregation last Sunday—and by the way, this congregation attracts most of its people not from the parish. They are young professionals who come from all over the city to come into that 5 o'clock mass at night because of Father Trainor. It is always packed. It is literally standing room only. The few of us who are occasionally late, we stand a lot.

He told the following story: "I want the congregation to pray for me," he said, "because I hope I don't make the mistake I made the first time I was in Washington."

I was a young seminarian, in graduate school, and I came to Baltimore to drop off my trunk early in the summer. I had a good friend with me who was wheelchair bound. It was his car. We decided to go visit Washington. The only thing I remember in Washington is everything is steps, steps, steps, steps. I was a pretty tough guy, and I would take that wheelchair and move it up the stairs.

He is going like this in the pulpit.

So we went all over the city. We finished up at the Capitol.

That was before, thanks to Bob Dole and others, we had accessible entrances to our buildings in 1961 or 1962. I don't remember the exact year.

He said:

I got to the Capitol steps and I looked up and said, "Sweet Lord, I can't do that." I walked around the side. There was a nice Capitol Policeman there. I said, "You guys have elevators here?" He said, "Sure, bring your friend in." I brought my friend in, and the officer said, "You can use those elevators. You can use them. I am sure they won't mind because of the circumstances."

Then two senatorial fellows got in the elevator and he said they both looked at him.

He said:

I didn't know what to say.

I hope I am saying this accurately.

He said:

Senators, I am sorry we are in here, but the police officer told us that because the other umbrella was broken, we could take this umbrella to the second floor.

He said:

I hope I don't do that when I say my prayer this time.

I told him a story. The first time I came here, I was a student at the University of Delaware. A number of my friends went to Georgetown, and I loved coming up here. On a Saturday morning, I came up. There was an un-

usual Saturday session which had just closed down.

There were no metal detectors. A lot of you guys worked here as pages and had experience as staff. I walked through the double doors. The Senate had just gone out. I just walked in. The doors were open. I walked back by the Marble Room. No one was around. I opened the Chamber doors, and I was in awe. I think we all felt that the first time we ever stood in this Chamber. I was in awe. Literally, it took my breath away.

I walked in, looked around, and I walked up and sat in the chair. I was not being a wise guy. I was in awe. I sat down in the President's chair, looking out, and all of a sudden this officer grabs me, spins me around, and stands me up. He scared the devil out of me, understandably. He knew what I was doing and arrested me.

Most of you do not know that there is a police station downstairs underneath this building. He took me down. By the time we got down there, he realized I was just a college student in total awe of this place.

I was elected to the Senate 10 years later. The first day I walked into the Senate Chamber, and a police officer tapped me on the shoulder. He said: Do you remember me, Senator?

I said: No, I don't.

He said: I arrested you 10 years ago when you came in.

We both had inauspicious starts in the Senate. I say to you, Father, your prayer was right on target, and the finish was much stronger than the finish I have had. I thank you for being here.

I conclude by saying it is genuinely an honor for the State of Delaware to have a Senate host Chaplain today. Reverend Ogilvie, I thank you. You are a consummate gentleman, and I appreciate the hospitality you offered to Father and always to all of us in the Senate.

I note for the RECORD and say to my colleague from Delaware, Senator CARPER, I only know of a total of three other Delawareans since I have been here who have ever been guest Chaplains. Senator CARPER knows them all: Rabbi Kenneth S. Cohen from Congregation Beth Shalom was a guest Chaplain in 1982, and Father Robert Balducelli from St. Anthony's Parish. We need a little Irish levity brought into this. Now we have it all covered in my State. I thank you again, Father Trainor. I know the majority leader wishes to speak. After he does, I want to ask permission to yield to my colleague from Delaware for brief comments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I have enjoyed the welcome speech from the Senator from Delaware, and I look forward to hearing from the other Senator from Delaware.

Welcome, Father Trainor. We all welcome you. Thank you for being here. You and our Chaplain, Lloyd Ogilvie, mean a great deal, obviously, to the Senators from Delaware, but also to the spirit of our country. We thank you

for being here this morning and being our guest Chaplain.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today I enter into the RECORD the majority party committee assignments for the 107th Congress. I thank all Members for their cooperation during this organization effort. I send to the desk the majority committee assignments. I understand Senator DASCHLE will be presenting his committee assignments later.

