

Does it make sense for the Federal Government to send Pell grants to schools that are spending more of that money on marketing than on education? Does it make sense for the Federal Government to guarantee loans to students who are given no realistic chance at the career they think they are training for?

We need to look carefully at this trend in for-profit schools. If enrollment has increased by 225 percent over 10 years, while \$4 billion in Federal dollars went to for-profit schools last year, and 40 percent of their students are defaulting on their loans . . . this may not make sense.

REMEMBERING SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, the death of Senator Robert Byrd is a tremendous loss to the Senate, the State of West Virginia, and the entire Nation. As the longest serving Member of Congress, his political career spanned multiple Presidencies, and he was a witness to countless American advances and achievements. He has served his state and our country for more than half a century, and he will be greatly missed.

Senator Byrd embodied the history and traditions of the Senate, and his incredible knowledge of our Constitution, Congress and the legislative process benefited every Member who served alongside him. I met with Senator Byrd when I was first elected to the Senate, and I will be forever grateful for his generosity and willingness to assist his colleagues.

I will always remember Senator Byrd as a committed public servant who was deeply devoted to his State and his country. He was known as the conscience of the Senate for his dedication to the body's history, legislative process and rules, serving as a principled legislator. He made many sacrifices to give his life to public service, and we owe a lot to Senator Byrd for this reason. I am deeply saddened by his passing and know he will be missed.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a colleague whose devotion to this body, and to this Nation, was personal, heartfelt and legendary. I am talking about none other than the senior senator from West Virginia, Senator Robert Byrd.

Senator Byrd's time on Earth was a life characterized by commitment. He exemplified this rare quality through his 70-year marriage to his high school sweetheart Erma James Byrd. But this was far from the only deep commitment in Senator Byrd's life. His dedication to the U.S. Senate was proved by his actions and his storied career. His life in the Senate began in 1958 with a victory that included 59 percent of the vote, the smallest margin of victory in Senator Byrd's half century-plus career. During his 57 years in Congress, Byrd worked with 12 future Presidents. He was known for telling his colleagues

that he did not serve under any Presidents, but alongside them.

In Senator Byrd's portrait in the Old Senate Chamber, his image is surrounded by his wife, the Bible, and the U.S. Constitution. This is only fitting, considering that Senator Byrd used references from the Bible and the U.S. Constitution in many of his speeches and in his everyday dealings with fellow lawmakers. In a speech by Senator Byrd on October 13, 1989, he said, "The Constitution is the old landmark which they have set. And if we do not rise to the call of the moment and take a stand, take a strong stand, against our own personal interests or against party interests, and stand for the Constitution, then how might we face our children and grandchildren when they ask of us as Caesar did to the centurion, 'How do we fare today?' and the centurion replied, 'You will be victorious. As for myself, whether I live or die, tonight I shall have earned the praise of Caesar.'"

I can say that Senator Byrd is deserving of the praise of West Virginians, and, indeed, all Americans, for his devotion to the Senate and to our Nation. He will be missed by his colleagues, and we are grateful for his life's work.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, no Senator has ever loved the institution of the U.S. Senate more than Senator Robert Byrd. I firmly believe that. He truly believed that the upper Chamber of Congress was the greatest deliberative body on Earth and he always strived to preserve its traditions and history for the generations to come as well as being the Senate's foremost instructor on Senate procedure and process.

I was able to be a "student" of Senator Byrd's instruction when we worked together in 2005 to preserve Senate rule XXII, commonly known as the "filibuster." Senator Byrd joined with me, along with six other Republican Senators and six Democrat Senators to form what became the "Gang of 14." During the meetings between these 14 Members, which were often held in my office, I fondly recall the silence that would overcome the room when Senator Byrd spoke about the history of the filibuster and the rights of the minority in the Senate. It is not often that 13 members of the Senate are quiet for any given period of time. But Senator Byrd's stature and intellect brought the room to a standstill.

