

Over the next 21 years, he was detailed a number of times to both the House and the Senate.

Fifteen years ago, the Senate was fortunate enough to convince Tom to join us full-time, as member of the Office of the Senate Enrolling Clerk. Since 1995, he has headed that office and served this institution with great distinction.

"Enrolling clerk" is one of those curious Senate titles that even devoted C-SPAN watchers might have a hard time defining.

It is the enrolling clerk's responsibility to proofread and prepare for printing every page of legislation the Senate passes, and then transmit those pages to the House of Representatives, the National Archives, the Secretary of State, the United States Claims Court, and the White House.

It is also the enrolling clerk who transmits Senate messages to the House, and arranges for the delivery of all Senate-enrolled bills and resolutions to the White House.

The job demands diligence, intelligence, enormous attention to detail and often incredibly long hours.

When legislation needs to be moved quickly to the House, or prepared for preconferecing, the enrolling clerk and his staff work until the job is done.

I know that, many times, Tom has had only enough time to go home and take a shower before coming right back to face another workday. He and his staff have also worked through weekends, recesses, and holidays, and they have done so without a word of complaint.

As enrolling clerk, Tom worked closely with the Secretary of the Senate and the Senate Legislative Counsel's Office to establish policies regarding the proper form and language of legislation.

He also worked with the Legislative Counsel's Office to develop software that will soon allow the enrolling clerks and legislative counsel offices to share data electronically. These projects—and others—will ensure that Tom's influence will continue to be felt in the Senate for years to come.

As some know, Tom was actually scheduled to retire 16 months ago but he stayed on to help train his successor and ensure a smooth transition. That's how committed he is to this Senate.

More than once in these last 16 months, Tom has reminded his successor, "We need to be 100 percent right, not just 99.9 percent." In 36 years of service to the people of the United States, Tom Lundregan has held himself to that same high standard. With Tom, there is no such thing as "good enough for government work."

We could not have a Government "of the people, by the people and for the people" without the extraordinary devotion and skill of people such as Tom. He is a public servant in the best sense of that term and an important and valued member of our Senate family.

Today, on the occasion of Tom's well-deserved retirement, I join the rest of

the Senate family in thanking Tom. I also want to thank Tom's wife Yanjie Xu for sharing her husband with the Senate at least 16 months longer than she had planned.

We wish them well as they finally begin those travels they have looked forward to for so long, and we want them to know that they take with them the thanks, admiration, and best wishes of the entire Senate.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would also like to spread across the Record of the Senate our congratulations and appreciation for the work that Tom has contributed to this institution. Especially late in the session, when we are at home, he and the other enrolling clerk are working long, long hours after we have left, long after we have left, very tedious, very difficult, but a very important job to make sure the work we do here winds up in the final record—in the law books, in effect—the way it is supposed to be. It is an art that has been developed over these many years, and we are very appreciative of all that Tom Lundregan has done for not only the Senate but the country.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD at the appropriate place.

The resolution (S. Res. 347) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 347

Whereas in 1967, Thomas J. Lundregan became an employee of the Government Printing Office, and since then has devoted his career to the service of the United States Government;

Whereas in 1989, Thomas J. Lundregan joined the Office of the Enrolling Clerk in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate;

Whereas in 1995, Thomas J. Lundregan became the Enrolling Clerk of the Senate and has always performed the duties of that office with great dedication, perseverance, and humor;

Whereas Thomas J. Lundregan has performed a critical role in ensuring the technical accuracy and legal sufficiency of legislation passed by the Senate;

Whereas Thomas J. Lundregan has been in the forefront of the modernization of the operations of the Senate Enrolling Clerk;

Whereas Thomas J. Lundregan has faithfully discharged the difficult duties and responsibilities of Enrolling Clerk of the United States Senate with great pride, energy, efficiency, dedication, integrity, and professionalism;

Whereas Thomas J. Lundregan has earned the respect, affection, and esteem of his colleagues and the United States Senate;

Whereas Thomas J. Lundregan has for 36 years ably and faithfully upheld the high standards and traditions of service to the United States Government; and

Whereas Thomas J. Lundregan will retire from the United States Senate on April 30, 2004, with 36 years of Service to the United States Government and 15 years Service to the United States Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate commends Thomas J. Lundregan for his exemplary service to the United States Senate and the Nation, and wishes to express its deep appreciation and gratitude for his long, faithful, and outstanding service, and extends its very best wishes upon his retirement.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Thomas J. Lundregan.