The committee assignments are as follows:

REPUBLICAN "A" COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 107TH CONGRESS

(Note: All committees have an equal number of Republicans and Democrats)

AGRICULTURE

Senators Lugar, Helms, Cochran, McConnell, Roberts, Fitzgerald, Thomas, Allard, T. Hutchinson, and Crapo.

APPROPRIATIONS

Senators Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Specter, Bond, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, K. Hutchinson, and DeWine.

ARMED SERVICES

Senators Warner, Thurmond, McCain, B. Smith, Inhofe, Santorum, Roberts, Allard, T. Hutchinson, Sessions, Collins, and Bunning.

BANKING

Senators Gramm, Shelby, Bennett, Allard, Enzi, Hagel, Santorum, Bunning, Crapo, and Ensign.

COMMERCE

Senators McCain, Stevens, Burns, Lott, K. Hutchinson, Snow, Brownback, G. Smith, Fitzgerald, Ensign, and Allen.

ENERGY

Senators Murkowski, Domenici, Nickles, Craig, Campbell, Thomas, Shelby, Burns, Kyl, Hagel, and G. Smith.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Senators B. Smith, Warner, Inhofe, Bond, Voinovich, Crapo, Chafee, Specter, and Campbell.

FINANCE

Senators Grassley, Hatch, Murkowski, Nickles, Gramm, Lott, Jeffords, Thompson, Snowe, and Kyl.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Senators Helms, Lugar, Hagel, G. Smith, Thomas, Frist, Chafee, Allen, and Brownback.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senators Thompson, Stevens, Collins, Voinovich, Domenici, Cochran, Gregg, and Bennett.

HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Senators Jeffords, Gregg, Frist, Enzi, T. Hutchinson, Warner, Bond, Roberts, Collins, and Sessions.

JUDICIARY

Senators Hatch, Thurmond, Grassley, Specter, Kyl, DeWine, Sessions, Brownback, and McConnell.

REPUBLICAN "B" COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 107TH CONGRESS

AGING

Senators Craig, Jeffords, Burns, Shelby, Santorum, Collins, Enzi, T. Hutchinson, Fitzgerald, and Ensign.

BUDGET

Senators Domenici, Grassley, Nickles, Gramm, Bond, Gregg, Snowe, Frist, G. Smith, Allard, and Hagel.

ETHICS

Senators Roberts, Voinovich, and Thomas.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Senators Campbell, Murkowski, McCain, Domenici, Thomas, Hatch, and Inhofe.

INTELLIGENCE

Senators Shelby, Kyl, Inhofe, Hatch, Roberts, DeWine, Thompson, and Lugar.

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Senators Bennett, Brownback, Sessions, Crapo, and Chafee.

RULES

Senators McConnell, Warner, Helms, Stevens, Cochran, Santorum, Nickles, Lott, and K. Hutchison.

SMALL BUSINESS

Senators Bond, Burns, Bennett, Snowe, Enzi, Fitzgerald, Crapo, Allen, and Ensign.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Senators Specter, Murkowski, Thurmond, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and T. Hutchison.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, the following are the Democratic committee assignments for the 107th Congress. One more Democratic Senator will be added to the Energy Committee at next Tuesday's conference. The Energy Committee list will be reprinted in next Tuesday's RECORD to reflect that change.

DEMOCRAT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 107TH CONGRESS

AGRICULTURE

Senators Harkin, Leahy, Conrad, Daschle, Baucus, Lincoln, Miller, Stabenow, Nelson (NE), and Dayton.

APPROPRIATIONS

Senators Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, and Landrieu.

ARMED SERVICES

Senators Levin, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Cleland, Landrieu, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Carnahan, and Dayton.

BANKING

Senators Sarbanes, Dodd, Johnson, Reed, Schumer, Bayh, Miller, Carper, Stabenow, and Corzine.

COMMERCE

Senators Hollings, Inouye, Rockefeller, Kerry, Breaux, Dorgan, Wyden, Cleland, Boxer, Edwards, and Carnahan.

ENERGY

Senators Bingaman, Akaka, Dorgan, Graham, Wyden, Landrieu, Bayh, Feinstein, Schumer, and Cantwell.

ENVIRONMENT

Senators Reid, Baucus, Graham, Lieberman, Boxer, Wyden, Carper, Clinton, and Corzine.

