

to believe that Republicans concern with Medicare was "much ado about nothing," they predicted that the Medicare trust fund would take in \$45 million more than it would spend in the current fiscal year. Obviously, the White House was as off base in its economic projections as they were in their political accusations.

The article also reports that Roland King, former chief actuary of the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicare, said that after analyzing these new numbers, he believes the hospital insurance trust fund will not run out in 2002 as the trustees originally projected. Instead, it will run out in 2000 or 2001.

I am sure that a number of Republicans are tempted to say "I told you so," this morning. But saying that will get us no closer to the solutions necessary to save Medicare from bankruptcy.

And so, Mr. President, this Senator stands ready to work on a bipartisan basis to save, preserve, and strengthen Medicare. It is my hope that in the face of these alarming new numbers, the President will choose the path of leading rather than the path of misleading.

SENATOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE: THE SENATE'S FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President. As all senators know, former Senator Edmund S. Muskie passed away on March 26, two days before his 82d birthday. Senator Muskie served in this body from January, 1959, until May 1980, when he resigned to become Secretary of State in the Carter administration.

As a freshman Senator, Ed Muskie ardently desired a position on the Foreign Relations Committee. He was disappointed to be appointed to the Public Works Committee instead. But his loss proved to be the Nation's gain. As a member of the Public Works Committee, later the chairman of the Environmental Pollution Subcommittee, Senator Muskie became the chief architect of America's first environmental laws.

At the funeral service for Senator Muskie, his protege and former chief of staff, George Mitchell, who took Muskie's Senate seat and went on to become the Senate majority leader, delivered a wonderful tribute to Senator Muskie's environmental leadership. I would like to share his remarks with the Senate today by asking unanimous consent that they be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD at this point.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REMARKS OF GEORGE MITCHELL

Jane, Steve and Lexi, Ellen and Ernie, Melinda and Eddie, Martha, Ned and Julia, and other members of the family, Cardinal Hickey, Bishop Gerry and other members of the clergy, President and Mrs. Carter and other distinguished guests and friends of Ed Muskie. Senator Muskie once said that he didn't like being called "Lincolnesque" but

it fit. With his lanky frame, his long and craggy face, his powerful voice, he was an imposing figure. He was loved and trusted by the people of Maine because they saw in him the qualities they most admire, independence, fairness, the lack of pretense, the willingness to speak the truth even when it hurt. He was plain spoken even blunt at times and they admired him for it. He had his faults and he made mistakes as do all human beings but he conquered his faults and he learned from his mistakes and as a result, he became the greatest public official in Maine's history and one of the most effective legislators in our nation's history. He accomplished much in a long and distinguished career. In that impressive record, nothing surpasses what he did to protect America's natural environment.

Harry Truman once said that men make history, not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better. Ed Muskie changed things for the better. When he went to the Senate, there were no national environmental laws, there was no environmental movement, there was hardly an awareness of the problem. Industries and municipalities dumped their wastes into the nearest river and America's waters were, for the most part, stinking open sewers. The air was unhealthy the water polluted, Ed Muskie changed that.

It's one thing to write and pass a law, it's another thing to change the way people live, it's yet another and a far more difficult thing to change the way people think. Ed Muskie did that. With knowledge, skill, determination and patience he won approval of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act and America was changed forever for the better. Any American who wants to know what Ed Muskie's legacy is need only go to the nearest river. Before Ed Muskie it was almost surely not fit to drink or to swim or to fish in, because of Ed Muskie it is now almost surely clean. A source of recreation even revenue. Despite the efforts of some to turn back the clock, these landmark laws will survive because the American people know what a difference he has made in their lives.

It has been said that what we do for ourselves, leaves this world with us, what we do for others remains behind. That's our legacy, our link with immortality. Ed Muskie's legacy will stand as a living memorial to his vision. It is his immortality.

