

Senator REID indicated a few moments ago he was sorry I did not win, but I am reminded of Theodore Roosevelt who won and lost his share of elections. This is a great quote for you young people. Think about it because you are going to be facing challenges. All the pages who are sitting here, you are going to win some and you are going to lose some. You will have great disappointments and you will have great successes. That is what life is. It is a heck of a lot more fun to win than it is to lose. I speak from experience on that.

Teddy Roosevelt said: Far better it is to dare mighty things, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory or defeat.

You can't succeed if you are afraid to fail. You have to fight the fight. You have to fight for the cause. The cause will go on. People will depart the stage. Webster departed; Lincoln departed; many people have departed the stage of running the United States of America—or even the world, Churchill—but others must step up. Maybe they don't step up quite at the level of the ones who are following but they step up.

That is why America must go on. I want 500 years from now the Senator from Alabama—Senator THURMOND might be here—but Senator SESSIONS and I won't—I want those two Senators from New Hampshire and Alabama to be here on this floor in this great country, still the free country it is, having good debates just as we have done so many times.

There are so many things one gets the opportunity to do as a Senator. What I have enjoyed the most is helping people, constituent service, working every day with people in the State. Somebody lost their medal that they deserved from World War II or perhaps they are trying to get a child from another country. We do these things every day. That is what I enjoy the most. That is what I will miss the most. I remember a young man who had leukemia. He was dying. He called my office and said his dream was to see a space launch at Cape Canaveral. He could not afford to go and he was very sick. I made it happen and arranged with NASA to have him go and see the space launch. He came back home and died. It is little things such as that. We did not ask for any press on it. Those are the things that I will remember.

When you say you are a strong conservative—and people want to lock you in as somebody who does not care or who is not compassionate—I like to help people who sometimes cannot help themselves. Captain McVeigh, the Navy captain of the U.S.S. *Indianapolis*, who was wronged, who eventually committed suicide because of a terrible ordeal he went through where he was unfairly blamed for the loss of his ship, we cleared his name, thanks to the help of Senator JOHN WARNER, the

chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Fighting so many issues—the POW/MIA, dealing with families of those people; serving as the chairman of the Ethics Committee, in the Senate, chosen by all of you to have that high honor—I could go on and on—chairing the Environment and Public Works Committee.

I believe I came here on principle. My motto was Jimmy Stewart's in the movie "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington." He went to right a wrong. They were going to flood some Boy Scout camp with a big dam. He came down and stopped it. That kind of ambition and enthusiasm and concern about your fellow man is what I brought here. I came with principle.

I came here to Congress under Ronald Reagan. I am a Reagan Republican. I am leaving the Congress a Reagan Republican—a Republican who stands on his platform, who runs on that platform, not away from the platform. And, yes, that includes the right-to-life, that includes the right to protect the second amendment, that includes cutting taxes and spending and living within your means, helping our veterans, a strong national defense. That is what it means. That is our platform. I don't run from it. I don't run from it here in the Senate; I never have. That may be one of the reasons why I am leaving—involuntarily.

A friend of mine, Mel Thompson, the former Governor of New Hampshire, said you stand for something or you stand for nothing. I can proudly say I have tried to stand up for what I believe in while I have been here.

It has been a great honor, the highest honor of my life, to be here, to serve here, to make the friends I have made here. I will never, ever forget it.

I say thank you in closing to several members of my staff. I know some have come onto the floor today since it is my last speech, unless I come back again—you never know. I appreciate them, and I ask unanimous consent that a list of my staff, both on the Environment and Public Works Committee and my personal staff, be printed in the RECORD to honor their service to our country.

