

that President Ronald Reagan appointed him to fill in 1988. He served in that position with great distinction, to the benefit of Alaska and the entire Nation.

We will long remember the benefits from his legacy of continuing philanthropy. Elmer hired me back in 1959, my first job in banking. I worked for him as a branch manager at one of the small offices in Anchorage and later throughout offices in southeastern Alaska. We remained close friends through the 40 years that followed. His son Ed and his wife Cathy have shared many memories and good times with both Nancy and me.

Elmer's commitment to Alaska was evident in many ways. In the private sector, he was willing to take risks, commit capital to budding enterprises in Alaska. In the public realm, he gave of his time and fortune. Just last year, Elmer and his wife Mary Louise donated \$40 million to the Rasmuson Foundation so the foundation can provide grants to education and social service nonprofit organizations. He also gave another \$50 million to the Anchorage Museum of History which Elmer helped start. In fact, on his 90th birthday he gave away \$90 million. He also donated the largest single donation to the University of Alaska Museum in Fairbanks.

It is important to add that Elmer was generous in many other ways other than his wealth. He gave his time and effort to civic groups, including the Boy Scouts.

There is a saying that the true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit. That is the true test of generosity. By that measure, Elmer Rasmuson was an extraordinary individual in his generosity. Alaskans will remember him for generations to come. They, as Nancy and I, will miss him greatly.

IVETTE FERNANDEZ—MISS ALASKA USA 2001

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, congratulations are in order for a "Royal" Alaskan on my staff. Staff Assistant Ivette Fernandez was recently crowned Miss Alaska USA 2001 at the state pageant held in Anchorage. Ivette was judged in the interview, swimsuit, and evening gown competitions. Along with the title of Miss Alaska USA, Ivette also was honored with the Miss Congeniality title.

Born and raised in Fairbanks, Alaska, Ivette is the daughter of Antonio and Gloria Fernandez of Fairbanks. She is a graduate of Lathrop High School in Fairbanks and attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks before transferring to The George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, DC. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from GWU in the fall of 1999. Her future plans include attending law school and working in International Affairs.

As the new Miss Alaska USA, Ivette will represent Alaska in the Miss USA

pageant which will be held in early February in Gary, Indiana. Ivette will compete for the title of Miss USA with other young women from 49 states and the District of Columbia.

Upon winning the Miss Alaska USA title, Ivette won scholarship and wardrobe money, a free trip to the national pageant, and other generous prizes, as well as her crown and sash. However, this is not her first time wearing a crown. In April 1999, Ivette represented Alaska as our Cherry Blossom Princess for the National Cherry Blossom Festival here in Washington, DC.

My wife Nancy and I have known Ivette for many years. We are very proud of her and her accomplishments, and we know that she will represent Alaska with poise and distinction. Ivette is a pleasure to be around and a great asset to my office staff.

Mr. President, my staff and I want to wish Ivette the best of luck when she competes in the Miss USA pageant this coming February, and we again extend our congratulations to her on winning her title.

NATURAL GAS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I note that the Energy Committee is contemplating a hearing on Tuesday on the spiraling price increases associated with natural gas. We are seeing a situation in existence now where we have terminated trading, for a portion of yesterday at least, in natural gas. I am told that natural gas was selling for about \$2.16 per thousand cubic feet about 9 months ago. Last month it was \$5.40; \$7 last week. Yesterday it hit a high of \$8.80. We really have a crisis developing in this country, not only from the standpoint of the adequacy of our natural gas supplies to meet our electric generation requirements but home heating as well, inasmuch as 50 percent of the homes in the United States are heated by gas.

I thank my colleague from Washington, Senator MURRAY, for the time she allotted me. I wish the Chair a good day and my good friend from Washington as well.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington is recognized.

A TRIBUTE TO SENATOR SLADE GORTON

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Our families—as our biggest defenders—often take it more personally than we do. And, like all political families, the Gorton family has been instrumental to all of SLADE'S many successes. Washington State is proud and appreciative of all that Sally Gorton has also done.

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One of Senator GORTON's greatest and lasting contributions to our State will be the years of public service his former staffers will give to Washington State.

My staff and I have worked closely with Senator GORTON's staff. That working relationship was always interrupted by an annual softball game that could be as competitive as any Apple Cup football game between the University of Washington and Washington State University. I am proud to say the Murray softball team won its share of games. But so did the Gorton team. And there were a couple of years where Senator GORTON himself contributed to his team's wins. It was a friendly rivalry but I am sure SLADE will agree, we both really wanted to win that game.

The Gorton staff is as loyal as any on Capitol Hill. And I am sure they will have an opportunity to thank Senator GORTON for all of his personal and professional guidance and assistance.

But I am also sure they would want me to say to Senator GORTON that they believed in his work and that they will always be proud to call themselves Gorton staffers.

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And, perhaps his service in Washington, DC will continue as well. Change may seem uncertain but I am confident—just as he did almost 50 years ago on the Greyhound bus—that Senator GORTON will make the most of the new opportunities to come.

Senator GORTON, on behalf of all of Washington State, thank you for making Washington State your home. We have benefited enormously from the decision you made as a young man to settle in Washington State. Your service here in the Senate is one proud part of a dedicated and accomplished career in public service.

I yield the floor to my colleague Senator GORDON SMITH from Oregon.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. I thank Mrs. MURRAY, the Senator from Washington, for her kind words on behalf of our colleague and friend, Senator SLADE GORTON.

I am filled with conflicting emotions this morning. It is easy for me to come to the floor of the Senate to sing the praises of SLADE GORTON. It is hard for me to contemplate this place without him. As Senator MURRAY has detailed his history, I won't repeat it, but I do think it is significant that this good man comes from a family from New England but, like a delicious Washington apple, he is a product of Washington State.

SLADE often tells the story of Lewis and Clark coming down the Columbia River. They approached the Pacific on the Washington side. The first election that included minorities of African American, Indian descent, and female gender, took place on the shores of what we now know as Washington State. The decision before the party was whether to stay in Washington or whether to move to Oregon on the other side of the river. The vote was to move to Oregon. SLADE has always used that story as an example that the voters are not always right.

I have never shared the same conclusion with respect to that story, and I find it humbling to accede to the will of the majority in elections, as I do now, with the defeat of SLADE GORTON for another term. It is a hard decision, nevertheless, for me.

SLADE was also given to say that mountains divide and rivers unite. Truly, the Columbia River is one of many marvelous things that Washington and Oregon share together. It is the thing which has made of Washingtonians and Oregonians good friends for so many years. It is, perhaps, the greatest thing that brought SLADE GORTON and me together, a common interest in being good neighbors, a common interest in the values and uses of the river for both natural and human purposes. Oregon has lost a great friend at the end of the service of SLADE GORTON.

Time and again, I would appeal to SLADE in his powerful position on Appropriations to help the people of my State with appropriations that mattered to farmers, to fishermen, to foresters. He was always there, always anxious to help, always anxious to provide money for salmon restoration and for things that make the lives of all in the Pacific Northwest better.