Senator Byrd is remembered for being a strong majority leader and minority leader for his party. But as he reminded all of us during those meetings in my office, when he served as majority leader during President Reagan's time in office, Senator Byrd did not lead his Democratic caucus to filibuster any of President Reagan's judicial nominees. That was a different time with different leaders, but Senator Byrd's actions reflect his sincere desire for statesmanship and his respect for the President's nominees. His

speech on the Senate floor in 2005 regarding the filibuster reflected this desire when he said:

I rise today to make a request of my fellow Senators. In so doing, I reach out to all Senators on both sides of the aisle, respectful of the institution of the Senate and of the opinions of all Senators, respectful of the institution of the Presidency as well. I ask each Senator to pause for a moment and reflect seriously on the role of the Senate as it has existed now for 217 years, and on the role that it will play in the future if the so-called nuclear option or the so-called constitutional option—one in the same—is invoked. I implore Senators to step back—step back, step back, step back—from the precipice. Step back away from the cameras and the commentators and contemplate the circumstances in which we find ourselves. Things are not right, and the American people know that things are not right. The political discourse in our country has become so distorted, so unpleasant, so strident, so unbelievable . . .

He was not only a leader in 2005 against removing the judicial filibuster rule, he was a life-long leader in the Senate against allowing Senators to issue secret holds. His motives were noble, and he fought for its elimination until the end. In his final speech, entered into the RECORD but not delivered, he defended an individual Senator's right to block legislation in secret. "Our Founding Fathers intended the Senate," he lectured colleagues last month in one of his last appearances, to have "unlimited debate and the protection of minority rights."

Senator Byrd's respect for Senate rules and procedure were second only to his defense and passion for the Constitution. Because of his leadership, we were able to establish September 17 as Constitution Day. Now, annually, students across the country will learn about and celebrate the document that governs our Nation and hopefully understand the significance of this unparalleled document that has established freedom and sovereignty of our citizens for hundreds of years.

Senator Byrd spent practically all of his adult life serving the American people for which we are all grateful. Even when he disagreed with his peers in the Senate, he respected their intellect and views. I am honored to have served beside him. He once said, "On the great issues, the Senate has always been blessed with senators who were able to rise above party and consider first and foremost the national interest." I agree and hope the Senate continues to attract candidates who will rise above politics for the good of our country and who will appreciate the history of the institution as Senator Byrd did.

Senator Byrd gave his life to the service of his country and the Senate and the Nation will miss him and the important leadership and sense of history that he brought to this body every day.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today I would like to add to the heartfelt sentiments we have heard expressed by many colleagues and many more

around the country over these past several weeks in paying tribute to our departed colleague, Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia.

As an American, pondering what Senator Byrd has done, the history he has been a part of, and the path he took from the small towns of southern West Virginia's coalfields, is inspiring. From the perspective of a new Senator, I must say that the life and career of Senator Byrd is more than a little daunting. I have served just shy of 20 months, and I have voted in this Chamber slightly more than 600 times.

Those numbers seem like rounding errors compared to the numbers we have heard over the last several days in reference to the service of Senator Byrd: Elected to nine full terms, more than 51 years in the Senate—more than 4 years longer than the next longest serving Senator; he cast nearly 19,000 votes, 18,689, including 4,705 consecutive votes; he was twice majority leader; served also as Whip, conference secretary, minority leader, and President pro tempore; and he served on the Appropriations Committee continuously since being placed there in 1959 by then-majority leader Lyndon Johnson as a freshman in this body—more than 3 years before I was born and only about 2 weeks after Alaska became a State.

I am told by colleagues who served longer with Senator Byrd that while he was proud of those facts, the record he cherished the most was the time he spent with the love of his life, his childhood sweetheart and wife of 68 years, Erma. Senator Byrd was a man of deep faith, but from what I have heard of them as a couple, I do not doubt that all the glories of the after-life pale for Senator Byrd compared to rejoining Erma.

I came to the Senate too late to hear most of his greatest speeches, but when he spoke, whether it was about a funding bill or the wars that we continue to wage, you listened. We all felt a great sadness when Senator Kennedy died last year, but many of us probably came to appreciate the depth of the historical significance of his departure from this body months earlier when we heard and saw another of the great legislators in American history, Robert C. Byrd, weep openly and unabashedly as he paid tribute to his friend and colleague. My service with Senator Byrd was nowhere as lengthy as his with Senator Kennedy, but I am profoundly affected by the honor of knowing the man, even for these past 2 years.