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

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS SMITH
STAFF

David Conover, Chris Hessler, Martin Hall, Alex Johnson, Melinda Cross, Chelsea Maxwell, Angelina Giancarlo, Kristy Rose, Erin Hass, Genevieve Erny, Paul Jensen, Suzanne Matwyshen-Gillen, Michele Nellenbach, James Qualters, Megan Stanley, Nathan Richmond, Patricia Doerr, and Emma Dabson.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. I single out three or four people. My chief of staff, Pat Petty, who is no longer my chief of staff, but who served me for about 15 years, I recognize his service to the Senate, to the country. My current chief of staff, Dino Carluccio, who

started in my office as basically an intern and went off to Europe to study in Italy sent me a note saying: You need me in your office. And I remember saying to my current chief, my chief of staff at the time, anybody who has that much self-confidence we ought to hire. We did. Now he is the chief of staff. He worked his way up in the true sense of the word. He is a great American.

Lisa Harrison worked for one of my opponents in my primary, the first primary, the first time I won in 1984. She was working for the other guy, but I liked her. I thought she had a good personality, she was smart, and she was one of the few people on the other campaigns who said hello to me when I walked into the room. She got a job and has been with me for 18 years and is one of the best communication directors in the Senate.

Ed Corrigan, my legislative director, has been with me for 10 years, a real conservative, committed guy. He knows the rules of the Senate, inside and out, a great American, great patriot.

And Dave Conover, who is my chief of staff at the Environment and Public Works Committee, has done an outstanding job there. We had a great run for a year and a half. We preserved the Everglades and passed brownfields and MTBE legislation and other bills to make our air, land, water, and our wildlife habitat cleaner.

I am proud to have served with them all. I had two people in my State staff, Dorothy Vatz and Marti Jones, who have served with me for 18 years, all 18 years I have been here. One is retiring and the other is leaving to do other things.

It has been an honor to serve here—again, the highest honor of my life. I will never forget it. I am not sure what comes next, but as has been said many times, Chaplain Lloyd Ogilvie has said it a number of times to me, God closes one door and he opens another. He did close one, I am sure of that. The other one is not yet open, but we will find it.

Having mentioned the chaplain, there is no finer person in the entire world than Lloyd Ogilvie. He is one of the most Christian men and such an inspiration to all of us in the Senate, a friendship I will have with me forever.

I say thank you to all my colleagues and friends and others I have made here, and thank you to the people of New Hampshire for allowing me the privilege of serving you in this body and in the House of Representatives for 18 years.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader.

SENATOR ROBERT C. SMITH

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, before Senator SMITH leaves the floor, I would like to say a few words about our colleague and my good friend.

First, I thank Senator SMITH for his service to New Hampshire and to our

country and also thank him for his friendship and support over the years. We have been friends. We have been supporters of each other.

I can remember many occasions when I was in leadership roles—which he supported me for—I went to him and asked for his help and sometimes it was not even an issue on which it was easy for him to be supportive. Sometimes it affected my own State. Sometimes it affected the country. But I don't remember a time—when it was the right thing to do—when I asked for his help for our country, or even for my State, that he didn't come through and stand with me. I appreciate that very much.

Sometimes the people who help you the most get the least credit, get the least participation in the spoils, so to speak. And sometimes you just forget to say thank you. Sometimes I am guilty of that.

In the last 2 weeks, I have been in such a euphoric mood, I am calling people, all the way back to my fourth grade teacher, to thank them. I am in a very grateful and humble mood. I think I should say that to my friend from New Hampshire, too. I haven't sidled up to him enough and said: You are a good Senator and you are a good friend and thank you for all the good work that you have done. But I believe that and I mean it.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. I thank the Senator.

Mr. LOTT. I won't ever forget it. I wish you and Mary Jo happiness and success. I believe you will have it. I believe you will find that life after the Senate can be quite nice. In fact, I get a little agitated sometimes when I run into our former colleagues who are now ambassadors and businessmen and businesswomen. They are making money. They are rested and they are tanned and they have new suits and new ties.

Wait a minute, why didn't you look this way when you were in the Senate?

They say: Hey, it's not too bad out there in the real world.

