

in 1967. In 1973 and '74, Senator THOMPSON served as minority counsel to the vice chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee, his mentor, Senator, now Ambassador, Howard Baker. He served as Special Counsel to both the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Senator THOMPSON is among the most junior Senators in the history of the Senate to have ever served as Chairman of a Standing Senate Committee.

But Senator THOMPSON's skills and talents go far beyond his contributions to the Senate. He is also a very fine actor, not withstanding Senator MCCAIN's critiques of his performances. He has an expansive list of movie and television roles that highlight his commanding presence and impressive style. We will continue to enjoy seeing him shine in his renewed acting career. He's had excellent real life practice in the Senate.

We will miss FRED THOMPSON. We will miss his common sense, sharp wit and decency. All of his friends in the Senate wish FRED and his new bride, Jeri, all the best in their new lives together. I am proud to have served with him.

PHIL GRAMM

Mr. President, I rise to recognize the Senior Senator from Texas. Senator PHIL GRAMM will retire this year after 24 distinguished years in the U.S. Congress, three terms in the House and three terms in the Senate. He will be missed.

Thirty-five years ago Senator GRAMM received his Ph.D in Economics from the University of Georgia. After his time in Georgia, Senator GRAMM began his college teaching career at Texas A & M University as an Assistant Professor of Economics in 1967. By 1973, he became the youngest Full Professor in the history of the Texas A&M Economics Department. His grasp and understanding of economics have been important factors in our Congressional debate and government policy over the last twenty-four years.

I have had the privilege to serve with Senator GRAMM on both the Senate Banking and Budget Committees. I have seen first hand the power of his intellect and grasp of the issues that have advanced free trade and strengthened our economy and the foundation of our democracy. His contributions to our country are many. He authored numerous major pieces of legislation during his career—and none more important than the Gramm/Rudman/Hollings Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act and the Gramm/Leach/Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act.

All of his friends in the Senate wish Wendy and PHIL much success as he takes on new responsibilities. He will now have more time to help R.C. Slocum coach the A&M Aggies. The Congress and America are stronger today for Senator GRAMM having served in Congress. I am proud to have served with him.

MAX CLELAND

Mr. President, I rise to recognize my longtime friend the Senior Senator from Georgia. MAX CLELAND and I arrived in the Senate together in 1997. He quickly became a respected U.S. Senator. MAX CLELAND has been a role model for many people over the years. And, his years of selfless public service have made America a better and stronger nation.

Senator CLELAND joined the Army ROTC program at Stetson University in Florida and went on to earn a Masters Degree in American History from Emory University as a commissioned Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. In 1967 he volunteered for service in Vietnam. The next year he was promoted to the rank of Captain and soon after he was seriously wounded losing both his legs and his right arm. Senator CLELAND's determination and spirit turned his experience in Vietnam into a continuing passion for interests greater than his own. His service in Vietnam further motivated him to continue to help shape America.

At the age of 28, he won a seat in the Georgia State Senate making him the youngest member and the only Vietnam veteran in that legislative body at that time. Seven years later, President Jimmy Carter appointed him Administrator of the U.S. Veterans Administration. He was the youngest VA Administrator ever and the first veteran of Vietnam in that post. In 1982, he became the youngest Georgia Secretary of State and held that position for three terms until he began his campaign for the United States Senate in 1995.

Senator CLELAND is an inspiration to all of us. We will miss his honesty, integrity, spirit and leadership in this body. We wish him well and thank him for his service and contributions to our country. I am privileged and proud to have served in the Senate with my friend and colleague MAX CLELAND. I salute you, Captain. You will be missed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JEFFORDS). Who seeks recognition? The Senator from Missouri, Mrs. CARNAHAN.

Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, I thank my colleague for his kind and generous remarks.

FAREWELL TO THE SENATE

Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, today I am reminded that 2 years ago when I came to the Senate, it was with a heavy heart. Life had not turned out the way it was supposed to. My husband, not I, was supposed to have been sworn in to the Senate, and I was to be seated in the gallery, beaming with delight at the shared victory we had won.

