

CHUCK HAGEL

Mr. President, for the past 12 years, I have had the privilege of serving in the Senate with my friend CHUCK HAGEL. Upon his retirement from the Senate, I wanted to take a moment to tell him how much he will be dearly missed. CHUCK HAGEL will be missed not just by his colleagues in the Senate, but also by those Americans for whom he is dedicated his career to fight while serving in Washington, DC.

Although we sit on opposite sides of the aisle, I have found myself standing with Senator HAGEL on numerous occasions. Just in the past couple of years, we have fought for increased pay for our troops, establishing a center dedicated to the rehabilitation, treatment, and research of servicemembers blinded in combat, and advocating for additional mental health care resources for servicemembers returning from combat.

Because of Senator HAGEL's dedication to stand up for those who have fought for our country, we have a modernized GI bill. We have a GI bill that more accurately reflects the sacrifices that our men and women in uniform are making. A modernized benefits package that will cover the majority of tuition costs for our returning servicemembers, and I was proud to stand with him in that effort as well.

His service to our country has been truly admirable. Senator HAGEL has had a truly remarkable career representing the State of Nebraska. I thank him for his service to our country. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

JOHN WARNER

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, my friend JOHN WARNER, the very distinguished gentleman from Virginia, has decided to retire from the Senate after 30 years of exemplary service.

JOHN and I were sworn in as Senators on the same day. While our paths had crossed a few times before becoming Members of this body, we became good friends and neighbors as well as competitors on the tennis courts.

Before JOHN was elected to the Senate, he had achieved national prominence as the Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. He also had served as Secretary of the Navy.

As a Senator, JOHN has served prominently as chairman of the Armed Services Committee where he worked effectively on shipbuilding issues that were important to both of our States.

JOHN WARNER has served with great distinction in the Senate. He has earned the respect of all Senators because of his stewardship and his sense of responsibility for our national security interests, which he has done so much to protect.

The Senate, the State of Virginia, and the Nation will greatly miss having the benefit of JOHN WARNER's steady hand at the helm.

WAYNE ALLARD

Mr. President, it has been a genuine pleasure to serve in this body with the

distinguished Senator from Colorado, WAYNE ALLARD. He has made significant contributions through his thoughtful and effective leadership for the betterment of our country.

He has brought to the challenge of public service a seriousness of purpose and sense of responsibility to do this job well, not for personal aggrandizement but for the improvement of our national security and our Nation's economy.

In the process, he has reflected credit on his State of Colorado and his family. His personal qualities of humility and trustworthiness have aided him as he has worked to contribute to the quality of this legislation we have enacted.

WAYNE ALLARD is one of the most respected Members of this body. He is also one of the best like Senators. We are certainly going to miss having the benefit of his leadership.

We wish him well in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MARTIN AND SEIBERT L.C.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of the most upstanding and intellectually accomplished law firms in the country on its historic 100 years in practice. Yes, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the premier regional law firm of Martin and Seibert L.C., which has offices in Martinsburg and Charleston, WV, Winchester, VA, and Hagerstown, MD. The firm, founded in 1908, offers an extraordinarily high level of professional, competent, and courteous service. Nestled in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia and surrounding environs, it is respected throughout the area. I would like to ask my esteemed colleague, Senator ROCKEFELLER, if he shares my appreciation of the unique history and many accomplishments of this exemplary firm?

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Let me assure the Senator that I am very well aware of the numerous and considerable contributions that have been made by the law firm of Martin and Seibert L.C. over the past century. The grandfather of one of the firm's current top partners, Clarence E. Martin III, was an American original. The first Clarence E. Martin was what one might call "the real deal." Not only an astonishing legal mind, he was also a pioneer, a leader, and was knighted by two Popes for his service to the church and community, a tradition that has been carried on by subsequent members of the firm. Clarence E. Martin not only founded Martin and Seibert L.C., but was one of only two West Virginians, and the only practicing West Virginia lawyer ever, to serve as president of the American Bar Association, ABA, from 1932 to 1933.