Each of us could say much more about Ed Muskie's public career but we are here today to pay tribute to Ed Muskie the man, so I would like to say a few words about the man who was my hero, my mentor, my friend. Thirty-four years ago this week, I received a telephone call that changed my life. It was from Don Nicoll, Senator Muskie's Administrative Assistant and close friend who is here today. He invited me to come up to Capitol Hill to meet the Senator who was looking for someone from Maine to fill a vacancy on his staff. To help him evaluate me, Don asked that I prepare a memorandum on the legal aspects of an issue that was then being considered by the Senate. I prepared the memo and went up for the interview. I thought the memo was pretty good, but unknowingly I had made a huge mistake. I reached a conclusion that was the opposite of the Senator's. I had never met him but he didn't bother with any small talk. Within minutes of our introduction, he unleashed a ferocious cross-examination. He came out from behind his desk, he towered over me, he shook his finger at me and he took my memo apart, line by line. I was stunned, so intimidated that I couldn't control the shaking of my

legs even though I was sitting down. I tried as best as I could to explain my point of view and we had what you might call a lively discussion. As I left he said the next time you come in here, you'll be better prepared. That's how I learned I'd been hired and I sure was better prepared the next time.

Ed Muskie was even more imposing intellectually than he was physically. He was the smartest person that I ever met with an incisive analytical mind that enabled him to see every aspect of a problem and instantly to identify possible solutions. He challenged everyone around him to rise to his level of excellence. No one quite reached his level, but those who took up the challenge were improved by the effort. Those who know him learned from that relationship, those of us who worked for him, most of all. Just about everything I know about politics and government I learned from him. Just about everything I have accomplished in public life, can be traced to his help. No one ever had a better mentor or a better friend.

No discussion of Ed Muskie would be complete without mention of his legendary temper. After he became Secretary of State, a news magazine in an article described his temper as entirely tactical, something that he turned on and off at will to help him get his way. I saw him a few days later, he showed me the article, in fact he read it to me, and then he said laughingly, "all these years you thought my temper was for real." Well, I said, you sure fooled me, and a lot of other people. I think the reality is that it was both. When he yelled at you it was terrifyingly real, but you could never be sure that it wasn't also a tactic to move you his way, to get you to do what he wanted done and that's the way he wanted it and liked it.

Almost as unnerving as one of his eruptions was the swiftness with which it passed and was forgotten. He was a passionate man and expressed himself with emotion. His point having been made, he moved on, he didn't believe in looking back or nursing grudges and maybe that's how he got past the disappointments he suffered. It surely also helped that he was a secure man, confident in, and comfortable with his values. Those values were simple, yet universal in their reach and enduring in their strength. They were faith, family and country. He was constant in his faith. He was comforted by it and he was motivated by its message. The prayer printed on the back of the program today written by Senator Muskie more than a quarter century ago with its emphasis on compassion and tolerance was the essence of his faith. He was totally devoted to his family, especially to Jane. They would have celebrated their 48th anniversary in May and for all those years, she supported him, she comforted him, she helped him. He was a passionate believer in democracy and especially in American democracy.

I have the privilege of traveling all over Maine and all this country with him. Back when I was on Senator Muskie's staff we didn't have the resources available today so we used to share a motel room in small towns all across Maine as I drove him from one appearance to another. And I can recall the many times he spoke of his Father who he greatly admired and who he was very much influenced by. His Father was a Polish immigrant who, like many others who fled from tyranny, flourished in the free air of this blessed land. No person I have ever heard and few in our history could match Ed Muskie's eloquence on the meaning of America. Once in public office, his profound respect for American democracy led him to act always with dignity and restraint, lest he dishonor those he represented. As a result, he was the ideal in public service, a man who accomplished much without ever compromising his principles or his dignity. Character is

what you are when you are alone in the dark as well as with others in the daylight. Ed Muskie's character was strong. Strong enough to light up other people's lives. He taught us that integrity is more important than winning. That real knowledge counts more than slogans or sound bites. That we should live our values rather than parading them for public approval.

Many years ago, Maine's greatest poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, wrote of another great man these words: "Were a star quenched on high for ages would its light still traveling downward from the sky shine on our mortal sight. So when a great man dies for years beyond our kin, the light he leaves behind him lies upon the paths of men." A great man has died and for years his life will shine upon our paths. Goodbye Ed, may God bless you and welcome you.