As someone has pointed out, life is not the way it is supposed to be. Life is the way it is, and it is the way we cope with it that makes a difference. I had some difficult lessons to learn in that regard.

It was not by chance when I stepped down from the dais, after being sworn in, that the first to welcome me was Senator JOE BIDEN. He had come to this Chamber many years ago after a tragic loss in his own life. He told me the story of having been greeted by Senator McClellan of Arkansas, who looked him in the eye and said: Work, hard work, it is the sure path to healing.

Senator BIDEN said: I thought at the time how callous that advice was; he just does not understand the hurt I am feeling. He later found out Senator McClellan spoke from having experienced a family tragedy of overwhelming proportion. JOE BIDEN took the advice to heart and he passed it on to me. You were right, JOE, and I thank you for that wisdom.

There has been much work to throw ourselves into during the 107th Congress. It has been a monumental period in our Nation's history, a time marred by unprecedented national tragedy, deep political divisions, economic upheavals, corporate corruption, continued threats to our national security, and now the gathering clouds of war. Through all of these disasters, we have seen the triumph of the American spirit. Yes, Americans have taken to heart the advice Louis Pasteur once gave to a group of young people. He said: Do not let yourselves be discouraged by the sadness of certain hours which passes over nations.

Thankfully, the Congress has refused to be discouraged. We have endured anthrax attacks, dismantled offices, tighter security measures, major alterations to the Capitol complex, not to mention three shifts in legislative leadership. Through it all, we have managed to address a number of important issues. We passed a historic tax cut, reformed education, overhauled campaign finance laws, called corporate America to a higher standard, and prepared our Nation to respond to global terrorism. We have found that being the guardian of freedom is a relentless and consuming work. The immensity of our task would cripple a lesser people. Rather than be cowered by events, America and her institutions have always been emboldened during times of crisis. I am convinced the Author of Liberty, who has blessed and protected our Nation in the past, will enable us to meet the stern responsibilities of the present.

As the 108th Congress takes on this new burden, I will not be among them but my prayers will be with them. I leave realizing that to have served in the Senate for even a short while is an honor afforded very few in their lifetime. I am forever grateful to the people of Missouri who have allowed me and my family to serve them for three generations. Reporters often ask me to reflect on those years. Most recently, I was asked what impressed me most during my time in the Senate. And I

replied it was the diligence beyond duty shown by all who are part of this Chamber—Democrats, Republicans, and independents. Staff, parliamentarians, clerks, pages, security officers, maintenance workers, elevator operators, all spend long hours serving America. For the most part, their names, their selfless deeds will go unrecorded, but their life and work demonstrate a deep devotion to duty.

In recognition of the loyalty and exemplary work of my own staff, I ask unanimous consent to have their names printed in the RECORD at the close of my remarks.

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

(See exhibit 1.)

Mrs. CARNAHAN. At this time I recognize sadly that two great towers of strength will be missed in this Chamber. My friend and colleague, MAX CLELAND, from his wheelchair stands taller than most men ever will. The Senate will be greatly diminished by his absence. And that we will no longer hear the spirited voice of Paul Wellstone summoning us to stand up and fight will likewise diminish the fervor of this body.

Our Nation and my party have been further blessed by the courageous leadership of Senator DASCHLE and Senator HARRY REID. They have shown the grace under pressure that marks true greatness.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the women of the Senate whose friendship has blessed and brightened my life. I am grateful, too, for the wholehearted and unwavering support of my Democratic colleagues in my every endeavor, and I especially appreciate those from the other side of the aisle, though far fewer in number, who graciously encouraged me as well.