This is a tough job. There are a lot of demands, a lot of things you want to do for your constituents. I know you will find a way to be a productive citizen and will be able to do some things with your family and wife and children you didn't have the opportunity to do before. I certainly hope for that. We look forward to staying in touch with you. We will think about you and say a prayer for you along the way.

I want to particularly note your service to our country on the Armed Services Committee on defense issues. Once again, I know some stories about Senator BOB SMITH that a lot of others don't know, things that you did on that committee for a weapons system or for a project. It didn't necessarily affect your State, but it was right for our country. You deserve credit for that.

You did do some good things for the environment. A lot of people say: Oh, Republicans, you know, they are not going to do anything about clean air,

clean water, environmental cleanup. In fact, that is not true. But we want to do it with common sense. Senator SMITH did some good things in that position he held on the Environment and Public Works Committee as chairman—and when you were in the minority, too.

You have done good work for your State—an interesting State; a great State, I think. Sometimes they show great wisdom. Other times, you know, you wonder about it—kind of like my own constituency, how they vote. But I think you have reflected them quite well and reflected credit on them.

I said some things about you last Thursday night at an event that you weren't able to attend, but I want to respond to your comments here today. As I said for others, you can leave here and know that you fought the good fight, you finished the race in good fashion, and you have been a good and true servant for your people and for your country.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Senator LOTT, if you would yield for just a second, I thank you for your friendship and your leadership. I am glad to see you back in the majority. I know you will make good use of it.

I will miss not being here to help you, but I will be rooting for you on the outside, as you know.

You did mention family. I think it is important for all of us to reflect and understand, without my wife Mary Jo and my daughter, Jennifer, and my sons, Bobby and Jason—without their support over the years, it would not have been possible. You know how difficult this job is, living in a fishbowl. We all have our families to thank, so I want to pay a special tribute to my family for supporting me all these years and loving me and still loving me after all of this.

I thank you again, leader, for your remarks.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER). The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I want to share with you my admiration for BOB SMITH. I think it was Phil Gramm who repeated recently what he said not long after Paul Coverdell's death: If you love somebody, you ought to tell them you love them. Sometimes you are too late.

I love BOB SMITH. I so respect what he stands for. He stood for the future. He has been an historian. He knows the past. He has called on our military to transform itself, to meet the new challenges in the world. He has understood, with great clarity, that we do need control in space. That was a remarkable address that all of us ought to take to heart about the future this Nation has in space.

I remember at one of our Armed Services Committee hearings, Secretary Rumsfeld was up for confirmation and was asked, critically: Well, you don't mean we are going to have war in space, do you, Mr. Rumsfeld?

Without hesitation he said: We have had war on the ground, we have had war on the water, we have had war in the air—and, yes, we are going to have war in space, and we need to be prepared to win it.

One of the great technological advances we have is the ability to control space. That enables us to control the battlefield. Senator SMITH has absolutely been the strongest advocate in this Senate, and probably maybe in the House, for the vision that we have to prepare ourselves to be able to maintain domination in space. He did it for one reason—because he cares about our men and women in uniform. He wants them to be able to prevail on the battlefield. He does not want them to be subject to attacks controlled by enemy space power; to have our men and women in uniform suffer. Everything he has done in the committee has been so focused on strengthening and bettering the lives of our men and women in uniform.

He mentioned the POWs. He has absolutely been the strongest advocate in the Senate, consistently—in committee, when no public and no press is there—always pushing for the families and the lives of our prisoners of war. I think it has been a remarkable commitment in that one area in which I have seen him lead.

I was on the EPW Committee when Senator SMITH wrote the brownfields legislation. It was good legislation and we should have passed it. I was naive and I was stunned that we couldn't get that passed. I guess it was the trial lawyers because it eliminated all the money we are spending on lawsuits and focused it on cleaning up instead of litigation. The litigation lobby ended up blocking the bill. I know it must have been a great frustration to Senator SMITH who worked so hard on a bill that would have been tremendously beneficial to the environment.

