

Now, as the Senators return to their States, renew those who are weary, reinforce those who are anxious, and rejuvenate those who need a second wind to press on for Your honor and glory. We praise You for the privilege of living in this Republic and for the opportunity to serve You in public office. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DANIEL K. AKAKA led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 20, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DANIEL K. AKAKA, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. AKAKA thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Chair will shortly announce that we will be in a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. I am sure some of those speeches will be extended for more than 10 minutes for various reasons.

We worked until this morning completing the Senate's business. The poor staff has had little rest. We hope to not be in for a long period of time today. We are going to come back, as indicated, rejuvenated next year. But I am sure most of us are looking forward to the brief respite we are going to have. There will be no rollcall votes today.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there

will now be a period of morning business for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Arkansas.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for as long as I might consume.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SERVING IN THE U.S. SENATE

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, let me begin by thanking you for presiding this morning, for your leadership in the Senate, and for the friendship I think you epitomize when friendships are created, that grow and take root, and that bloom in the Senate. I am proud to call you a friend.

Let me say at the very outset that it has been an enormous privilege serving for the last 6 years in this great body.

I want to express my gratitude this morning, in the few minutes that I am going to take, to a number of individuals who mean a lot to me and my service in the Senate.

I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to my wife Randi, who has been a great fellow mate, an encourager, a partner, and, most of all, my best friend. I am so appreciative to have her here this morning. I wanted to express that.

I also want to thank Chaplain Ogilvie. I appreciate so much his prayer this morning, and his prayers every day—and more than the prayers that he offers for the Senate, the prayers that he offers for our country. But I am especially grateful for his friendship and for his spiritual counsel that he offers to other Members. He is going to be greatly missed in this institution, and I think the country is going to miss his service here.

While we all understand that he is making the right decision, he is going to be sorely missed. As I look back on the last 6 years, I thank you, Lloyd, for the many hours that you gave to me in counsel and encouragement. And I am very appreciative and very grateful.

I also want to express my appreciation to people in the State of Arkansas—the great State of Arkansas, all 2.7 million of them. I thank my staff—not 2.7 million, but it seems like it sometimes.

I want to thank the people of Arkansas. I am forever grateful to them for allowing me the privilege of serving them in the Senate. Of course, those who are familiar with the State of Arkansas know that it is a very diverse and very beautiful State from a physical standpoint, but it is also very different as you go to the various parts of it. I hail from northwest Arkansas. I come from the Ozark Hills—being a State legislator for 8 years, representing a small district in northwest Arkansas, being elected to Congress from the Third District, and coming to

the Senate and serving the entire State of Arkansas has been an enormously gratifying experience. I have learned that not only are the people wonderful and great in those hills of northwest Arkansas, but also the people of the delta with their very different culture and very different background from the Ozark Hills are wonderful people with tremendous values who love this country of ours as much as my native area in the northwest; or the opportunity to represent the one real urban area of Arkansas, Little Rock, our capital city. To be able to represent every area and every region of the State has been an enormously enriching experience—to work not only for the Ozark Hills but for the Mississippi Delta, and our many vast areas.

I discovered the cultural diversity of my State, and I discovered that there are great and wonderful people in every section of Arkansas.

It has been an experience that has far surpassed my wildest dreams and my greatest ambitions.

I thank the people of Arkansas for letting me walk in the footsteps of some great predecessors such as J.W. Fulbright, John McClellan, or the individual whose portrait hangs just outside the Senate Chamber, Joe T. Robinson.

I thank the people of Arkansas.

I also want to thank my colleagues. What a great group—that I believe is dedicated to doing what they believe is right for America.

I served for 4 years in the House of Representatives. Oftentimes down in the House we would usually good-naturedly make fun of the Senate. So when I was elected to the Senate, I recall a number of them coming up and saying: We hope you enjoy your time down at the retirement home at the other end of the Capitol. That was, of course, the kind of outlook that we had down there; that this was the place where nothing got done, and everyone was a little older and a little slower down there. The rambunctiousness and sometimes wild passions that characterized the debate in the House were not as evident in the Senate. But it is not a retirement home. People work immensely hard in this body.

But one of the things that has impressed me more the last 6 years is, in fact, the Senate works just as our Founding Fathers had planned for it to work; that of which Madison said, the popular passions would be cooled and tempered by the deliberative debates in the Senate.