AUTHORIZING USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 376.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statement relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 376) was agreed to.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 4181

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 4181 is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4181) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the marriage penalty relief provided under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for its second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under rule XIV, object to further proceedings on this matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The measure will remain at the desk and receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2370

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that S. 2370 is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2370) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for its second reading and, in order to place the bill

on the calendar under rule XIV, object to further proceedings on this matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will remain at the desk for its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on Monday, May 3. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and following the time for the two leaders, the Senate then begin a period for morning business for up to 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; provided that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 381, S. 1637, the FSC/ETI JOBS bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, on Monday following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the FSC/ETI JOBS bill. The chairman and the ranking member of the Finance Committee have already worked through a number of amendments, and they will be here on Monday to continue processing those amendments. There will be no rollcall votes on Monday, but Senators are encouraged to come to the floor to offer and debate their amendments. Any rollcall votes ordered on Monday will be set aside to occur on Tuesday.

Mr. President, we began this week 4 days ago with the objective of taking up the Internet bill and, indeed, several hours ago passed a 4-year extension of an expired moratorium with protection of DSL and protection of broadband. In this bill, we address voice over Internet protocol. Also in the bill we reserve the right of States to collect the traditional telecom taxes.

It was a long 4 days in order to accomplish this end, but it really took a lot of work from both sides of the aisle. There were a number of our colleagues who participated. I will mention a few, recognizing that there are many that I leave out. We tried once before to bring this bill to the floor and had to come back to it, but we were successful this time under Senator McCain's tremendous leadership. I will mention Senators ALLEN, WYDEN, LOTT, ALEXANDER, VOINOVICH, ENZI, FEINSTEIN, DORGAN, SUNUNU, and STEVENS, and the list goes on.

I appreciate the manner in which everyone handled this bill and allowed for the issues to come forward. I was so pleased that at the end of this week we accomplished what we set out to do.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I

ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the comments of Senator MURKOWSKI.

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

The Senator from Alaska is recognized.

CAROL LEE GHO'S SELECTION TO THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I appreciate the indulgence for a few minutes to say a few quick words about a fellow Alaskan.

It will come as no surprise to anyone in this body that I have expressed some concerns about the feasibility of implementing the No Child Left Behind legislation in the remote villages of rural Alaska. Descendants of the first peoples of Alaska, Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts, make up most of the inhabitants of these villages.

Last year, I brought Secretary Paige to rural Alaska so that he could fully comprehend the challenges of educating children in the villages. It is clear to me, and I believe it became clear to the Secretary, that our national education policy must be informed by the experiences of parents, teachers, and school administrators on the ground if it is to be effective. The Secretary must not only know what is going on in the classrooms of our largest cities but also in the farthest corners of our Nation. When it comes to educating our children, one size does not fit all, and nobody knows this better than an experienced classroom teacher.

I was pleased to learn that President Bush has selected an exemplary Alaska classroom teacher to work with Secretary Paige in the improvement of educational opportunities for American Indian and Alaska native students. I am speaking of Carol Lee Gho, of Fairbanks, AK, who will soon join the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

Carol was raised in the rural Alaska villages of Lake Minchumina and Manley Hot Springs. Her mother was Inupiaq Eskimo from the village of Wainwright. After graduating from Brigham Young University with a major in mathematics, she began her teaching career at the junior high school level in California, Utah and Arizona.

In 1984, 11 years after leaving the classroom to raise a family, Carol resumed her teaching duties in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. She taught in the Fairbanks district continuously until her retirement in June 2003.

Carol loved teaching and she is fondly remembered for her work as a math teacher at Lathrop High School. However, she also takes great pride in the 3 years she taught at Howard Luke Academy, an alternative high school. During those 3 years, the performance

of her students in mathematics improved dramatically.

Carol has been actively involved with the Association of Interior Native Educators. She served on their Board of Directors for over 7 years and was President from 1999 until 2002. She has also been a leader of the Fairbanks Native Association and has served as an advisor to the Alaska Department of Education.

Carol dreamed that after retirement she would have an opportunity to focus more of her attention on making classroom curriculum relevant to Native students. I am gratified that the President has made it possible for Carol to fulfill this desire. As a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, Carol will have an opportunity to influence the quality of education enjoyed by American Indian and Alaska Native students for generations to come.

I wish Carol great success in her new role and look forward to working closely with her on matters of education policy in the coming years.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004 AT 1 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Monday, May 3, at 1 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:24 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 3, 2004, at 1 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 29, 2004:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOYCE A. BARR, OF WASHINGTON, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA.

WILLIAM R. BROWNFIELD, OF TEXAS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA.

JUNE CARTER PERRY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO.

CHARLES P. RIES, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO GREECE.

R. BARRIE WALKLEY, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GABONESE REPUBLIC, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

EDWARD BREHM, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 13, 2007, VICE CECIL JAMES BANKS, TERM EXPIRED.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. ROBERT D. PAPAK, 0000