FINANCE

Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Daschle, Breaux, Conrad, Graham, Bingaman, Kerry, Torricelli, and Lincoln.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Senators Biden, Sarbanes, Dodd, Kerry, Feingold, Wellstone, Boxer, Torricelli, and Nelson (FL).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senators Lieberman, Levin, Akaka, Durbin, Torricelli, Cleland, Carper, and Carnahan.

HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Senators Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Wellstone, Murray, Reed, Edwards, and Clinton.

JUDICIARY

Senators Leahy, Kennedy, Biden, Kohl, Feinstein, Feingold, Schumer, Durbin, and Cantwell.

BUDGET

Senators Conrad, Hollings, Sarbanes, Murray, Wyden, Feingold, Johnson, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Stabenow, and Clinton.

RULES

Senators Dodd, Byrd, Inouye, Feinstein, Torricelli, Schumer, Breaux, Daschle, and Dayton.

SMALL BUSINESS

Senators Kerry, Levin, Harkin, Lieberman, Wellstone, Cleland, Landrieu, Edwards, and Cantwell.

VETERANS

Senators Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, Murray, Miller, and Nelson (NE).

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Senators Breaux, Reid, Kohl, Feingold, Wyden, Bayh, Lincoln, Carper, Stabenow, and Carnahan.

JOINT ECONOMIC

Senators Reed, Kennedy, Sarbanes, and Corzine.

INTELLIGENCE

Senators Graham, Levin, Rockefeller, Feinstein, Wyden, Durbin, Bayh, and Edwards.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Senators Inouye, Conrad, Reid, Akaka, Wellstone, Dorgan, and Johnson.

ETHICS

Senators Reid, Akaka, and Lincoln.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate will now be in a period for morning business and will adjourn after that morning business until 12 noon on Monday. During Monday's and Tuesday's session, we will consider three Cabinet nominations with the votes to occur at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, unless we get an agreement for some change. Right now, Senators should expect recorded votes at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday.

I must say early, so I will not be accused of not putting Senators on alert, already we are being squeezed on both ends of the week. Senators say: Please don't have any votes after Wednesday night. Oh, please don't have any votes before Tuesday night.

We are not going to be able to do that, and we are going to have to start on Mondays. We are going to have to have votes on Tuesday mornings, Thursdays and Thursday nights, too. I realize it is early in the session and we are not under the gun, but we do need to get done as soon as possible the other nominations that have been agreed to so we can move to the last nomination and debate and vote on that one.

Those votes on confirmation at 2:45 p.m. will be Elaine Chao to be Secretary of Labor, Gale Norton to be Secretary of the Interior, and Gov. Christine Todd Whitman to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

I ask all Senators for their assistance. Senator REID from Nevada is

here. I know he has been working on helping move these along, especially Governor Whitman to be Administrator of EPA. I thank Senators on both sides of the aisle for that cooperation.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL OF S. 21

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 21 be discharged from the Committee on Finance and be referred to the Committees on Budget and Governmental Affairs, per the order of August 4, 1977.

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

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I certainly support the leader's efforts to have us work a full workweek in the Senate Chamber. I do say we can really develop some bad habits. I know our leader has already been requested to see if we can get off on Wednesday nights. We really have to get started having some votes on more than 3 days a week.

I also say to the leader that we worked hard on this side, as I have indicated. There is a spirit of bipartisanship. I think that was helped yesterday with the meeting at the White House.

We really want to move these along, and the record should reflect, except for one nomination, Tuesday afternoon they will all have been completed. We hope in the foreseeable future we will be able to work the final one, debate it, resolve it. Hopefully, that can be done expeditiously.

We are willing to do the best we can. The record should reflect, with the remaining nomination, there are tons of questions. I know the committees are trying to work their way through that so we can have those answers so the debate can take place expeditiously.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if I may respond to Senator REID's comments, with regard to the questions that need to be answered by the designee to be Attorney General, former Senator Ashcroft, this very morning we worked to encourage that those questions be answered as quickly as possible and gotten to the committee. Hopefully, that will be done today, and I understand Senator DASCHLE, if that can be done, is going to work with us to see if we can move that nomination in a reasonable time next week. I appreciate that very much.

Senator REID touched on our meeting with the President yesterday morning. It was a bipartisan, bicameral meeting. I thought it was a very good meeting. Again, the President was reaching out to the Congress and to the American people through their leaders. That was the sixth meeting he has had with congressional leaders in only 3 days as President, or workweek as President. He did have Sunday.

It has been Republicans, Democrats, leaders on education, the elected leaders, but the thing I liked about it, it