Tradition affords those of us who leave the Senate, either by our own will or the will of the electorate, the opportunity to reflect on the time in this historic Chamber, to perhaps even engage in some unsolicited advice. I could not pass up that opportunity. My advice comes not as a seasoned insider but as one who came for a season to serve among my colleagues. Mine are simple maxims that spring from the heart, a heart filled with love for the Senate and for my country.

First, when my colleagues think on the role of government, seek a balance. Seek a balance between one that does everything and one that does nothing. And where there is talk of war, let there be the free and open debate that becomes our great Nation. And when there are judges to be appointed, let them be selected for their temperament and jurisprudence and not for political ideology that satisfies a special interest group.

When we lay out our energy and environment policy, let it not be for short-term gain but for the well-being of our grandchildren and the survival of our planet. And when my colleagues speak of leaving no child behind, let that not

be a mantra but a mission, fervent and funded. When health care is thought about, the health care needs of children, family, and seniors—and I hope that will be often—I urge my colleagues to lay aside partisanship and heed the plight of the hurting and the helpless in our society.

I will vote for the homeland bill, as I have each step of the way, for we must make certain the information disconnect that allowed a 9/11 to occur never happens again.

During an earlier global conflict, President Roosevelt called for stout hearts and strong arms with which to strike mighty blows for freedom and truth. Well, that is what I am hoping this consolidation and coordination of effort will help us to accomplish.

As I vote for this bill, I do so with a caution. The pursuit of terrorists and the protection of basic freedoms will be our greatest challenge in the years ahead. In the quest to uproot terrorism, let us take care to preserve those precious liberties upon which our Nation is founded and upon which democracy depends. I have no doubt that in this good and godly work we will ultimately succeed.

Let me conclude by saying that this farewell to the Senate is a bittersweet moment for me, one that churns up a mixture of memories and emotions. One such memory was of a visit I made to the Corcoran Art Gallery to see the Jackie Kennedy exhibit. One of the displays was a handwritten letter that Mrs. Kennedy sent to a friend after completing an extensive project at the White House.

She wrote:

How sad it is . . . when a work we love doing . . . is finally finished.

I know how she felt.

I still believe, as did my husband, that public service is a good and noble work worthy of our lives. Perhaps a former Member of this Chamber said it best. He was not of my party, but he certainly was of my principles. Senator Lowell Weicker wrote:

For all the licks anyone takes by choosing public service,

. . . there is the elation of having achieved for good purpose what none thought possible.

And such feelings far exceed . . . whatever the hurt . . . for having tasted the battle.

I yield the floor.

EXHIBIT 1

Current Staff of Senator Jean Carnahan:
Isiah Akin, Legislative Aide
Amy Barber, Legislative Assistant
John Beakley, Special Assistant to the Senator
Ann Bickel, Assistant to the State Director
Todd Britt, Director, Eastern Missouri
Michael Carrasco, Office Manager
Chad Chitwood, Southwest Area Regional Coordinator
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Sonja Cureton, Constituent Services Representative
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Roy Temple, Chief of Staff
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Pam Townsend, Staff Assistant
Courtney Weiner, Legislative Correspondent
Rogerick Wilson, Constituent Services Representative

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator gave the most eloquent statement. I can't say how much I appreciated being here.

The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. 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. BYRD. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I have a series of parliamentary inquiries. As I understand the situation on tomorrow, Tuesday, there will be 90 minutes of debate before a vote occurs at 10:30; during that 90 minutes of debate there will be 30 minutes under the control of Mr. LOTT, 30 minutes under the control of Mr. DASCHLE, and 30 minutes under the control of Mr. BYRD; is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, at 10:30 it is my understanding—and I would like to inquire if I am correct in my understanding—the first vote will occur on the Daschle-Lieberman second-degree amendment No. 4953; a second vote will occur on the Daschle-Lieberman first-degree amendment No. 4911; a third vote will occur on the Thompson substitute, House bill No. 4901; the fourth vote will occur on cloture on H.R. 5005; am I correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair but let me continue.

As I understand it, the Thompson substitute, House bill No. 4901, that is