So though sometimes we are frustrated and sometimes we call the Senate dysfunctional, the reality, in my mind, is, it works, and it works just as it is supposed to work, and as it continues to work.

That is one of the great miracles of our experiment in a republican form of Government. It is that this bicameral legislature and our three branches of Government operate just as our Founding Fathers envisioned they would: to

check one another's power, to be a check on an over-concentration of power, and to ensure there would be a body such as the Senate, with such continuity that popular passions and emotions, overreactions at times, would be tempered by the debate that would take place in this body.

But it is a very hard-working group. My colleagues work harder than most people in the country ever realize. It always used to irritate me, during the August recess, to go back to the State and have people ask me how the month-long vacation was going. So here is this image, I guess, that will always be there. But I know, as anybody who has gotten very close to the workings of the Senate, that this is a very hard-working group. Edgar Guest put it this way: "He has found real greatness—who does his task from day to day and meets whatever comes his way." That is what I have tried to do these past 6 years. And that is what my colleagues do every day.

I found among my colleagues courage. Courage, in my mind, is facing a choice in which there is a clear right and a clear wrong, and in which choosing the right involves a price, involves a cost, involves something, a consequence, and the willingness to go ahead and make the right choice in spite of the fact there is going to be a price to pay.

Maybe we don't see it as often as we would always like in the Senate, but I have seen over the last 6 years on numerous occasions where my colleagues knew in their heart what was the right thing to do, or at least as they understood to the best of God's revelation to them and God's light to them what was right and wrong, and they—in spite of what might be a political risk or other risk—were willing to take a courageous stand and make a courageous decision.

And then, I am thankful for my colleagues' friendship. The old adage in Washington is: If you want a friend, buy a dog. My experience in the Senate disproves that. My experience is, that is not really true, that there are real and genuine friendships that develop and grow in this body.

I mentioned, at the beginning of my remarks, DANNY AKAKA. I think Senator AKAKA epitomizes the kinds of friendships that cross party lines, cross the aisle, and that are genuine on a human basis and on a human level, and that has immensely impressed me: that amidst important debates about life-and-death issues, war and peace, and votes that impact millions of Americans, and, indeed, impact the entire world—that in the midst of those kinds of debates, there are relationships that transcend, and the very personal needs of friends take precedence and are there. So I am grateful for those friendships that have taken root and have grown and have blossomed in my own life.

And then I am very grateful, as I look back over the past 6 years, for some very special staff people.

I remember, after President Bush was elected, I was invited to the first bill signing. It was the bill—well, the bill is not important. I went over, and it was in the Roosevelt Room. A couple of things struck me: One was there was a handful of chairs that had been set up, so it was a very humble kind of signing ceremony. The President walked into the room, and he said: "Now, the chairs are for the staff. The Members can stand." And he kind of chuckled, and then he said: "Because I know who really does the work on legislation."

He was right, recognizing that it is the staff who makes this place operate. It is the staff who keeps the gears and machinery of Government operating and working. It is the staff who was here late last night and is back in here early this morning. And their contributions, I think, are often overlooked.

I just want to thank my personal staff for their great work these past 6 years; and a few people I want to mention by name. To my right is my chief of staff, Todd Deatherage. I have just a handful on my staff who have served with me a decade, my entire time in Washington—my 4 years in the House and one term in the Senate—and Todd is one of those who goes back the full 10 years.

He served as my district director when I was in the House, and when I came to the Senate, he took his family, uprooted them, and moved them to Washington, and has served as my chief of staff in the Senate.

So how do you sum up a decade in a few sentences? You cannot. That is the conclusion I came to.

But, Todd, I appreciate so much your loyalty. I appreciate the wisdom you have brought to the office. I appreciate your hard work. And I appreciate, most of all, your friendship.

Todd is, as are most of us in the Hutchinson Senate office, a great devotee and admirer of Ronald Reagan, and no one more so than my chief of staff because every year, on Ronald Reagan's birthday, we would have this celebration in our office, celebrating Ronald Reagan's birthday.

But it was Todd's self-assumed role to remind us that birthday was coming, and he would send out the e-mails. And Todd—I don't know if he actually baked the birthday cake—but he assured there was a birthday cake brought to the office, and we would have a little party honoring Ronald Reagan.

