

there to meet our Creator face to face in a land where the roses never wither and the rainbow never fades. Mike Mansfield has gone on to meet his pilot face to face. He was 98. I am but 84—within 42 days I will reach my 84th birthday. And it won't be long until I, too—and then so will you, and so will you—meet our pilot face to face.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for some and foam,
When that which came from out the bound-
less deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark,
For though from out our borne of time and
place,
The flood may bear me far
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

To that borne, from which no traveller ever returns, Mike Mansfield has now gone to be reunited with his wife Maureen and others who once trod these marble halls, and whose voices once rang in this Chamber.

I can hear them yet: Hubert Humphrey, Paul Douglas, Allen Ellender, Richard B. Russell—who sat at this desk—George Aiken, Everett Dirksen, Norris Cotton, “Scoop” Jackson—their voices in this earthly life have now been forever stilled.

Mike Mansfield has crossed the Great Divide. Of that illustrious man who sat in this Chamber when he and I were young Senators, only STROM THURMOND and I remain here today.

They are drifting away, these friends of old
Like leaves on the current cast;
With never a break in their rapid flow
We count them, as one by one they go
Into the Dreamland of the Past.

Erma and I extend our condolences to Mike's daughter, Ann, and to others of his family. May his soul rest in peace.

Madam President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. LINCOLN). The Senator from Montana.

THE “MIKE” I KNEW

Mr. BURNS. Madam President, I cannot find the words I want for Mike Mansfield—their meaning—and put them together like our good friend from West Virginia. He knew Michael almost as long as I did.

But Mike has moved on. His work here on Earth is done. His legacy will live as it will be placed among the archives as majority leader of the Senate, as a Member of the House of Representatives, and as an Ambassador to Japan. As a nation, we have been graced and blessed by great leaders who rose to uncommon levels in times of national crises. We, the Members of this Senate, are the benefactors of his stewardship. A thankful nation is the benefactor of his wisdom.

I now occupy the seat once held by Mike. Thirteen years ago, I came to

this body, and for 13 years Mike and I had breakfast every Wednesday morning the Senate was in session. He seldom missed. Those conversations were wonderful, and they were also very insightful. They were full of wisdom, information, and insight.

Senator BYRD described him as a nonpartisan. That is 95 percent correct. But one cannot work in this system and not have some partisan leanings.

No person in Washington, DC, was kinder or more helpful to a newly elected Member of the Senate than Mike Mansfield—even being on the other side of the aisle. I shall never be able to thank him enough or forget what he did for me.

Senator, Ambassador, Mike Mansfield, whichever you prefer—he was a good and faithful servant of the Nation and of the people of Montana whom he represented. His long lifespan was some 98 years. That gave him a perspective on life and history that very few of us will ever understand or attain. His wise eyes had seen and experienced so much of this country's history. In his lifetime, a nation—think about this—went from horseback to the Moon. Think of it.

He was an honest man. He lied a little about his age to get into World War I. He came home and worked in the mines of Butte and Anaconda. One has to read the history of Montana to know that was not easy work, and very dangerous.

His beloved wife Maureen, who preceded him in death just a year ago, pushed him for education to better himself and to lift himself from the mines. He experienced the rigors of the worst depression in the history of the United States—what lessons that taught many of us—and the experience of World War II. If that weren't enough, the era of Korea, Vietnam, and the cold war, when two powers looked each other in the eye until one blinked.

During tumultuous times, the United States has been blessed with common men and women who rose to uncommon levels of leadership when they were tested and asked to do so—men and women with a hidden character of steel, vision, compassion, and integrity. Mike Mansfield was one who, when called, responded to that level demanded by the day.

Looking back at those conversations, they were mostly events and happenings of the Senate. He loved to tell stories of the giants of their day. That gave me great insight of this body, and his advice was seldom, if ever, wrong.

The Mike I knew will be with me as long as I shall breathe. I thank God every day that our Nation's demands were answered by men and women such as Mike Mansfield.

The best advice that was ever given to me by Senator Mansfield was short and very pointed.

By the way, I used to work in the press corps in Montana when Michael was a Member of this body. The producer of the news show would say: Go

out and interview Senator Mansfield. We need about a 15-minute interview. That meant you had better have about 40 questions, because the answers were very short.

Yes, noble—little possible doubt. He didn't embellish much. But the best advice he ever gave me was short and very pointed. He said one time—and I will never forget it—“At the end of the day, it will be courage and vision that will sustain this Republic for generations to come.” Courage and vision to sustain this Republic for the generations to come.

This Nation has not only been blessed by great topography, but with a great climate and great natural resources from the mountains in the East, across the Ohio, the Missouri, and Mississippi valleys to the mountains of the West, to the high prairies and the Deep South. It has always produced men and women who, when tested, showed the steel of character and vision.

Thank God he was a Member of this body. And might all of us live for the day when we can even stand in measure with him.

Madam President, I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1499 and S. 1510

Mr. REID. Madam President, I understand the following bills are at the desk, having been read the first time: S. 1499 and S. 1510.

I ask unanimous consent that it be in order, en bloc, for these two bills to receive a second reading, and I then object to any further consideration.

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

The clerk will read the titles of the bills.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1499) to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 1510) to deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the rule, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

AVIATION SECURITY ACT—MOTION
TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1447, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A motion to proceed to the bill (S. 1447) to improve aviation security, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum and ask unanimous consent that the time be equally charged to both leaders on this matter.

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

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, what time is it?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It is 10:18.