SLADE GORTON was the champion of many things, but I think he was the greatest champion for rural people. He knew that our prosperity, our standard of living, ultimately came from the responsible use of natural resources. So he stood by farmers. He stood by fishermen. He stood by those who logged. He stood by the miner. He fought for their jobs. He fought for them to have a place. But he was not just focused on

their concerns. As Senator MURRAY has reminded us, Microsoft knew no greater champion on the floor of the Senate than SLADE GORTON as he battled for this State's great interest in Microsoft's survival and success. So he was both high tech and farmer friendly. He was a man for all seasons for the Pacific Northwest and for his State of Washington.

This morning, as I contemplated what I could say about him, a passage of scripture from the New Testament came to my mind that seemed to be, in my view, the bright way that I see SLADE GORTON. After giving the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said:

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid; neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven.

SLADE GORTON's light is very bright. I don't know of a brighter person in the Senate, a smarter person. I have referred to him before as the E.F. Hutton of the Senate: When he would speak, we would all listen. I know that is true in the Republican Conference. In his halting way, it was worth stopping whatever you were doing to listen to him, because what was said was worth remembering and to be valued and followed.

So SLADE'S light, in my view, still burns brightly, and cannot be hid; it should still be utilized. I cannot predict how this Presidential election will turn out, but I do hope that if it should be President Bush, he will see that light as brightly as I do and utilize SLADE in the service of our country still because our country needs him and he has so much more yet to give.

Like SLADE, I have known victory and defeat in running for the Senate. I had no greater friend when I first ran for the Senate, and by a margin nearly the one by which he has now lost, I also lost. I remember his letter so vividly because he had worked so hard for me. It came a few days after my defeat. He said how no defeat for a Senator's race had ever affected him as badly as mine, except the time he had lost once before. And it was a hard and bitter thing. But he admonished me to get up and to try again, as he had tried again. He admonished me to serve and to not hide my light under a bushel because he needed me, and the farmers, the fishermen, and the foresters of the Northwest needed me. I have the feeling they need me more now than ever with SLADE'S departure.

He also said—and I will never forget it—he told me it probably upset his law partners in Seattle—that the worst day in the Senate is far better than the best day in the practice of law, which is another reason he labored so hard to come back and to serve. And it is a marvelous privilege to be here, to serve the people you love at home.

SLADE was right. I now know how he felt when he wrote that letter because

I feel a great emptiness inside at the thought of his departure. But I know, as he knows, that in democracy you do not always get to win, but you always get your say. I hope the day will come, in a different forum, perhaps, when SLADE GORTON will have his say again.

Until then, I pray God's choicest blessings for SLADE and Sally GORTON to sustain them in this difficult transition and to help all of us who remain behind to fill his very considerable shoe size as a Senator.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a number of statements regarding Senator GORTON and his distinguished service. I want to take particular note of the statement by our colleague, JOE LIEBERMAN, who could not be here today. Senator GORTON and Senator LIEBERMAN worked on many initiatives over the years. I want to read his statement:

Mr. President, I wish to express my greatest respect and affection for Slade Gorton of Washington with whom I have enjoyed working closely for a number of years. Slade's life is characterized by his commitment to faith, family, service, and law. As he leaves the Senate, I want to reminisce about some of the matters I have been privileged to work with Slade Gorton.

Over the years, Senator SLADE GORTON has been a great leader on educational reform, striving to raise the performance of our nation's elementary and secondary schools and the quality of education so that all children may reach a high level of academic achievement. The senior Senator for Washington and I have worked together on a number of proposals to improve our educational system. His contributions have led the way for better educational accountability and innovation in the years ahead.

Of great importance to our country are Slade Gorton's continued efforts to preserve and honor American history by calling for stronger history curriculum standards and literacy awareness in our colleges and universities. I truly believe such endeavors help to unite our nation by demonstrating the importance of our shared heritage and civic culture as Americans.

One of my most memorable experiences with Slade was the work we did together after the House impeached President Clinton. All of us in the Senate knew that how we handled the impeachment trial would test us all—both individually and as an institution. We could either fall into intense partisanship, mirroring ourselves and the country in lengthy and disruptive proceedings that threatened to leave this institution demeaned and scarred, or we could rise above partisanship and join together in a way that preserved this body's dignity while at the same time ensuring a full airing of the issues before us.

Slade took the lead in guiding us to a dignified path, formulating a plan that ultimately formed the basis of the process the Senate adopted. Notwithstanding his personal views, his love for his country and this institution led him to put principle above partisanship and to formulate a plan for resolving the impeachment case before it wreaked more havoc on the Senate and the nation. I was delighted to work on that plan with him, and was impressed again by the civilized, thoughtful, and nonpartisan way in

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Slade Gorton leaves the Senate with much to be proud of, and much to look forward to. For my wife and myself, I send Slade and Sally and their wonderful family love and every good wish for the next great chapter of their lives.

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

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[From the Seattle Times, Dec. 5, 2000]

GORTON'S NOTEWORTHY PUBLIC CAREER

There is no particular joy in bidding farewell to the state's senior senator, Slade Gorton.

This page endorsed his opponent, Maria Cantwell, and we look forward to the changes in style and policy she can bring to the job.

But we would be remiss if we failed to pay tribute in this space to Gorton's distinguished public career. He was first elected state legislator, then attorney general and has served three terms as Senator.

Legacy is not a notion that comes easily to Gorton. Late in the campaign, when asked what was the legacy of his years in public service, he groped for a response. Perhaps that's because Gorton's career was not a straight line toward clear goals or major accomplishments.

As a legislator he was more pragmatist than ideologue. As his Republican party moved to the right, Gorton feigned just enough moves in that direction to stay in office, moves that prompted criticism on this page and elsewhere.

A careful look at the sweep of his career reveals Gorton's better impulses. He is credited with helping to save the National Endowment for the Arts and the Forest Legacy Program, a crucial source of funds for the Mountains to Sound Greenway project along I-90.

Gorton was one of the saner voices in Congress during the impeachment. He teamed with his friend, Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman, to broker a middle-ground solution that would short-circuit a trial. They were unsuccessful, but the effort is a revealing example of Gorton at work during a historic time in the nation's Capitol.

Gorton's name is attached to several major accomplishments from the early years of his career. Lawyer and longtime civic activist Jim Ellis credits Gorton with steering through the state legislature the program known as Forward Thrust, a package of major public works in King County.

Among his most loyal backers is a small army of women who have worked for Gorton at various stages of his career.

Many have gone on to their own careers in public life.

Now, facing forced retirement by the narrowest of voter margins, Gorton, 72, can contemplate a life of ongoing service, possibly in a Bush administration, or better yet, as a senior statesman in Washington State and the Northwest where his talents are still welcome and much needed.

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HOLD A PLACE FOR GORTON AMONG STATE'S POLITICAL GIANTS

(By Peter Callaghan)

It's a journalistic must-do.

When a prominent officeholder is defeated, we roll out the retrospective articles—obituaries for the living.

We attempt to place our politicians in perspective before we have any.

It's Slade Gorton's turn now. The 72-year-old U.S. senator's defeat will become official Wednesday.

But he was pretty sure when the first count of votes was released the day before Thanksgiving when he declared himself "cautiously pessimistic" that a recount would make a difference.

It didn't. Last Friday the county-by-county tally showed that Democrat Maria Cantwell's lead actually grew by a few hundred votes.

So Gorton walked in front of the cameras and the newsmen to make a very short statement. He took no questions.

That left others to pass judgment on a career in politics that began in 1958. He served 10 years in the state House of Representatives, 12 as attorney general and 18 in the U.S. Senate.

Longevity is just one of the reasons he should be considered for the same status as Warren Magnuson, Dan Evans, Henry Jackson, Wesley Jones, Julia Butler Hansen and Tom Foley—giants all.

Impact is another reason. So is presence. So is the breadth of his legacy.

But there's a much different tone to Gorton's postmortem than for the others. Much of the space is devoted not to what he was but to what he wasn't.

He wasn't wildly popular. He wasn't able to generate affection among voters. He wasn't one to bring home the bacon in the form of dams and hospitals and military bases.

In a phrase, he wasn't Scoop and Maggie.

This presumes, of course, that Gorton could have been just like Scoop and Maggie even had he wanted to be. Times had changed. Gorton was elected in the GOP landslide that ushered in the Reagan era.

It was a time of lowered expectations of the federal government. It was a time when the ability to win hundreds of millions of federal pork was at an end.

Heck, Scoop and Maggie wouldn't be Scoop and Maggie in times such as those.

But Slade Gorton did manage to build his own legacy as a smart, savvy politician who was the go-to guy in the Washington state delegation for much of the last two decades.

If you want your politicians warm and fuzzy, don't knock on Gorton's door. He was of a generation that didn't believe in public displays of affection—especially the phony kind practiced by some politicians.

That he never made an emotional connection with voters hurt him in the two close elections that he lost in 1986 and 2000.

But most other times, Washington voters realized we were electing a U.S. senator, not a host for a children's TV show.

Gorton did something few other politicians could—he learned from that earlier defeat that he had to listen as well as talk.

He learned to say thank you. He admitted that some of his votes in his first term were mistakes and he asked voters for a second chance.

They gave it to him.

That he lost twice shouldn't be a legacy-killer. We forget how tough it has been for Republicans to win the governor's office or the two U.S. Senate seats in Washington.

In fact, since 1954 only three Republicans have—Evans, Gorton and John Spellman.

In that same time period, eight different Democrats have won those offices—five men and three women.

Gorton overcame that handicap with a strategy that has always drawn criticism—he ran against Seattle and exploited the resentments many have for the state's biggest city. He was accused of using so-called wedge issues that divided the state.

But that in itself is a Seattle-centric critique. It's OK—in fact, preferred—to represent Puget Sound to the detriment of the rest of the state. Doing the opposite, however, is divisive.

Cantwell won just five of the state's 39 counties. But she is defined as a unifier while Gorton is a divider.

The campaign is too recent for liberals to view Gorton's service as anything but a disaster.

But as time passes, perhaps they'll be more willing to give him his due and allow him to take his place in state political history with those other giants.

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OUR VIEWS—MARIA CANTWELL FOLLOWS A GREAT LINE OF SENATORS

With a history of outstanding U.S. senators, Washington state is about to embark on what should be a fine new chapter.

With time, Maria Cantwell ought to become another fine senator for Washington. Indeed, the likelihood is that the Democrat from Edmonds will become an effective, high-profile member of the Senate early on. It certainly helps Cantwell's visibility that her election appears to have broken the Republican majority and given Democrats a 50-50 tie for the next session.

The situation undoubtedly influenced two major networks to interview Cantwell on their morning news shows Monday. As Democrats point out, moreover, the election of the former high-tech executive gives the country its first senator from the new economy. Even in a Senate that includes a freshman well enough known to have won election from New York without using her last name, Cantwell's talents should earn her ample notice.

While Cantwell is making a promising entry into the Senate, Washington state certainly will miss the presence of longtime Sen. Slade Gorton. Although Gorton would be an excellent choice for a post in a possible Bush cabinet, the state has lost the clout he carried as a senator with 18 years seniority.

History will rank Gorton with Sen. Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson as an extraordinary leader in D.C. on behalf of the state. Throughout his career in the Senate and state government, Gorton has been a leading force in many major efforts to protect the environment. He also has been a consistent, passionate advocate for individuals with problems dealing with bureaucracy. Within the Senate, Gorton has been a grand force for reasoned bipartisanship, never afraid to take a strong stand but also willing to work graciously and effectively with members of the opposition even at the tensest moments.

Gorton's career was certainly marked by tough fights with opponents and a willingness to criticize liberals from the Puget

Sound region. That divisiveness, in fact, may have contributed to his defeat by Cantwell. But he helped ensure that the less urban areas of the state weren't forgotten.

To her credit, Cantwell campaigned to become a senator for the entire state. She has promised, in fact, to visit each of the state's 39 counties every year. That will be a challenging but worthwhile task.

Cantwell has talked about the need for action on issues that relate directly to people's lives, including prescription drugs and controls on health maintenance organizations. With her incisive understanding for policy issues, demonstrated in both the state Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives, she could help create answers to such difficult questions.

Her lack of seniority, though, deprives the state of the significant influence over appropriations that Gorton wielded, especially for environmental projects. The state, and Cantwell, will have to look to Sen. Patty Murray to fill as much of the gap as possible.

Cantwell returns to politics after making a fortune with a high-tech company in just five years. As the careers of Jackson, Magnuson and Gorton have demonstrated, the length of service is a critical factor in making a great senator. Cantwell should keep that in mind as she makes what is likely to be an impressive entrance into the Senate of the United States.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I yield such time as he may need to the Senator from West Virginia, Mr. ROCKEFELLER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today on a personal basis to reflect a little bit about the SLADE GORTON I have known and worked with over a number of years now. Even as I welcome Mary Cantwell into the Senate, I also am very sorry to see SLADE GORTON go—just because of the very extraordinary character he brought to this institution.

I worked with SLADE very closely on the Commerce Committee. Our jurisdictions, so to speak, overlapped a good deal. Our interests overlapped a good deal. One of the pieces of legislation where I thought you saw SLADE working at his best, when he was so effective in the Senate, was the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Agency. This was actually a very complicated piece of legislation. It was one that was particularly difficult because the Senate as a whole has not bothered to engage itself particularly with the whole subject of aviation and the enormity of the crisis which is facing us and which manifests itself in the summer and tourist season and then is quickly forgotten as soon as the tourist season is over and the delays diminish somewhat. One can see, as the industry grows, it also runs into more severe problems, financially and otherwise.

