

THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE  
VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. LOTT. I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration thanking the Vice President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 316) tendering the thanks of the Senate to the Vice President for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner by which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 316) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 316

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the second session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. LOTT. I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration thanking the President pro tempore for his service to the Senate, his State, and his country.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 317) tendering the thanks of the Senate to the President pro tempore for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Just briefly, Mr. President, I cannot let that resolution pass without some comment. I want to say to all my colleagues, there will be a moment here where Senator DASCHLE and I will be talking to the President and some of the Senators may want to comment on some of the resolutions we pass, but I cannot pass this one without saying again how much personally I appreciate the manner in which Senator THURMOND always conducts himself.

The distinguished Senator from South Carolina is truly a legend whom we all love. I have noted that on almost every occasion, if not every occasion, when the Senate came into ses-

sion, no matter how early it was or when it was, he was here; he escorted the Chaplain to the podium; he did his job; and he has done it admirably. We just appreciate it so much and wish him the very best in everything he endeavors in the future.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. If I could only add from this side of the aisle, I want to associate myself completely with the remarks made by the majority leader. Senator THURMOND has done the job of President pro tempore not only admirably but fairly, in a nonpartisan way. There are so many mornings when I have greeted him, and I know from what we all know to be Senator THURMOND's practice, he probably has been working out for at least an hour prior to the time he has come to the dais. Anybody who does that has respect on a bipartisan basis. We are privileged to have the opportunity to work with him.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The resolution (S. Res. 317) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 317

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President pro tempore of the Senate, for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the second session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress.

THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE  
DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration thanking the distinguished Democratic leader for his leadership in the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 318) to commend the exemplary leadership of the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 318) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 318

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Democratic Leader, the Senator from South Dakota, the Honorable Thomas A. Daschle, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative

and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the second session of the 104th Congress.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, let me just say again how much I have appreciated the cooperation we have received. He has been helpful to me. We have had a very cooperative relationship. We have not always agreed. We did not get everything done today we wanted to do, but he has been very helpful. I think we have had a growing respect for each other, and we are going to be able to work together very productively for the good of our country in the years ahead. I look forward to that opportunity.

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank the majority leader. I would only say the same. I have enjoyed the opportunity, in the last 3 months, to work with him. I think it has been a productive time.

Obviously our disagreements preclude us from doing everything we would like. But there are times when we can overcome those disagreements and work in a way that I think can make this country quite proud.

COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY  
LEADERSHIP OF THE MAJORITY  
LEADER

Mr. DASCHLE. In that regard I have a resolution that I send to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 319) to commend the exemplary leadership of the Majority Leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 319) agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 319

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Majority Leader, the Senator from Mississippi, the Honorable TRENT LOTT, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the second session of the 104th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF A  
SENATE DOCUMENT

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now turn to the resolution which I now send to the desk on behalf

of Senator HATFIELD, regarding a document from the Appropriations Committee, and ask the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 320) that there be printed with illustrations as a Senate document a compilation of materials entitled "Committee On Appropriations, United States Senate, on the 129th Anniversary, 1867-1996", and that there be printed two thousand additional copies of such document for the use of the Committee on Appropriations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The resolution (S. Res. 320) was agreed to, as follows:

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*Resolved*, That there be printed with illustrations as a Senate document a compilation of materials entitled "Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 129th Anniversary, 1867-1996", and that there be printed two thousand additional copies of such document for the use of the Committee on Appropriations.

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 321, introduced earlier today by Senator BYRD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 321) authorizing the acceptance of pro bono legal services by a Member of the Senate challenging the validity of a Federal Statute in a civil action pursuant to a statute expressly authorizing Members of Congress to bring such a civil action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I want the record to reflect I support this resolution. I worked with Senator BYRD in getting this clearance agreed to.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 321) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 321

*Resolved*, That (a) notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Rules of the Senate or Senate Resolution 508, adopted by the Senate on September 4, 1980, pro bono legal

services provided to a Member of the Senate with respect to a civil action challenging the validity of a Federal statute that expressly authorizes a Member to file an action—

(1) shall not be deemed a gift to the Member; (2) shall not be deemed to be a contribution to the office account of the Member; and (3) shall not require the establishment of a legal expense trust fund.

(b) The Select Committee on Ethics shall establish regulations providing for the public disclosure of information relating to pro bono legal services performed as authorized by this resolution.

Mr. LOTT. At this point I yield the floor. Other Senators may want to comment on some of these resolutions. We will notify the President we have passed the adjournment resolution and we will return thereafter for some further brief action.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I congratulate and compliment the majority leader. We just passed the resolution congratulating him, but I personally would like to congratulate him for outstanding leadership since he has assumed majority leadership of the Senate. I believe this has been a very, very productive legislative session.

There is an article in Rollcall today that talked about the Senate, this Congress, spending more time than any Congress since World War II. I think the record would show, for the last couple of months, this has been a very, very productive Congress, whether you are talking about welfare reform—historic welfare reform, or whether you are talking about reaching back and passing line-item veto. Whether you are talking about actually trying to rein in the growth of Government—we have seen the size of Government deficits actually declining, I think primarily because of some restraints on discretionary funds that passed this Congress.

So, I add my accolades to those of others, to say I think Senator TRENT LOTT, as majority leader, has done an outstanding job, and also to say the minority leader, Senator DASCHLE—we have had a lot of conflicts. It has been a tough session, maybe a lot more partisan than a lot of us would like. Maybe we will be able to improve upon that next year. Certainly, I have enjoyed my working relationship with Senator DASCHLE and have always found him to be cordial. We have worked well together and, hopefully, the next Congress will be even more cordial, less partisan, and more productive.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I have a resolution at the desk to commend Senator DASCHLE. I request the clerk report that resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 322) to commend the exemplary leadership of the Democratic Leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a Senate resolution to commend the exemplary leadership of the Honorable TOM DASCHLE of South Dakota.

Senator DASCHLE was elected by his colleagues in 1994 to serve as the Senate Democratic leader. I recall Senator DASCHLE's able assistance working for 5 years in the office of my friend, Senator Abourezk of South Dakota. I knew then that this young man was destined to greater heights.

Senator DASCHLE was elected to the House of Representatives in 1978 and served four terms before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986. He became the first South Dakotan ever to hold a Senate leadership position when he was named cochairman of the Democratic Policy Committee in 1988.

During his Senate career, Senator DASCHLE has provided capable leadership on the following Committees: Finance, Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs, Indian Affairs, and Ethics. His work on the Agriculture Committee has helped farmers across the country as he wrote the 1985 Emergency Farm Credit Act to aid farmers during the depths of the farm crisis.

Mr. President, Senator DASCHLE has proven to be an effective Democratic leader and strives for cooperation with all of his colleagues. He works closely with our distinguished majority leader, Senator LOTT, to facilitate the legislative process. His calm but determined demeanor is appreciated on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce this resolution commending the distinguished minority leader TOM DASCHLE, and I extend best wishes to his lovely wife, Linda, and their three fine children, Kelly, Nathan, and Lindsay.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 322) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 322

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Democratic Leader, the Senator from South Dakota, the Honorable Thomas A. Daschle, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the second session of the 104th Congress.