In the short time we did serve together, I have still been able to learn from Senator Byrd. He was a statesman and a pillar of this institution, and a genuine historical figure that my son Jacob will learn about in school. But the thing that I will take from watching Senator Byrd that showed every day that we served together was that nothing was more important than the work he did for the people of the State that sent him here. All of us look

to the people of our States for guidance on the matters of the day, and certainly Senator Byrd was attuned to the thoughts of the people of West Virginia. But there was more to it than just knowing what the people of his State thought.

His whole career was about making West Virginia a better place, expanding its infrastructure, educating its people, supporting its industries, and providing the circumstances in which economic development could take root and flourish. Improving the lives of the people of his State was what motivated Senator Byrd to come here almost 19,000 times for votes on any number of issues.

As I think of the impact Senator Byrd's career has had on West Virginia, I cannot help but think of the similarities between our two States. Alaska and West Virginia are both mostly rural, energy-producing States with pockets of intractable poverty. It is a mark of respect for his success at changing the world for the better that West Virginia has fewer poverty-stricken residents, and that remote regions of his state are less difficult to travel to and from than when Senator Byrd was first elected to Congress. He was an ardent supporter of the Appalachian Regional Commission, ARC, which was created to help solve the problems of poverty and hopelessness in his State by upgrading insufficient public infrastructure, building and maintaining educational facilities, and providing access to public and private sector assistance to improve health care, foster economic development and diversity, and provide opportunities for the people of the region beyond energy extraction and the few other traditional industries that existed there.

It is no surprise that when my predecessor, Senator Ted Stevens, was looking for a way to improve the lives of Alaskans, he saw in the ARC that his close friend and colleague, Senator Byrd, had worked so hard to support a model for the Denali Commission that he believed could create similar hope and opportunity in our State. My colleagues and I in the Alaska congressional delegation today are just as dedicated to the potential the Denali Commission represents for our State. We can only hope to have as much positive impact on the lives of Alaskans as Senator Byrd had with those of the West Virginians he was so proud to represent.

I do not have as many great stories about Senator Byrd as many of our other colleagues, but I will close with observations about the man, hard at work doing what he knew was right for his people, which inspired me. As the Senate worked to reform the Nation's health care system last year, a number of votes were late at night or early in the morning, and as many will remember, the weather last December was uncharacteristically cold and snowy. As an Alaskan and a relatively young man, getting to the Capitol during a blizzard was not a big ordeal. Watching

Senator Byrd, in his nineties and in obvious frail health, make his way to the Senate Chamber time and time again in his wheelchair, including for a final vote very early on the morning of Christmas Eve, was an inspiration. Seeing it then, and reflecting on it in the last several days, made me appreciate more fully the man's dedication to the people he served.

Every State deserves Senators with those motivations, and while I will always marvel at the man's encyclopedic knowledge of the Senate and countless other things, the thing I will emulate about the life and career of Robert C. Byrd, for however long the voters of Alaska choose to have me as their Senator, is that my job is to make the lives of Alaskans better.

I believe Senator Byrd would approve.

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, today I rise to speak about our Nation's longest serving Senator who dedicated his life to public service. Senator Byrd first came to the Senate the same year I was born, 1959, and I took office just a few months before he passed away. Though I did not have the opportunity to know him well, each day I learn more of his legacy and his impact on what he referred to as the Second Great Senate.

Robert Byrd was a staunch defender of the Constitution and the institution of the Senate. Many have told the story of how he carried his pocket Constitution in his jacket wherever he went to remind us all of that document's importance in making the laws of today. His speeches on the Senate floor were legendary and illustrated his devotion to the place where he served for more than 50 years.