SLADE GORTON had an innate understanding of aviation, obviously, because of the State from which he came. But he was also a master craftsman in terms of understanding issues, producing legislation, and then forging a compromise that would lead to a result that, in effect, reauthorized the Federal Aviation Administration and put

forth money on an unprecedented basis to do what needed to be done, both for our air traffic control system and for the infrastructure which our Congress and our Nation just blithely ignore—complaining about noise, complaining about delays, and then declining to do anything about it. It is not a problem which fixes itself.

SLADE was, in a sense, kind of a pioneer on this issue which in some ways is similar to the IT phenomenon, the Internet; it burst upon us. But people have been rather quick to learn about the new economy and the Internet and rather slow to learn about a problem which is just as severe and technical and just as complex as that one. But SLADE, obviously, as is typical of him, never shirked his duty either to his State or to his country.

He has a work ethic. A "work ethic" simply describes itself, but the way in which SLADE GORTON has carried that out over all the years I have worked with him is something which has both given me joy and a great sense of admiration. I don't know if there are any cartoons anywhere, but there are a lot of stories: One always sees Senator GORTON at his desk—reading. The entire Senate can be engulfed in a conflagration of some sort, usually about something which means absolutely nothing, but SLADE GORTON understands that and so he simply turns to newspapers, journals, things which—again, with his very superior intellect—are increasing his knowledge, increasing his perspective and the depth of his ability, therefore, to be helpful to his people, to his country, and to the Senate.

He had a very interesting position, too, in the Senate, in that he was a very close adviser, and may remain so, to the majority leader, TRENT LOTT. He did not do that through the power of politics. He did not lobby in the way that people often do when they run for offices, go around trying to pick up votes in that way. It was simply the power of his reasoned, calm intellect, the even temperament of his nature, and the compelling force of his logic and the calmness in which all of this evolved and presented itself, which I think—my guess would be—drew Senator LOTT to understand that to rely on SLADE GORTON's judgment and understanding and advice would be a very wise thing to do.

SLADE GORTON and I did not necessarily have the same voting records, but we often had the same approach to issues, not all of which I will discuss here, and we have come to differ on some of those issues. But I always have had this deep sense of respect for him. He never was a typical Senator. He was not a backslapper. Yet when he gave his word, you needed to worry no more because that was it. As they say, his word was his bond—and it really was.

He had always an excellent staff about him. Yet you always had the feeling that SLADE GORTON made all of the decisions and did, really, most of

the basic thinking himself because of the deeply thoughtful nature of his mind and his instinct about not just legislating but the way he conducted probably all his life.

I admire very much the fact that he has been in public life for so long, and at the age of 72 sought to continue that public service. He has expressed a deep belief in public service. There are many honorable professions, but I think public service is one of the hardest and most honorable of all of them if it is carried out with serious intent and serious purpose. Ambition always accompanies public service, but ambition has to be overruled in the final analysis by this concept of serving the public and of trying to make a better situation for the State one represents and also our Nation.

SLADE is a Senator from the State of Washington but also from the United States of America. He understood that and exercised both of those responsibilities. He argued, I am told, 14 times before the U.S. Supreme Court when he was attorney general of his State. That says to me that he did not simply, as is the case sometimes, particularly in more recent years, jump for the top office or one of the top offices. He worked his way up through the system. I admire that. It shows a determined, a very professional, long-term commitment to public service at whatever level and also respect for the experience one develops on the way up as one serves in one's State and goes on to a more national forum.

He is and always will be a superb legislator. He has been a superb friend to me. We have not spent a lot of time engaged in personal discussion, but there was a constancy in the way our relationship evolved and then maintained itself which always made me believe I could trust SLADE GORTON and look to SLADE GORTON for sound advice and sound judgment on virtually any matter.

He is firm in his views, and I respect that. We differ often on views, and yet it is never a personal matter. Again, it is a truly brilliant, analytical, ordered mind coming to his conclusions in the way he thought best for him and for the people he represents.

When we talked personally, it was almost always about his grandchildren; of course, about Sally, his wife, whom I think he married in 1958. He has seven grandchildren, and when there was frustration about the Senate dragging on too long, he would talk about the joy of being with his grandchildren. He talked at length about that. That was another side of SLADE GORTON: SLADE GORTON the family person, the tightly disciplined mind, and yet underneath a very warm sense of what, in many ways, is an even larger legacy, and that is, what is the nature of one's family, what is the nature of one's relationship to the members of one's family.

I express my respect for him, my affection for him for his constancy of purpose and for his superbly honed

skills. His presence in the Senate is and will be always considered unique. He is a unique person, cerebral but effective, highly analytical but deeply effective in the internal combat, whether it be on the Appropriations Committee, the Budget Committee, the Commerce Committee, the Energy Committee, or any of his various committees. He knows how to fight. He knows how to achieve what he wants for the people of his State.

As I said at the beginning, I rise to express this respect, to express this sense of admiration for the nature of his abilities as a Senator and his broad expanse as a human being.

I thank the Presiding Officer and yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Parliamentary inquiry: Is it time for the Senator from New Mexico to speak about the departure of Senator SLADE GORTON?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time is under the control of the Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I am happy to yield to the Senator from New Mexico whatever time he needs to speak about Senator GORTON.

Mr. DOMENICI. I am very sorry to ask for that. I thought Senators on our side had control. I am very pleased Senator MURRAY yielded to me.

Mr. President, I come this morning to speak about my friend, SLADE GORTON, who is leaving the Senate shortly. I thought I better do it today because, as most things around here, when you can get them done you ought to because time flies and all of a sudden we find Senator GORTON is out of the Senate and we have to speak before he leaves. Today, I want to take a few minutes to share with him and his wife Sally, whom I hope will have occasion to read the RECORD, having served with him in each of his 18 years in the Senate, what he has contributed and who he is.

It will not take me a long time to speak about him, although to tell the truth, he probably is more noteworthy in my life in terms of being a co-Senator on many things that are very big and important to our Nation than any other single Senator here.

SLADE GORTON is a quiet man. Even though he appears on the floor regularly to discuss things, he is a very thoughtful person and also a very hard worker.

As we sometimes coin phrases, he is certainly a workhorse, not a show horse, and he is a very special and unique person because he is also extremely thoughtful and shares willingly his wonderful ideas, thoughts, and innovations with us, his fellow Senators.

I think everybody knows that while he shares no official leadership role and he works hours on end on a subcommittee called the Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Department of Interior, his contributions go well be-

yond that. Wherever he touches things, either by committee work or by being called in by our majority leader to discuss issues to advise him, he leaves an imprint. It is not that he must get his way all the time, but essentially he is rather compelling and does succeed most of the time by power of persuasion to leave his imprint in the Halls of the Senate, be it in this Chamber, while we discuss things seriously and collegially as Republicans or combined Republicans and Democrats, or certainly where small groups of Senators meet because they must meet in their leadership roles. He is almost always among them.