My perspective here is this: There has not been a Senator who has more purity of purpose, more fidelity of commitment to the values that make America great. He loves this country. As an historian himself, he understands this country and its greatness. He has felt an obligation, while in this body, to do everything he can to further and strengthen the country that he believes in so greatly. He has never been part of the "blame America first" crowd. He has believed in the validity of the American dream and the positive impact of America on the world. He was here during the collapse of the Soviet Union, the fall of the wall, and I will tell you one thing: BOB SMITH was on the side of freedom every step of the way.

He recognized the "evil empire" was evil. He did not appreciate it. He valued our values, and he fought for them. I know that must have been a special time for him and the man he admired so much, Ronald Reagan.

He stood for the elimination of partial-birth abortion, a most horrible

procedure. When he first raised that here in this body, people were offended that he would talk about such things. But as the years went by, the vote grew and people began to realize just how right he was, and just how horrible that procedure was. We had, virtually—we had a substantial majority vote the last time we voted on it, not quite making it law, but we had a big step in that direction. That was a courageous thing. Even the AMA has come around to agreement with Senator SMITH, the American Medical Association.

So it is a pleasure for me to be here today to share a few words about a man with whom I have worked closely, who I have admired, who has the courage to stand for his convictions—but always in the way of a gentleman, always not acting in a way that would offend, but standing for what he believes in and for America. Senator SMITH, we appreciate your service, and God bless you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

SENATE TRADITION

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, this is the final day of the 107th Congress. As Senate tradition has it, it is the day that is normally reserved for passage of resolutions that express genuine sentiment and reflect what we hope will be a comity that can be part of the environment as we begin the new session of the 108th Congress. So I will propound a series of unanimous consent requests to address these resolutions, beginning with S. Res. 361.

TENDERING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 361 submitted earlier today by the majority leader and the Republican leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 361) tendering the thanks of the Senate to the Vice President for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without any intervening action.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 361) was agreed to.

The resolution reads as follows:

S. RES. 361

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in

which he has presided over its deliberations during the second session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

TENDERING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 362, submitted earlier today by the majority and Republican leaders.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 362) tendering the thanks of the Senate to the President pro tempore for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening action.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 362) was agreed to.

The resolution reads as follows:

S. RES. 362

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President pro tempore of the Senate, for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the second session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I will have more to say about this later on. But I think it is important to note we had two President pro tempores of the Senate in the 107th Congress—Senator STROM THURMOND, who will be retiring, and Senator ROBERT C. BYRD, who will certainly not be retiring.

I want to acknowledge the deep affection this body holds for both men. Last night, Senator THURMOND made his final comments on the floor, and, spontaneously, Senators broke out in applause.

This morning as I read the New York Times, on the front page was a colored picture of the current President pro tempore and a very laudatory article about his contributions to the debate on homeland defense.

In their own way, both Senators have left indelible marks on this body. Their leadership, their stature, and their extraordinary contributions are not only appreciated, but I would say revered.

I personally want to express my heartfelt thanks to both leaders for all they have done and for all they have meant to the Members of this body, especially during the 107th Congress.

EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 363 submitted earlier today by the majority leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 363) to commend the exemplary leadership of the Republican Leader.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table without intervening action.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 363) was agreed to.

The resolution reads as follows:

S. RES. 363

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Republican Leader, the Senator from Mississippi, the Honorable Trent Lott, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the second session of the 107th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader.

EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 364 submitted earlier today by the Republican leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 364) to commend the exemplary leadership of the Majority Leader.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening action.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 364) was agreed to.

The resolution reads as follows:

S. RES. 364

Resolved, that the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Majority Leader, the Senator from South Dakota, the Honorable Thomas A. Daschle, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the second session of the 107th Congress.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if I could inquire of the majority leader, would it be appropriate at this point for me to perhaps respond to some of the resolutions and have a few remarks before I yield the floor back to him to do whatever he would like to do in terms of concluding his remarks today?