Mrs. BOXER. Finally, Mr. President, I would also like to share with my colleagues a beautiful prayer, written by Senator Muskie for the occasion of the Presidential Prayer Breakfast in January, 1969. The message of this prayer—a plea on behalf of all public officials for mutual trust and understanding, cooperation and compassion—is more relevant today than ever. I ask unanimous consent that the full text of the prayer be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

PRESIDENTIAL PRAYER

(Written by Senator Edmund S. Muskie and delivered at the Presidential Prayer Breakfast January 30, 1969—Washington, DC)

Our Father—we are gathered here this morning, perplexed and deeply troubled.

We are grateful for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us—the great resources of land and people—the freedom to apply them to uses of our own choosing—the successes which have marked our efforts.

We are perplexed that, notwithstanding these blessings, we have not succeeded in making possible a life of promise for all our people in that growing dissatisfaction threatens our unity and our progress toward peace and justice.

We are deeply troubled that we may not be able to agree upon the common purposes and the basis for mutual trust which are essential if we are to overcome these difficulties.

And so, Our Father, we turn to you for help.

Teach us to listen to one another, with the kind of attention which is receptive to other points of view, however different, with a healthy skepticism as to our own infallibility.

Teach us to understand one another with the kind of sensitivity which springs from deeply-seated sympathy and compassion.

Teach us to trust one another, beyond mere tolerance, with a willingness to take the chance on the perfectibility of our fellow men.

Teach us to help one another, beyond charity, in the kind of mutual involvement which is essential if a free society is to work.

We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

HONORING THE COLLARDS FOR CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. The data is undeniable: Individuals from strong families contribute to the

society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor James and Esther Morales of Neosho, MO who on March 9, 1996 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. George and Barbara's commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized. I wish them and their family all the best as they celebrate this substantial marker on their journey together.

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THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Monday, April 22, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,101,586,172,580.18.

On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,273.81 as his or her share of that debt.

TRIBUTE TO JIMMY JONES

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I am proud to pay tribute today to a dear friend to me and several members of my staff, James L. Jones. Jimmy is a long-time employee of the Senate Superintendent's Office of the Architect of the Capitol, where his friendliness, dedication, and warm personality have

become familiar to many of us. On April 26, Jimmy will be retiring from his position with the Superintendent's Office after 31 years of service to the U.S. Senate. He started out working on the grounds and worked his way up to become the Senate garage attendant foreman. For many years, he has headed up the entire Senate parking garage operation.

Jimmy Jones is one of those individuals who takes extreme pride in his work and who truly loves the Senate as an institution. He and his capable staff are welcome sights to those who routinely park in the various garages in the Senate office buildings. He is fun to joke around with and he really goes the extra mile to take care of those who use the parking facilities. He is a Maryland native, and his delicious crabcakes have been most appreciated over the years. He never fails to greet us with a joke or humorous story to brighten our day, and his special brand of generosity and humor never fail to uplift our spirits and provide a welcome reprieve from the rigors of Senate business.

Jimmy Jones is one of those colorful Senate institutions who will be sorely missed after he retires. His friendliness, cheerfulness, and willingness to accommodate are genuine. He is a person of character. I join my colleagues in thanking him, commending him, and wishing him all the best as he embarks upon a well-earned retirement. I do hope he will continue to bring us his crabcakes from time to time. Since he is such an avid stock car racing fan, I also expect to see him at the Talladega International Motor Speedway on occasion after my own retirement.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF MEL BAILEY

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey announced earlier this month that he will be retiring after a distinguished 33-year record as the county's chief law enforcement official. This means that for the first time since the early days of the Civil Rights Movement, Jefferson County will have a new sheriff. He is the dean of Alabama law enforcement officers.

Mel Bailey has provided outstanding leadership, guidance, and service to the State of Alabama as Jefferson County's sheriff since 1963. Throughout his terms in office, he has made tremendous strides in preparing the sheriff's department for its fight against crime and in serving the citizens who elected him. In the process, he has become known as a symbol of law and order in Alabama.

Since he has been in office, Mel Bailey has come to epitomize the office in the minds of many citizens. He joined the Birmingham Police Department in 1946 and was promoted to detective in 1953, resigning in 1962 to successfully campaign for sheriff. He didn't draw an opponent until 1978, when he still received 70 percent of the vote.