On Ronald Reagan's last birthday, he sent the e-mail out, and with the e-mails he included one of Ronald Reagan's famous speeches: "A Time For Choosing." "A Time For Choosing" was the 1964 speech that really was the launching pad for Ronald Reagan's national political career. Of course, Barry Goldwater was the nominee of the Republican party. I was 14 years old, living in Springdale, AR, and I remember sitting in front of the black-and-white television in Springdale, watching Ronald Reagan address the Nation in the

speech "A Time For Choosing," known to most conservatives as simply "The Speech." That was the speech that led to his run for the Governorship of California and ultimately the Presidency.

So Todd, in sending out the announcement about the Ronald Reagan birthday, included the speech "A Time for Choosing" with a little postscript: "You might want to read this speech because this speech had a big impact on our boss's life and thinking." And it did.

Todd, as I express my appreciation to you today, one of your roles in our office was to be a reminder of first principles. Every office needs somebody who will be the reminder of first principles, and to be a reminder to all of us as to why we got into this in the first place.

In fact, in 1984, when I first made my run for State representative, that speech, that treatise, that conservative manifesto, reminding us of what our view of Government is, and what our view of man is, and what the relationship of our Government should be to our society—those first principles are important, and they are important to me and important for us to remember.

Todd, thank you for being the one to remind us of that time and time again.

I thank my deputy chief of staff, Lisa Goeas. Lisa has been with me also for 10 years. She was one of the first hires I made when I was elected to Congress. I hired her as a scheduler, and right out of college. Of course, the big impediment—I am sure I am going to offend Californians—but the big impediment was, as I looked at her résumé, I saw that she was a graduate of Berkeley.

I had nothing against Berkeley, but as I scanned it, she could see the double take I took. I said: "Lisa, you to know I am a conservative. I want you to be comfortable," I said. But she has been such an asset in the office. She went from scheduler to legislative assistant in the House, and then worked in the 1996 campaign so tirelessly, in the Senate race in which I became the first Republican the State of Arkansas ever elected to the U.S. Senate by popular election—she worked so very hard in that—and then she has become deputy chief of staff. She is gifted. She is incredibly industrious. She is bright. She is blessed with a great personality. And most of all, she is loyal, and she is a great friend.

Nothing, to me, speaks more about Lisa than her involvement in the Cornerstone School in the District of Columbia. The Cornerstone School is a private Christian school that was started by a group of Hill staffers. They looked around the District, and they said: There are children who ought to have an opportunity to go to a Christian school and whose parents cannot afford it, or they don't have the opportunity, or there is no such school. These staffers set out on their own to start this school. They did so several years ago. I am not sure what the enrollment is, but it has grown.

Lisa has poured herself into that school and raising money for it, providing scholarships for it, getting sponsors for the children, and to ensure not only their financial support, the tuition, but also to spend time and to be mentors, tutors for the children. I think that says a lot about her heart. Beyond being bright and industrious and energetic and all of the rest of the skills she brings to the office, she brings a great heart as well.

I thank especially Nora Breidenbach, as well, for her 10 years of service. She has been with me ever since I came to Congress. She has headed up the entire constituent service operation. She has a kind of quiet efficiency. I always knew that if there was a problem that needed solving, Nora was the one who could solve it. She is also a great manager of people. She has gone through a lot of trials of her own during the last decade, but she always knew how to draw the best, not only from her own life but from those whom she was supervising. She brought the best from everyone who worked with her and for her.

Also, I say a special thanks to Fay Ott, my office manager; Cortney Brown, my scheduler—every one of these staffers deserves a speech about them—Kate Hull, who has done such a wonderful job as my LA and is now working on the subcommittee staff, who shepherded through legislation that benefits thousands and thousands of nurses; Andrea Allen, who is my state director in Arkansas, a very wonderful human being, very great state director; Susan Carter, who has been with me for years, left and came back, who heads up projects; and Jim Hirni, my legislative director. I said last night, at one of our many farewell parties, that I think not only is he the best legislative director on the Hill, but going through a tough re-election campaign, no one had a better LD, to keep the shop going, but much more than that: to be there for me with encouragement, strength, and help.