From my own standpoint, I have had one major commitment, one major user of my time in my work, and that is to understand and make sense of the U.S. budget. While it is not my only job, it is one of those the Senate expects somebody to know a lot about if they are going to come down here and talk about it. I have been privileged to work in that committee since its origin, believe it or not. It is a rather new committee, enforcing a rather new part of the Senate. We used to have just authorizing and appropriations, and some 26 years ago we had budgeting. He has been on that committee with me through thick and thin.

Everybody should know that we did a lot of innovative things in that committee. We rather imaginatively broadened the scope called reconciliation where we can insist that things get done without being burdened by filibuster and untold amendments. We have done new and innovative things to set aside money for only one purpose and it cannot be used for anything else. These are all unique and different, along with regular routine things.

It did not take very long, once these issues were put on the table and discussed, for SLADE GORTON to understand them and to suggest ways of improving them. That is the way he is with everything he does.

He does not have to be the kingpin, but I guarantee you, those who are and who are forced to lead, if he is around helping them, you can just tell; You can see the imprint, the logic, the strength of argument that comes from him being directly involved or indirectly being a helper.

I am not sure in the history of the Senate how we are going to rate Senators over time, but I suggest that SLADE GORTON will certainly be recognized in some very special way for his 18 years because there will be few who trace this history who may just look around and say: Who were the leaders? Who was the majority leader? Who was the minority leader? Who was this or that in terms of a formal job? And then attribute to them some direct legacy in this 18-year span that he served, being absent 2 years while he sought election again.

But if it is looked at carefully, SLADE GORTON has to come out near the top of the list of influential Senators in the

conduct of occurrences of significance in the Senate. I am not sure how that will be picked up because much of it occurs in meetings that are not public not private meetings but meetings that are just not known because they are in the leader's office or a committee room.

But what I want to say to him is: You will be missed because while you have been here, you have been felt. People have known you were here. They knew your presence, your intellectual presence, your humanity, your loyalty, and, yes, your skill at knowing when things ought to happen. SLADE has a real knack for knowing: Well, it is about time to spring this. He will be there doing that and, sure enough, it will go unnoticed that he was the one who got it done.

Individually, from my standpoint, he has been at my side every time we have had major events on the floor that I have had to manage. There have been many, they have been long, and they have been arduous.

When I had to test them and tried them on for size with SLADE GORTON, and he said, "That's the way to do it," no one will really know what that has meant. Nobody will really understand how influential saying "that's the way to do it" from SLADE GORTON really is in terms of many of us here.

He has a wonderful wife Sally and three great, wonderful children. I hope whatever happens in the next few years, since he is so knowledgeable about the workings of our Government, not just those items within bills on which he worked so hard called appropriations, but he knows about many things in Government, I close by saying, many of us raise our hand and say, yes, we are lawyers, and some of us know full well we are not lawyers any longer; we have been away from the profession for years. We are not what one would call a lawyer's lawyer. But after all these years in public life, SLADE GORTON could step into the most significant of legal offices in America and be a great, participating, achieving modern-day lawyer, even after all these years of not being in the legal profession. He must have been a great solicitor. He appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of his State and made some very interesting law when he was a lawyer for his State, either in his attorney general's office or otherwise.

So I want to say to him, whatever it is you choose now, Senator GORTON, and Sally, whatever you choose, I hope you will be around so we can continue to share with you, an occasional opportunity to share a meal, an occasional social event, or, even better, an opportunity from time to time to just listen to you tell us what you think of how it is, how you observe it, and, in a way, continue to bless us with all those marvelous qualities you bring here.

You have brought from your State a degree of pride to the Senate that is very difficult to replace. Far be it from

me to judge any other Senator from any other State or even his own State, but Senator SLADE GORTON will be here a long time in memory because many will know what he thought about the Senate and how he thought about us.

It is hard to say he will not be down here at that seat, arguing with us on important issues. But he will be here because I cannot imagine that people who lived and worked with him all these years—I see one here on the floor, the distinguished chairman of the Appropriations Committee, who knows about it very well—will ever forget him, and we will not let the Senate forget.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. AL-LARD). The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. How much time is left under my control?

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Three minutes.

Mrs. MURRAY. How much time does the Senator from New Hampshire need?

Mr. GREGG. I would like to have about 5 minutes.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from New Hampshire have 5 minutes, the Senator from North Dakota have 3 minutes, and that any other Senators who wish to bring their statements and have them printed in the RECORD at this point regarding Senator GORTON be able to do so.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. STEVENS. I temporarily object.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Mr. STEVENS. I withdraw my objection.

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

The Senator from New Hampshire is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREGG. I thank the Senator from Washington for the courtesy of recognition.

Mr. President, I join with my colleagues in praising and expressing our appreciation for the opportunity to work with and know as a colleague in this body Senator SLADE GORTON from Washington. I expect to continue to work with and know Senator SLADE GORTON for many years. But, unfortunately, he will be leaving this body, which is too bad because I consider him to be one of the truly extraordinary people I have had a chance to get to know.

I would describe him as delightful and extraordinary—delightful as a person, extraordinary as a Senator. He brings to this Senate a uniqueness which is special. He has a freshness about him, a way of approaching the issues which is always creative and imaginative. He has true love for this institution. He especially understands its rules and the way it works.

He is one of the few senior Members on our side of the aisle who will sit in the chair for hours and hours in order to officiate over the Senate. In fact, I

think every year he has been here he has received what is known as the Golden Gavel for sitting in the Chair for 100 hours, something usually received by junior Members of the Senate, but because of his interest in and intensity and love for and commitment to this body, he has enjoyed the opportunity to preside. And he has presided extraordinarily well.

He, however, as the Senator from New Mexico has mentioned, has been probably less visible than many Members of the Senate but has had much more impact than most of us. His actions and effectiveness are really in the famous back halls and meeting rooms of the Senate. Very few pieces of legislation have moved through this body that do not, in some part, have the fingerprints of SLADE GORTON on them.

He is truly an effective tactician, but more importantly, he is an effective spokesperson for a philosophy. And he knows how to move that philosophy forward within our institution.

As a result, he has had a tremendous impact on the legislative activity of this body over the years. I suppose we shouldn't be surprised at that though. The truly great Senators in this body—I suggest that maybe one of them is Daniel Webster—have come from a tradition from which SLADE GORTON also comes. He went to school in New Hampshire. He went to school at Dartmouth, as did the great Daniel Webster. Maybe he learned at Dartmouth some of those characteristics which carried both Webster and him forward so well. Clearly, those characteristics are unique and special. We take pride in New Hampshire in claiming a little bit of SLADE GORTON for our own.

As I think of him, I think of a friend, somebody to whom I could always go talk to get ideas. We talked about his family that he so loved, Sally and his children, his grandchildren, his nieces, nephews. He used to go to hockey league for his niece all the time. She is a wonderful hockey player. He is totally committed to his family.