Martin and Seibert L.C. has grown surely and steadily over the past century. Clarence Martin founded the firm along with Cleveland M. Seibert. These

two men brought national attention to West Virginia, and the solid foundation they built for Martin & Seibert, L.C. remains evident today. The firm constantly strives to provide both the best possible service for its clients, and responsible leadership for its community.

Mr. BYRD. I know that my esteemed colleague, Senator ROCKEFELLER, joins me in taking this opportunity to congratulate Martin and Seibert L.C. on the 100th anniversary of the establishment of their firm. May God grant them many more years of success and service to the people of West Virginia and surrounding localities.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PRIVATE JORDAN P. THIBEAULT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to PVT Jordan P. Thibault of South Jordan, UT, who recently lost his life in Iraq while serving with the 1st Armored Division.

I believe it is my solemn duty to learn about the lives of those Utah servicemembers who have fallen in the defense of our Nation.

Looking back on the 7 years of this conflict, I have always been stuck by theses remarkable men and women. Such is the case with PVT Jordan Thibault.

He is remembered by the Utah community as a young man who grew up loving to ride bikes, act in plays, and known as a helpful and hard-working young man.

I was struck by the words of his family who released a statement on their son's passing. So I will take this opportunity to share with the Senate the moving words from the Thibault family:

Mankind today is faced with terrible calamities. Only a select few are willing to forgo comforts of home, indeed the very promise of a brighter future, to place themselves between the forces of hate and oppression and the human spirit yearning for peace and safety . . . [Jordan Thibault's] passing should give hope to all that there are still those among us who are willing to give the ultimate sacrifice to keep mankind safe and free.

Mr. President, no truer words have been spoken on the floor of the Senate. Those eloquent words are not only a wonderful tribute but firm evidence of the quality of the family that raised such a fine man.

MAJOR GENERAL RANDALL D. MOSLEY

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague Senator TESTER, to recognize MG Randall D. Mosley, Adjutant General for the great state of Montana. MG Randall D. Mosley has served our Nation and the State of Montana for over 38 years and has recently retired. The Montana Guard was established in 1889. Since then, few adjutant generals have faced as many challenges as Major General Mosley. We Montanans were so lucky to have such a great citizen soldier at the helm of our National Guard. I want to take a few moments to recount the career of this great Montanan.

General Mosley's career is a model of public service and serves an example for all those in the military. He never backed down to any challenging issue, of which he had many. During his tenure, duty called several thousand Montana National Guard members to Iraq and Afghanistan. The deployments put great strains on the soldiers and airmen that answered the call, as well as the families of the soldiers that stayed at home. General Mosley worked tirelessly before, during, and after each deployment to support his troops and their families.

General Mosley understood that troops returning home from overseas need the support of the whole community. General Mosley worked to improve community awareness of the challenges troops face upon returning from combat. As it became clear that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were creating new forms of injuries, he led an overhaul of Montana's postdeployment health reassessment program. General Mosley put together a task force with community leaders from around the state. The task force developed better ways to care for his troops as they returned home.

Thanks to General Mosley's leadership, the Montana National Guard has one of the best yellow-ribbon programs in the country. It is a model for the rest of the nation to follow. Improved mental health care is now available to Montana's guardsmen and their families. The Guard offers training workshops to help troops transition back to

everyday life. Montanans are truly grateful to General Mosley for his leadership on this critical issue.

I now yield to my colleague from Montana, Senator TESTER.

Mr. TESTER. Thank you, Senator BAUCUS. General Mosley really does embody what the National Guard is all about—the citizen soldier. For 35 years he wore the uniform of his country with great pride and honor. But he also takes tremendous pride in being from the State of Montana.

General Mosley's leadership also has been recognized well beyond Montana's borders. He worked with United States Central Command for over 14 years to develop Montana's partnership with the country of Kyrgyzstan. The partnership has blossomed. Leaders in Kyrgyzstan have learned many of the skills and knowledge they need to secure their country's democratic future. General Mosley also worked to help the Kyrgyzstan military develop a non-commissioned officer cadre. These leaders will help Kyrgyzstan train and lead their soldiers now and in the future. Montana's partnership with Kyrgyzstan helped their leaders improve the cooperation between military and civilian authorities. In large measure because of General Mosley's efforts, Kyrgyzstan's military has developed strong ties with our military and has rapidly advanced to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

General Mosley's career reminds us all of the value of public service. We Montanans are deeply indebted to him.