To all of my staff I say thanks. To me they are much more than staff. My DC staff consists of Nora Breidenbach, Joycelyn Belcher, Josh Benoit, Cortney Brown, Tim Chapman, Todd Deatherage, Jim Dohoney, Amy Gibson, Colonel Jim Garrison, Lisa Goeas, Michael Hilburg, Jim Hirni, Kyle Hicks, Kate Hull, Rebekah Hutton, Sally Lee-Kerns, Conan Krueger, David Manns, Chris Miller, Robbie Minnich, Tim Moore, Misty Murphey, D.J. O'Brien, Fay Ott, Brydon Ross, Marc Scheessele, Ben Sheldon, Brad Tashenberg, Dan Weaver, Jennie Wingad, Michael Zehr. My state staff consists of Andrea Allen, Carrie Bartholomew, Susan Carter, Jim Case, LaDana Emerson, Leslie Garman, Tammie Hall, Jared Haney, Ruby Henderson, Sarah Jones, Mitchell Lowe, Clint Reed, Julie Reynolds, Spencer Sessions, Jerry Sherrod, Don Travis, Kellie Wall, John Youngblood.

They are much more than just staff. They are truly friends. As my col-

leagues have become good friends to me, so my staff are much more than employees, much more than service to the people of Arkansas. They are very good friends to me.

I ran across this Henry Van Dyke quote on friendship. I would like to end my remarks this morning by quoting him:

With such a comrade, such a friend, I fain would walk through journey's end, through summer sunshine, winter rain, and then? Farewell, we shall meet again.

I thank the Chair for the opportunity to give these farewell remarks from this Senator. I thank my colleagues for the great honor it has been to serve with them these past 6 years.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Before the Senator from Arkansas leaves the floor, let me extend my appreciation for all of his kind deeds toward me. We have worked together on concurrent receipts and a number of other issues. The State of Arkansas, in sending the Hutchinson brothers to Washington, really sent two quality people. I have worked with both of them. I didn't always agree with them politically, but as far as their being temperamentally, socially, so kind and considerate, thoughtful, is concerned, both of them are outstanding gentlemen. I look forward to working with both of them in the future.

BOB SMITH

Mr. REID. Let me say to my friend from New Hampshire, for whom I have the greatest affection, the Senator from New Hampshire and I worked together for one very difficult year when he was cochairman of the MIA-POW Committee. He, along with Senator KERREY, led us in that most important study. I developed a great amount of knowledge of Senator SMITH during that year.

Our friendship, even though it budded there at the time of the MIA-POW Committee, really came to fruition when we were asked by our two party leaders to lead the Ethics Committee. During those years, we worked on some very difficult issues. Senator SMITH I found to be a gentleman, a scholar. He has very good staff. He has the institutional awareness that he is very firm, very strict, but yet very fair. That is what the Ethics Committee needs.

As I indicated, I developed a friendship with BOB SMITH. I am terribly disappointed that he is not going to be here next year. I wish I could express in a better way, a more meaningful way, how deep my feelings are toward BOB SMITH and how much I will miss him. I hope the stars are aligned appropriately sometime in the future that he can again return to public service.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— S. 3180

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed

to the consideration of a bill at the desk to amend the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program; that this bill be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; and that any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD.

This legislation is so important. What it does is it amends the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program, so-called SCHIP.

This is a program that virtually every Governor of the 50 States badly needs. This is one of the reasons the States, with rare exception, are spending in the red.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, on behalf of the leadership at this time, I have to object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The Senator from New Hampshire is recognized.

APPRECIATION OF SENATOR REID

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I want to say to my friend from Nevada before he leaves the floor, what an absolute privilege and honor it has been for me to serve with him in the U.S. Senate. He is an example of bipartisanship and friendship, which I will always treasure. We have had private conversations about many issues here and while serving on the Ethics Committee, which is kind of like purgatory.

I will never forget you, Senator REID, and I very much am going to miss you. I hope I will get a chance to see you from time to time as the years go by.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, when I came to the Senate in 1991, we were faced with Saddam Hussein and Iraq. Actually, my first speech on the floor was about Iraq and the war and the fact that we had to make a very difficult vote.

As I leave the Senate, here we are still facing—12 years later—Saddam Hussein and an imminent war with Iraq. So there is some irony there, I guess.

Before I make some closing remarks about my tenure here and leaving the Senate, I want to make a few remarks about something that I think has been somewhat ignored over the past several years in this body and, indeed, in the country, and that is the future of space and how space will help us to protect our national security and also not only our national security but just the pure science of space and the fascination