Mr. REID. We have 12 minutes left before the vote?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. Chairman HOLLINGS is in the Chamber.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. HOLLINGS. I thank the distinguished Chair.

Madam President, we have the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the airport security bill at 10:30.

I say, in the few minutes allotted me, I wish everyone could have been at the Commerce Committee briefing we had with the El Al airline security chief and Israeli government security officials. You would immediately understand that when the plane went down over the Black Sea this past weekend, even though the plane came from Israel, the explosion had to come from somewhere else because it is veritably impossible to get a bomb aboard a plane at airports in Israel.

The United States military is now working with Ukrainian and Russian officials to verify evidence that a Ukrainian missile may have gone astray during military exercises on the Black Sea coast. I only mention this incident to emphasize the thoroughness of airport security in Israel. They call their security plan the "onion ring" perimeter defense. Their plan effectively addresses not only security during the boarding of the plane, but security surrounding the airport and on the tarmac. But we continue to talk more narrowly about security in the cockpit and the need for federal screeners and U.S. marshals on board. As inexperienced as we are on these matters, this is where our minds are focused.

However, we need to expand our work on airline security to the airport and airline personnel working on the

tarmac. At some point during pre-flight preparation, you have not only the screeners, cargo handlers, caterers, and general airport perimeter officials, but you have the individual who vacuums underneath the seats, who all have access to the airplane prior to take-off. Because of this access, all personnel need to go through an FBI check, in our opinion. That is what this bill provides.

Take the following scenario for instance. A terrorist checks in ahead of time online and the airline staff says to the person you have seat 9A. All a terrorist has to do is pick up that mobile phone and call a friend who has been working 2 years on the tarmac out there and say it is a 12 o'clock flight to Charleston, seat 9A. That is it. They tape a pistol or a weapon of some kind under seat 9A. But even there at the counter, all you have to do is get out there a little bit early, get your ticket, and then sit down and be calm. Then just give a motion up at the window because your friend has already been told that this is the flight you are going to take.

The bill itself has been released to the Senate after a full day's hearing we had at the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee with nearly all of the Senators in attendance. In a bipartisan fashion, Senator MCCAIN, and I, Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, who has been working on this over several years, along with the chairman of our Subcommittee on Aviation, Senator ROCKEFELLER of West Virginia, all got together with some two dozen co-sponsors to develop this legislation.

We do have a managers' amendment that really takes care of some of the flexibility needs that we found out about from the FAA with respect to restrictions on parking 300 feet from the airport building—that kind of thing. As the Senator from North Dakota says, I think if you move 300 feet from the airport building in North Dakota, you will be in Senator DORGAN's cow pasture. We must be careful to maintain reasonable and flexible oversight of airline security in order to ensure the continued efficiency of the industry. Those kinds of judgments can be made from time to time by the administering agency.

These efforts will be paid for. Right now, we are studying the exact cost. Senator MCCAIN and I have tried to hold costs down—including the passenger security fee itself. What we have agreed upon at the moment, of course, is \$2.50 per ticketed passenger which would add up to \$1.5 billion. But they are saying, no, if you are going to take care of the 18,000 screeners and some 10,000 other personnel around the tarmac and out on the sidewalk, you are going to really get into about \$1.7 billion or maybe \$1.9 billion total cost. So we might have to raise the passenger fee up to \$3. I don't know. We are currently trying to obtain the best CBO figures.

The airline executives favor this bill; the airline pilots favor the bill. You go

right on down the list, all the personnel involved; the mayors have sent us resolutions. I think we made a mistake in calling it airline security. We should have used the word "stimulus," the "airline stimulus" bill, because if we had used that word, we would not have had any trouble at all in passing this measure. Everybody is around here trying to stimulate, stimulate, stimulate—these fancy words we get up here in Washington.

I know of no better measure to stimulate airline travel and get the airlines back to normal. We give the airlines \$15 billion and then guarantee they go broke by keeping the airports closed or extending the idea that there is no security, that there are no marshals on the plane, as the Senator from California told me early this morning. We are going to have marshals. We are going to have security with this airline stimulus security measure.

I yield to the distinguished Senator from Montana. He has worked closely with us on this issue, and perhaps he would have an observation.

Mr. BURNS. I thank my good friend from South Carolina. I didn't think he had to be invigorated or stimulated to make a great speech. I was going to stay out of this, but the Senator is correct; nothing will stimulate travel more than a strong sense of security. It has to be visible. People have to see the measures that are being taken to make it viable and to give them a sense of security whenever they fly. We know we are in a different kind of a confrontation now. Some have termed it a war. It really is. But it is different from anything this Nation has ever faced.

Whenever we start talking about our own security, providing security for our people in this country and abroad, we only have to look—I was interested, as was the chairman of the Commerce Committee, that when we talk to the representatives of El Al, the national airline of Israel, we talked to the people who are in charge of security. If the Senator remembers, there are 7,000 employees of El Al, both domestic and international; 1,500 of that 7,000 are in security. And there is a bright line between their security people and everybody else—the pilots, the people who operate their airports, the people who operate their reservation systems, the people who operate their ground operations and their in-flight operations. There is a bright line of authority between those people who are the security people. They know how to exercise that authority. They are accountable and responsible for that. But most importantly, they are accountable to their airline and to their country.

We have crafted this legislation without a hearing—we never had a markup—but it is as close, and I think with a couple of amendments we can perfect it, as we can come to some understanding on that bright line of accountability and responsibility for security.

I congratulate the Senator for his leadership. He understands where we