

It has been America's good fortune to have leaders which exhibit true faith and allegiance to the general welfare and the blessings of liberty.

One such leader is Richard L. Lawson. I personally thank him for his efforts, for his patriotism, and for his vision.

His 40 years of combined military duty is rich with decorations and honors. It includes the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Legion of Merit. On the level of personal service, it includes the Soldier's Medal that recognizes an act of courage not involving an armed enemy; and the Air Medal and the Bronze Star that reflect combat duty in the Vietnam War.

We owe a debt of gratitude to men like General Lawson, who give so freely and so much to this great nation. May this nation always be blessed with such citizens.

God give us men!

A time like this demands strong minds,
great hearts, true faith, and ready hands.
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie.
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And brave his treacherous flatteries without
winking.

Tall men, sun-crowned;
Who live above the fog,
In public duty and in private thinking.
For while the rabble with its thumbworn
creeds,

It's large professions and its little deeds,
mingles in selfish strife,
Lo! Freedom weeps!
Wrong rules the land and waiting justice
sleeps.

God give us men!

Men who serve not for selfish booty;
But real men, courageous, who flinch not at
duty.

Men of dependable character;
Men of sterling worth;
Then wrongs will be redressed, and right will
rule the earth.
God Give us Men!

SENATOR PATRICK MOYNIHAN'S RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the finest scholars to have graced the United States Senate, Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN. As all of you know, our esteemed colleague from New York will soon be retiring from the Senate after 24 years.

Senator MOYNIHAN has a rich history of public service. Beginning his political career as a member of Averell Harriman's gubernatorial campaign staff in 1954, Senator MOYNIHAN used his vast intellect to build one of the most expansive political resumes of the 20th century. To attempt to list every position ever held by my colleague would take entirely too long. However, some of the highlights of his political career include serving in the Cabinet or sub-Cabinet of Presidents Kennedy, John-

son, Nixon, and Ford, serving as a U.S. Ambassador to India, and as a U.S. Representative to the United Nations. In 1976, he again represented the U.S. as President of the United Nations Security Council. It is important to note that Senator MOYNIHAN accomplished all of this prior to his tenure in the Senate.

Though anyone would be impressed with such an extensive biography, Senator MOYNIHAN has not limited himself to the political arena. He has served in the United States Navy, taught at some of the most elite schools in the Nation, authored or edited 18 books, and has served on numerous boards and committees. An exhaustive lifestyle few could endure has resulted in Senator MOYNIHAN's receipt of some of the most prestigious national awards, and 62 honorary degrees.

The Senate will not be the same without my esteemed colleague from the Empire State, and I would like to express my gratitude for his service to this Nation. I wish him and his wife Liz health, happiness, and success in all of their future endeavors.

SENATOR BOB KERREY'S RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to a true American hero. Senator J. ROBERT KERREY will be retiring from the United States Senate after dedicating the last twelve years to representing the fine state of Nebraska.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have had the opportunity to serve with several distinguished patriots. However, few have displayed the commitment and ability of Senator BOB KERREY.

After graduating from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1966, BOB set his aspirations high, earning a prestigious slot on one of America's most elite fighting forces, the Navy Seals. While serving this Nation in Vietnam, BOB demonstrated the valor, leadership, and selflessness deserving of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Medal of Honor is the highest medal awarded by the United States and is reserved for those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, at the risk of their own life, to perform a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice.

Upon his return to the States after the war, BOB built a thriving business with unwavering determination. After proving himself an able businessman, he decided to pursue a career in public service. In 1982, he was sworn in as Governor of the Cornhusker State. During his four year tenure, he used his vast financial knowledge to turn a three percent deficit into a seven percent surplus.

BOB changed roles but continued his public service, when he won a seat in the U.S. Senate in 1988. Admired by his constituents for his countless contribu-

tions to furthering education and assisting small farmers, he was re-elected in 1994.

It has been a privilege to serve along side this American patriot, and I am pleased that I had the opportunity to work with him on the Armed Services Committee. I wish him and his two children, Benjamin and Lindsey, health, happiness, and success in all their future endeavors.