He is an outstanding ambassador for the citizens of Montana and the men and women of the Montana National Guard. He will be deeply missed, but we wish him well in retirement and we thank him for a lifetime of service to our State and our Nation.

DEFICIT IMPACTS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I have additional information to include in the RECORD that helps illustrate a point I made at the end of my speech yesterday regarding the comparative deficit impacts of the McCain and OBAMA tax and spending plans.

I noted that Senator OBAMA proposes to increase the national debt by a staggering \$1.31 trillion more than Senator McCain over the next 10 years. This table illustrates that Senator OBAMA's combined annual tax and spending plan increases the deficit more than Senator McCain's on a cumulative basis beginning in 2009 and continuing each year thereafter over 10 years.

Once again, this data raises the question whether Senator OBAMA is serious about reducing our national debt by returning to responsible fiscal policies. Senator McCain will need to expand on this point as well.

I ask unanimous consent that this table be printed in the RECORD.

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

TOTAL DEFICIT IMPACT OF OBAMA AND MCCAIN TAX AND SPENDING PROPOSALS

(In billions of dollars)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2009-18
Obama Deficit Impact											
Revenue	\$10	\$84	\$230	\$309	\$333	\$352	\$372	\$394	\$418	\$445	\$2,948
Spending	293	293	293	293	293	293	293	293	293	293	2,930
Additional Revenue Loss	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	71	705
Total	374	448	594	673	696	715	735	758	782	808	6,582
Cumulative	374	822	1,415	2,088	2,784	3,499	4,234	4,992	5,774	6,582
McCain Deficit Impact											
Revenue	109	152	326	439	452	403	487	547	601	655	4,170
Spending	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	924
Additional Revenue Loss	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	145
Total	215	259	433	546	558	510	594	654	708	762	5,240
Cumulative	215	475	908	1,454	2,012	2,522	3,116	3,770	4,478	5,240

ACCESSION OF ALBANIA AND CROATIA TO THE NATO ALLIANCE

Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, I welcome last week's vote in the Senate ratifying the protocols on the accession of Albania and Croatia to the NATO Alliance. The membership of these two countries will strengthen the Alliance, contribute to the stability of the Balkans, and reinforce democracy in the region. Less than 15 years after NATO sent peacekeeping troops to the Balkans to halt a bloody war, it is a tribute to these nations' commitment to reforms that we are today one step closer to extending our Alliance and solidifying the peace. Albania and Croatia will strengthen the Alliance by providing more capability to help meet NATO's broader security missions. All NATO member states should be encouraged to ratify the accession agreement

for Albania and Croatia so that they can formally join the Alliance at NATO's 60th anniversary summit next April.

IDENTIFICATION OF SERGEANT TIMOTHY J. JACOBSEN

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to SGT Timothy J. Jacobsen, a soldier from my home State of California who paid the ultimate price in service to our country in Vietnam.

On September 23, 2008—more than 33 years since the end of the Vietnam war—the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of SGT Jacobsen had been identified and would be returned to his family.

SGT Jacobsen grew up on a dairy ranch in Ferndale, CA—the fifth of

eight children born to Margie and Kermit Jacobsen. When his father started his own cattle ranch, SGT Jacobsen spent much of his free time working alongside him. He also started riding bulls at an early age, and by the time he was 18, he had become Humboldt County's top-rated bull rider.

In 1967 SGT Jacobsen's older brother Skip was drafted by the Army and sent to Vietnam. Not long after Skip returned, SGT Jacobsen was drafted and left his family to serve as a doorgunner in the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army.

On May 16, 1971, SGT Jacobsen was one of four United States soldiers and an unknown number of Republic of Vietnam marines aboard a helicopter on a combat assault mission near Hue, South Vietnam. As the helicopter touched down at the landing zone, it