It was a pleasure to have the chance to sit down and talk with him on any subject, but especially when it came to issues of family and what everybody was up to and what everybody was doing. That is the priority for SLADE and Sally. At one point, they took a bike ride across the country, which must have been an amazing experience, the whole family riding across the country.

He set an example for those of us who came here after him. As we look around this institution, we often refer to people: He reminds me of so-and-so, he reminds me of some Senator from here or some Senator here at some other date. I must say, I can't think of higher praise than if someone were to come up to me some day and say: You know, you remind me a lot of SLADE GORTON and the way he worked as a Senator. That, to me, would be the highest praise I could receive because I consider him to be one of the finest, if not the finest, Senator I know.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota is recognized for 3 minutes.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I saw the Senator from Washington, Mrs. MURRAY, talking about her colleague, Senator SLADE GORTON. I wanted to come over and say a word about Senator GORTON.

I know people who perhaps watch the proceedings of the Senate see the tug and the pull of debate on public policy and probably think to themselves, gee, those people don't get along very well, or maybe those people don't like each other very much.

The fact is, most of us get along well and enjoy each other's company. SLADE GORTON is one of those Senators, a Republican, someone with whom I have severed on the Appropriations and Commerce Committees. We get along well, like each other, and he has been extraordinarily helpful to me. He is a Senator who always did his homework. There are some with whom you visit about the issues, you get kind of a glassy-eyed stare because you know that this isn't an issue on which they are connecting with you or haven't studied very much. I didn't find that with SLADE GORTON. He was always prepared and had always done his homework. And while at times he could be a bit frustrating because he took a position on an issue that you might have felt was the wrong position, he always had an opportunity to explain it because he had done his homework.

He was a fellow with an independent and stubborn streak, somebody who was patient and helpful. I enjoyed the opportunity to serve with him in the Senate.

He actually was elected to the Senate for the first time the same year I was elected to the U.S. House in 1980. We had an opportunity to be on a panel discussion way back in 1980 and talked about our entry into that Congress.

One of the things SLADE GORTON told me was that he had bicycled across North Dakota. I was surprised by that, but apparently he and his family had bicycled all across America. And in doing so, they had bicycled across I-94 or highway 2 through the State of North Dakota. We had a chance to talk a little about his acquaintance with North Dakota from a bicycle.

This is not a eulogy. We have a number of Members of the Senate who are leaving us, distinguished people who have given immense public service to this country. I have deep admiration and respect for all of them. Because my colleague from the State of Washington was talking about her colleague, Senator GORTON, I wanted to come to say that I have enjoyed serving with him. He has been very helpful to me in a range of ways on both the Commerce Committee and the Appropriations Committee. I wish him well as he leaves his service here in the Senate.

I will come to the floor at some point to speak about the other Senators who

have contributed so much and who are now leaving the Senate Chamber.

I thank Senator MURRAY for doing this. She is a remarkable Representative from her State, as was Senator GORTON. We will now be joined by another Senator, Ms. CANTWELL, from the State of Washington, and I look forward to working with her as well.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has used his 3 minutes. Under the previous order, the time until 12 noon is under the control of the Senator from Wyoming, Mr. THOMAS, or his designee.

The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, my good friend from Wyoming is here and has consented that I might take up to 5 minutes of his time at this time. I ask unanimous consent I be recognized for that purpose.

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

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I was in a meeting with the joint leadership discussing the current problems regarding the last appropriations bills and was not able to be here during the time set for comments about our good friend and my southern neighbor, Senator GORTON.

It is with deep sadness that I come to join in the comments concerning Senator SLADE GORTON. I think he has been an exemplary Member of our Senate and has provided enormous contributions to the well-being of the country in his efforts as a Senator.

It is and has been a matter of great pride for me to call SLADE and Sally Gorton personal friends. I have visited with them. We have traveled together to other places in the world. It is highly necessary for Members of the Senate to travel and try to learn firsthand the problems of other continents, such as Antarctica, Australia. I remember we went to eastern Russia, and we have traveled many times into the NATO countries together. It is on those trips that we really get to know one another even better than we do in the Senate in Washington.

Of course, my friend and I have been able to meet as I have gone through his State. Alaskans go through either Utah, Illinois, or Washington to get home from Washington, D.C. Quite often, I have spent time in Washington State and have visited with SLADE GORTON and Sally about the problems of our area. He has been a fierce protector of the interests of the State of Washington in the Senate. As a westerner, he and I have shared many issues and faced the problem of finding solutions to some of these difficulties that we face in the Pacific Northwest together. We have worked with our friend, Senator MURRAY, on these issues. I think we have had a good working team together.

We have often, as members of the Pacific Northwest group in the Senate, had to go head to head with almost every Member of the Senate and the administration to try to protect the in-

terests of the Pacific Northwest. We are an area that many people do not understand. It is an area that requires an enormous amount of personal contact with our constituents in order to make certain we are on the right track.

Senator GORTON has been to my State quite often, along with me and my colleague, Senator MURKOWSKI, to try and make certain we are reflecting the concerns of our people as we address the concerns of the people of the State of Washington at the same time.

When I came to the Senate, an elderly Senator told me that there were two types of Senators: the workhorses and the show horses. You have to decide which one you are going to be.

It is obvious that an Alaskan has only one choice. We are one-fifth the size of the United States. We have more than half the coastline in the United States. And we have about the same number of people as the smaller States in the lower 48, in terms of geography, that are much tinier compared to our State.

Senator GORTON, with his background, as we heard, coming from the east coast originally, very well educated, very well read, and probably one of the most well-read younger Senators in the Senate, has had the problem of trying to decide what to do. He, too, decided to become a Senator and is one whom I would call a workhorse. He has worked doggedly on issues pertaining to his State. His staff is probably one of the best staffs I have seen work on issues pertaining to the Pacific Northwest.

When we look at the problems of America from the point of view of the Senate, we would have to really take into account the people Senators represent. The State of Washington has given its Senators great flexibility in terms of addressing issues that deal with the Pacific Northwest and our Nation. There is no question that in his three terms in the Senate, Senator GORTON has been one of the pivotal votes in determining the policies of that area.

I know they will be going back to Washington. And I think we will hear a great deal of SLADE GORTON and Sally. They have concerns about the country and concerns about our area that are unique. I believe they are going to continue to contribute to the solutions to the problems that I mentioned before.

I am really here to thank him for his friendship and for the dignity he has brought to the office of United States Senator. I really believe he showed great compassion as he spent 2 years out of the Senate when he was not elected after a second term, and he came back again after 2 years and became even a greater Senator because of that. He has been a strong Senator, a thoughtful Senator, a hard-working Senator, and a great personal friend.

I don't look forward to making statements such as this. I certainly don't look forward to losing the partnership

I have had with the Senator from Washington, SLADE GORTON, in dealing with the problems of the Pacific Northwest.

I thank the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana is recognized.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, we find ourselves in a predicament as old friends. Of course, we are this morning talking about our friend SLADE GORTON from the State of Washington. In a way, we were classmates. We came here in 1988. Of course, it was not his first time here, since he was defeated in 1986 and then came back and won reelection in 1988.

We had a lot of things in common—not only representing the Northwestern part of these 48 contiguous States. We also have great friendship and we served on some of the same committees. I took from him great lessons about this body and how to represent our constituencies. He and Sally have been friends with Phyllis and me for all these many years while he has been serving in his second and third terms.

We in Montana have a quality that I think will become more and more admired as this country grows and matures. We are brutally honest with each other in that part of the world. I spent my time in business—in the cattle business and the auction business. People will just tell it like it is. If you like it, that is fine. If you don't like it, well, that's the way it is. SLADE GORTON is that kind of a person. He is probably the most pragmatic of all of our Members with whom I have had an opportunity to serve in this body, and he is brutally honest.

I have made speeches before graduating classes and a lot of other places, and I am always interested in the way people treat the history of our country. We have revisionists who like to gloss over some of the warts, the bruises, and the bumps this country has encountered in all its history. That is not to say it is not the best country in the world, but we have historians who tend to revise things.

As you know, for those who do not study history and have little or no institutional knowledge of our country and the way it was built, one has to remember that we make decisions based on history and it affects all of us in the future. I have often said those folks who tend to revise history also tend to tinker with the compass of our Nation, because our decisions are still based on history. SLADE, being the bright and honest man that he is, understands this body and this country so well. He understands our history as it truly is, not as revisionists would have us believe. And I hope historians pay him the same respect and remember him as the great man and great Senator that we know today.

As you know, many years ago when his family was young and he was a little younger, SLADE took a bicycle trip from Olympia, WA, to Boston, MA. I

said, "That is a long trip, SLADE." He said, "It was. We spent all of it in Montana." It is a very long State. In fact, from the Yaak to Alzada, MT, it is further than it is from Chicago to Washington, DC, as the crow flies.

But that tells you something about the man, and it also tells you something about the family.

Nobody in this body has fought harder for property rights, the cornerstone of a free society; fought harder for States' rights; and for what he offered in education to take the money that flows from what I call "17 square miles of logic-free environment" to the local communities to let the local communities decide how to use that money. If they need teachers, they could hire teachers. If they need bricks and mortar, they could build. But the decisions on how to use those dollars at the local level should be made at the local level to fill their needs. Nobody fought harder for that.

The chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Mr. STEVENS, a while ago alluded to the fact that in this body there are show horses and workhorses. And all of us know that SLADE is a workhorse. I will tell you, you couldn't hook him wrong, and he worked from both sides of the tongue. There will be some folks who will figure that out and some folks who never will. But it is a quality that every Senator should have.

I remember his fight to keep Mariners baseball in Seattle. They could have lost that ball team had it not been for his efforts to save professional baseball in Seattle, because it was important to him and it was important to his people.

He will be missed here. What he leaves with a lot of us will be used for many years to come.

We don't say goodbye to our friends, we just say so long, because our trails will cross later on in our lives. The friendship forged between the Gortons and I will never be forgotten. We will miss him, and we wish him well. But his influence on this body will be felt for years to come.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I wanted to come over this morning and join my colleagues in talking about our dear friend and colleague, SLADE GORTON. I don't have enough time this morning to list all the things this good man has done for America. It is hard to even contemplate lifting all of the times he has provided critical leadership for the Senate.

The thing that stands out most about SLADE is that he is wise. There is a difference between intellect and wisdom. Intellect is, in my opinion, often overrated. I see intellect as being like the lens on your camera. The better that lens is, the wider your frame can be on the picture and the finer the detail can be on that picture. So if you are blessed to have good intellect, you

are advantaged. What is important is the ability to take the information that your lens on the world can see and put that into a perspective where it has meaning. That is where wisdom comes in.

SLADE GORTON, we would agree by almost acclamation, is one of the smartest Members of the Senate. But he is more than that. He is wise. He has the ability to recognize when something is important and when it should be pushed forward and when it represents a potential consensus; but he has the judgment in knowing, in pushing for the things he is for. In the end, it is seldom good policy and it seldom makes good public policy to run over people.

I say to our colleagues, SLADE GORTON is one of the most extraordinary men who has served in the Senate during my tenure in the Senate. He will be missed in the Senate. I believe SLADE is the kind of person that we grew up as children reading about in history books. I think even in this age of cynicism about people who serve in public office, SLADE GORTON stands out as exactly the kind of person the founders had in mind when they wrote the Senate into the Constitution. I think SLADE GORTON in his record would stand up in a comparison to anyone who has ever served in this body or anyone who has served in any legislative body ever.

For those who know and love SLADE and who have worked with him in Washington, it is hard to understand how people back in the other Washington, a continent away, could not reelect SLADE GORTON to the Senate. I think it is important to remember the final judgment ultimately comes as people look in perspective at somebody's service.

In my State, our greatest hero, our most beloved citizen, was defeated by the voters of Texas not once, but twice. He was defeated the first time after he came close to casting the deciding vote, he was on the losing side, on the Kansas-Nebraska Act which he saw as producing the Civil War. And it did. And then as Governor, Sam Houston refused to sign the bill taking Texas out of the Union. So he was rejected by the voters of Texas twice. Yet he is the most honored of our citizens.

For those who serve in public office, it is important to remember that it is not personal; that people change their mind; that people have their own will; that people have their own perspective. In the end, it is good service, it is dedication, and it is effectiveness on behalf of the people who elect you that makes a great elected public official.

I join my colleagues this morning in thanking SLADE GORTON for serving. I am confident in the future when names are listed who belong in the Senate, names that will be remembered here, SLADE GORTON's name will be on the list.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, when I think of my dear friend SLADE GORTON, I am reminded of how many of our colleagues are frequently saying: I wish I were Governor; or, I really ought to be out making some money; or, I am really not satisfied being 1 of 100; or, there must be something better I could be doing with my life.

I have heard that from many of our colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I once asked SLADE GORTON: SLADE, did you ever think about running for Governor? And he said: Absolutely not. I wouldn't have that job. He said: I love the legislative process.

And no one is better at the legislative process than our good friend SLADE GORTON.

I forget which brokerage house it was, but there used to be commercials that said, when so and so spoke, everyone listened. Whether it was the Republican conference meetings or on those rare occasions when all Members met together, SLADE GORTON was rarely the first one to talk, but when he spoke, everyone listened.

SLADE GORTON is one of the great Senators of the 20th century. He had a sense of the history of this body. I had an opportunity to serve with him recently on a committee that Senator LOTT and Senator DASCHLE appointed to select two Senators to be added to the portraits just outside the door. For about 40 years, we have had five that were designated as the five greatest Senators back in the early 1960s or in the mid-1950s. The thought was that we would add two more Senators to the list.

SLADE sort of led our side, which consisted of the majority leader and myself and him, in reaching the conclusion that if we were going to pick someone of this century it made a lot of sense to pick Arthur Vandenberg, who had been chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and had really made the Truman policy of containment in the development of NATO a bipartisan matter, since there was, in fact, a Republican Congress right after World War II. SLADE thoughtfully analyzed all of the possibilities and recommended Arthur Vandenberg because he thought the single most important thing of the second half of the 20th century was the winning of the cold war.

Out of all the many things that occur here, he was able to sort that out and come up concisely with what was, indeed, the biggest challenge of the second half of the previous century, the winning of the cold war, and applying that to the Senate and coming up with an individual on our side of the aisle, which was our charge, who would help make that policy bipartisan. And of course, it lasted until the Berlin Wall came down in 1989. That is the kind of thinker SLADE GORTON is.

Out of all the maneuvering that occurs here, all of which is important, all of which has an impact on the ultimate outcome, SLADE uniquely could look beyond that and see the big picture and

sort of bring Members out of our contentious decisions in conference about whatever the particular issue was to see a larger picture of what was not only in the best interests of our party, but more importantly, what was in the best interests of the country.

He is an extraordinary legislative strategist. I know he is going to miss being in the Senate because he didn't think there was a better job somewhere else he ought to be doing. Being in the Senate to SLADE was never his second choice. It was his first choice. Every one of our colleagues who has been Governor and come to the Senate says a Senator who used to be Governor who tells you they like the Senate better will lie to you about other things.

That, clearly, was not SLADE's view. This was not his second choice. This was where he wanted to be.

We are going to miss his friendship. He was one of my best friends in the Senate and, I would say even if he were not on the floor, which he is, one of the two brightest guys in the Senate, the other one being the Senator from Texas from whom we just heard.

But we are not going to lose contact with SLADE, many of us. I know there will be a new challenge for him. He is bright and vigorous and committed to public service. Someplace, hopefully in the very near future, there will be an opportunity for him to continue to make a mark on our wonderful country.

So we say goodbye to you, SLADE, in the Senate, but look forward to continuing our friendship in the years to come. The Senate will certainly be a poorer place without your presence.

I yield the floor.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

— PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my entire staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of my remarks. In addition, I ask that Tracie Spingarn, from the Congressional Special Services office, be permitted on the floor for the duration of my remarks. The members of my staff are:

Kris K. Ardizzzone, Rachel S. Audi, David Ayres, Andy A. Beach, Annie E. Billings, Cara Bunton, Adam G. Ciongoli, Bob Coughlin, Chuck DeFeo, Mark Grider, Greg P. Harris, Jacob Herschend, Chris Huff, Jessica Hughes, David James, Sally Lee-Kerns, Elizabeth Kim, Kelly D. Kolb, Taunya L. McLarty, Caleb Overstreet, Smita Patel, Janet M. Potter, Jim Richardson, Susan Richmond, Andrew

Schauder, Lori A. Sharpe, John A. Simmons, Shimon Stein, Tevi D. Troy, Brian Waidmann, Ricky Welborn, and Matt Wylie.

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

— SERVING THE PEOPLE OF MISSOURI

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, it is with a sense of deep gratitude that I have this opportunity to speak on the Senate floor for one last time before I conclude my term in the Senate. There are few compensating factors for the lame duck session in which we find ourselves, but one is the opportunity for one who has lost an election to come back and make a few last remarks. This sort of makes this like home. At home I always have the last word—"Yes, dear." And to have a last word here is a pleasing thing for me.

Obviously, I am deeply grateful, and, as I think about the opportunity I have enjoyed to be in the Senate, it is a set of thoughts that are characterized by gratitude. I am grateful to God that we are created as individuals with the capacity to shape the tomorrows in which we live. If freedom has a definition, it is that—that we can change things. And, obviously, we want to change things for the better.

America respects that understanding of the creation and how we act as individuals with a Government that represents the people as agents of change, making decisions about the kind of community we want to have. Any of us who has the opportunity to represent fellow citizens obviously is in a position to do great things and to enjoy the ability to fulfill what God has destined for us to do, and that is to shape the tomorrows in which we live.

I want to thank the citizens of Missouri first. It is a community that I love and that I respect. Janet and I live in Missouri, obviously because I was raised there, but by our choice. I have had the opportunity to serve the people of Missouri for 33 years. I began teaching in Southwest Missouri State University as a way of serving the people of the State of Missouri. And then, one of the most important mentors in my life, and one of the individuals who perhaps represents what Missouri is and what Missouri stands for more than any other single individual, the senior Senator of this State, Senator KIT BOND.

He accorded me the opportunity to serve as the State auditor of Missouri when he vacated that office upon his election as Governor. I had first offered myself to the people of Missouri to serve in the U.S. Congress, and they had expressed their profound affection for me, indicating that I should stay in Missouri and not go to the Congress. KIT BOND, recognizing that, appointed me to be the State auditor of Missouri.

It began a marvelous set of opportunities for me for which I am grateful in every respect. I served as the State

auditor for 2 years. I later served as the attorney general of Missouri after a short period of time as an assistant attorney general in Missouri, and that was a notable experience. I had the wonderful privilege of sharing an office with a now Justice of the Supreme Court, Clarence Thomas. We were in the same room together for 16 months. That is a historic item that I did not understand the history of at the time, but I certainly do now.

I had the chance, after serving 8 years as attorney general, of going on to be Governor of the State of Missouri for 8 years. What a marvelous opportunity it was to work with the community, to work with people, to shape our community in a way which was constructive and reinforced the things in which we believed.

This past election obviously was a disappointment for me, but I am not disappointed in the people of Missouri. The tragedy of this election, the death of my opponent and his son in a plane crash of unspeakable disaster, was one that the Missouri community responded to with two values and virtues that I cherish about our community—the value and virtue of compassion. I want America and Missouri to be a place of compassion.

What a tremendous and wonderful thing it is when people are compassionate and share the feelings of each other, and the value of respect, particularly respect for those who have gone on and have been of service. In expressing those values, the people of Missouri decided they would honor the deceased Governor by voting in his behalf and in his stead in the election rather than voting for me, and I respect them for that and I honor them for that. It is a great community. They are a community to be loved and respected, and I profoundly love and respect them.

I wish well Mrs. CARNAHAN who will succeed me in this seat in the Senate. I thank her for coming by my office yesterday. I hope she is treated with kindness. I told her yesterday that I was pleased to see her and have the opportunity to communicate with her, and I reminded her yesterday that 30 days from now she will be my Senator, and I want her to do well.

I thank, in addition to Missourians, my staff. I am delighted the Senate has agreed to allow them all to be here on the floor of the Senate during these remarks. When I came to the Senate, my staff and I decided there were values and principles we wanted to honor in everything we did. We wanted those values and principles to transcend circumstances. We wanted them to be controlling factors of our conduct. So we spent some time together.

Early in my time in the Senate, I came to the floor of the Senate and placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD this statement of service, commitment, and dedication that each member of my staff joined me in formulating. This one hangs near the desk of