SENATOR CONNIE MACK'S RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has made countless contributions to the state of Florida and to this Nation during his tenure in the United States Senate, Senator CONNIE MACK. Senator MACK has decided to retire after serving two successful terms in the Senate.

Prior to his entrance into public service, CONNIE spent 16 years as a local banker. During this time, he established himself as a civic leader in his Florida community and helped spearhead an effort to build a much needed local hospital. Recognizing that as a member of Congress he could do much more to help not only his local community, but the entire nation as well, he decided to run for a seat in the House of Representatives.

While serving three terms in the House, CONNIE built a reputation as someone who could get things done. It was soon obvious to many familiar with this aspiring politician that his talents would best serve this nation in the United States Senate. Running on a platform of "less taxing, less spending, less government, more freedom," CONNIE MACK was embraced by the Florida voters and was sworn in as the junior Senator for the Sunshine State in January 1989.

Senator MACK was soon recognized by his colleagues as a man with a solid work ethic of uncompromising integrity. In 1996, he was chosen by his Republican colleagues as Chairman of the Republican Conference, and he retained this post for the rest of his time in office. He fought intensely for his constituents, and they repaid him in 1994 when they re-elected him with 70 percent of the vote—the first Republican in Florida to be re-elected to the United States Senate.

During CONNIE's tenure in the Senate, he has used his extensive banking experience to frame landmark legislation which modernized our banking laws and helped prepare our financial system for the global market of the 21st century. A fierce opponent of government waste, he advocates deficit reduction and cutting congressional spending.

CONNIE's most admirable trait is his determination to overcome tragedy. His family's battle with cancer catalyzed the young Senator to push a legislative agenda focused on eliminating this destructive disease. Senator MACK

is known nationwide as an advocate for cancer research, and both he and his wife Priscilla have been honored repeatedly for their work to promote cancer awareness. He has been instrumental in obtaining medical research funding, and his perseverance paid off to the benefit of the health of this Nation.

Senator CONNIE MACK is an individual well respected on both sides of the political aisle. His legacy is one composed of honesty and integrity, and I feel that I can speak for all of my colleagues when I express my gratitude for his countless contributions to the Senate. I wish him and his wife Priscilla health, happiness, and success in the years to come.

THE NEED FOR A BIPARTISAN APPROACH TO ENERGY POLICY

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about an issue which has, of late, affected the lives of all Americans. I am talking about rising energy costs. All indications suggest that America's summer of discontent is going to continue and become the winter of discontent with respect to energy prices. Americans have paid recordbreaking prices at the pump this summer. They will continue to suffer escalating prices this winter, too. Higher energy prices hit most those Americans who can afford it the least. But more important, the findings of an international panel of scientists has concluded that man-made greenhouse gases are altering the atmosphere in ways that affect earth's climate.

The World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Program established the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 1988. The function of IPCC is to assess available information on the science, impacts, and cross-cutting economic issues related to climate change, in particular a possible global warming induced by human activities. The IPCC completed its first assessment report in August 1990 which indicated with certainty an increase in the concentration of greenhouse gases due to the human activity. The report assisted the governments of many countries in making important policy decisions, in negotiating, and in the eventual implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change which was signed by 166 countries at the UN Conference on Environment and Development at Rio de Janeiro in 1992. The convention was ratified in December 1993 and took effect on 21 March 1994. IPCC also issued another assessment in 1995.

I find the conclusions of the panel's latest assessment alarming. One of its most striking findings is its conclusion that the upper range of warming over the next century could be even higher than the panel's 1995 estimates.

The evidence of increasing warming has shown up in different places—retreating glaciers and snow packs,

thinning polar ice, and warmer nights. There is a growing consensus that humans are playing a significant role in climate change. Even some of those who dissent from the view that human activity is altering the climate concede that human influence on the earth's climate is established.

I rise today, in the closing days of the 106th Congress, to urge all interested organizations and individuals to begin working now to address energy issues early in the next Congress. We have two distinct problems to address. First, we must ensure that Americans continue to enjoy reasonably priced energy now and in the future. Second, we must work on the development of environmentally sound solutions to our energy problem in the mid- to long-term timeframe.

In the last few months we have had several hearings on electricity restructuring, oil prices, supply and demand, gasoline price hikes, natural gas, and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. All these hearings point to one thing—that we have problems with our energy picture, and they need to be fixed, and fixed soon.

Our energy problem has been in the making for a long time. For the last thirty years, we have had several energy crises. The reasons for all of these crises were the same: actions and crises in the Middle East, rising American demand, bigger cars, and so on. The crisis this year is no different. Whenever the Middle East sneezes, Americans catch cold. American pockets books have suffered these periodic colds. But the people of Hawaii have suffered a long and almost interminable cold. Throughout the 1990's, Hawaii has been the number one state in terms of gas prices at the pump. It relinquished this dubious honor to states in the Midwest this summer. This has to stop. We must ensure that Americans get energy at reasonable prices.

Our import dependence has been rising for the past two decades. The combination of lower domestic production and increased demand has led to imports making up a larger share of total oil consumed in the United States. Last year crude oil imports amounted for 58 percent of our oil demand. Oil imports will exceed 60 percent of total demand this year. Imports will constitute 66 percent of the U.S. supply by 2010, and more than 71 percent by 2020. Continued reliance on such large quantities of imported oil will frustrate our efforts to develop a national energy policy and set the stage for energy emergencies in the future.

Transportation demands on imported oil remain as strong as ever. Since the oil shock of the 1970s, all major energy consuming sectors of our economy with the exception of transportation have significantly reduced their dependence on oil. The transportation sector remains almost totally dependent on oil-based motor fuels. The fuel efficiency of our vehicles needs to be improved.

U.S. natural gas demand in the last decades has increased significantly. It

is expected to grow by more than 30 percent over the next decade. Demand for natural gas from each of the major consuming sectors—residential, commercial, industrial, and electricity generation will increase. Electricity generation accounts for the lion's share of this increase at 50 percent of the increase.

We are facing problems on both sides of the supply and demand equation. Worldwide supplies of available energy sources are getting tighter and demand is increasing. This only means that unless one side of the equation changes, we will continue to have energy problems.

We cannot look at our energy sources in a piecemeal fashion. We will have to take a comprehensive look at all aspects of our energy picture. The only way to deal with our energy problem is to have a multifaceted energy strategy and remain committed to that strategy. We must adopt energy conservation, encourage energy efficiency, and support renewable energy programs. Above all, we must develop energy resources that diversify our energy mix and strengthen our energy security.

I urge all interested organizations and individuals to work together to strengthen our energy policy, an energy policy that serves the American public.

In the short term, we can do this by building upon a lot of good work that has already been done. Initiatives such as the deep water royalty incentives proposed by our former colleague, Senator Bennett Johnston and supported by the Administration have been major contributors to the 65 percent increase in offshore oil production under this Administration. Policies that led to the increases in natural gas production in deep waters by 80 percent in just the past two years are welcome. Natural gas production on Federal lands has increased by nearly 60 percent since 1992. This is a good sign that we are able to utilize our national resources in an environmentally responsible manner.

Initiatives such as the Interagency Working Group on Natural Gas, the Federal Leadership Forum to address environmental review processes, a resource assessment for Wyoming oil and gas, and technology partnering with the Bureau of Land Management to improve access to Federal lands will provide increased energy resources.

In 1998, DOE and the Occidental Petroleum Corporation, concluded the largest divestiture of federal property in the history of the U.S. government. The sale of Elk Hills Naval Petroleum Reserve in California for \$3.65 billion underscored the Clinton Administration's faith in the private sector to carry responsible development of the 11th largest of the Nation's oil and gas fields.

The Clinton Administration has proposed several tax incentives to encourage new domestic exploration and production and to lower the business costs of the producers when oil prices are