In his role as a Senator from West Virginia, Robert Byrd worked tirelessly to modernize his State and end its economic isolation. But he did more than just serve his State. Robert Byrd's dedication to the complexity and the many traditions of the Senate was extraordinary. He was passionately, and often solely, committed to the Founders' wise intent that the Senate was to remain a bulwark against the power of the Presidency.

Through relentless effort, dedication, and commitment, Robert Byrd rose from humble beginnings to become one of our Nation's most skilled legislators. I thank him for his many years of public service in representing West Virginia and our Nation. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends as they mourn his great loss.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my sincere condolences following the passing of my friend and colleague, Senator Robert C. Byrd. This is obviously the end of an era. Senator Byrd has seen the landing of man on the Moon, the passage of the Civil Rights Act, the resignation of one President and the impeachment trial of another, and countless other significant and historical landmarks during his unparalleled Senate career.

Each of us has his or her own memories of Senator Byrd's kindness and devotion to the Senate as an institution. The place will not be the same without him.

My wife Joyce and I extend our deepest condolences to his daughters and the entire Byrd family.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to 38 servicemembers from California or based in California who have died while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom since March 24, 2010. This brings to 185 the number of servicemembers either from California or based in California that have been killed while serving our country in Afghanistan. This represents 15 percent of all U.S. deaths in Afghanistan.

LCpl Rick J. Centanni, 19, of Yorba Linda, CA, died March 24 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Centanni was assigned to 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, based out of Camp Pendleton, CA.

SgtMaj Robert J. Cottle, 45, of Whittier, CA, died March 24 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Major Cottle was assigned to 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, based out of Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Kenneth B. May, Jr., 26, of Kilgore, TX, died May 11 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant May was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Jeffery W. Johnson, 21, of Tomball, TX, died May 11 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Johnson was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PO Zarian Wood, 29, of Houston, TX, died May 16 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast while on dismounted patrol. Petty Officer Wood was assigned as a hospital corpsman to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SSgt Adam L. Perkins, 27, of Antelope, CA, died May 17 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Perkins was assigned to 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Jacob C. Leicht, 24, of College Station, TX, died May 27 while supporting combat operations in Helmand

province, Afghanistan. Corporal Leicht was assigned to the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PFC Jake W. Suter, 18, of Los Angeles, CA, died May 29 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Private First Class Suter was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, HI.

Cpl Donald M. Marler, 22, of St. Louis, MO, died June 6 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Marler was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Derek Hernandez, 20, of Edinburg, TX, died June 6 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Hernandez was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Brandon C. Bury, 26, of Kingwood, TX, died June 6 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Bury was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt John K. Rankel, 23, of Speedway, IN, died June 7 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Rankel was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Michael G. Plank, 25, of Cameron Mills, NY, died June 9 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Plank was assigned to 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Gavin R. Brummund, 22, of Arnold, CA, died June 10 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Brummund was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC.

Cpl Jeffrey R. Standfest, 23, of St. Clair, MI, died June 16 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Standfest was assigned to 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.

LCpl Michael C. Bailey, 29, of Park Hills, MO, died June 16 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Bailey was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.

SGT Nathan W. Cox, 27, of Fremont, CA, died June 16 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained June 14 when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire at Near Forward Operating Base, Khogyani, Afghanistan. Sergeant Cox was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.

SN William Ortega, 23, of Miami, FL, died June 18 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast while conducting combat operations against enemy forces. Seaman Ortega was assigned as a hospital corpsman to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Kevin A. Cueto, 23, of San Jose, CA, died June 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Cueto was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.

Cpl Claudio Patino IV, 22, of Yorba Linda, CA, died June 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Patino was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.

Cpl Daane A. Deboer, 24, of Ludington, MI, died June 25 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Deboer was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Joseph D. Caskey, 24, of Pittsburgh, PA, died June 26 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Caskey was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Larry D. Harris Jr., 24, of Thornton, CO, died July 1 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Harris was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPC Roger Lee, 26, of Monterey, CA, died July 6 at Qalat, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Specialist Lee was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany.

SSG Marc A. Arizmendez, 30, of Anaheim, CA, died July 6 at Qalat, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sergeant Arizmendez was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany.