

jobs. At the same time, by using GPO as a central procurement agency, the Federal Government reduces substantially the cost of these contracts to the taxpayers.

GPO now has a range of products and services that could only have been dreamed of 30 years ago: Online databases of Federal documents with state-of-the-art search and retrieval capabilities available to the public without charge, Government publications available as e-Books, and a public presence not only on the Web but also on Twitter, Facebook, and You Tube. No longer is GPO primarily a publisher of printed government documents, but a fully integrated electronic publisher and clearinghouse whose products are available in many Internet-based locations. In addition, the State Department relies on GPO to provide highly secure U.S. passports containing sophisticated smart chips. GPO does this in conjunction with the private sector, which supplies certain critical components.

Another key function of GPO is its partnership with more than 1,200 Federal depository libraries across the country. These libraries, established by statute in all 50 States, make Federal documents available to millions of students, researchers, businesses, and others every year in both digital and print formats.

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I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the GPO on its 150th anniversary and on its contributions to keeping the public informed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JACK CRISTIL

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to commend the remarkable 58-year career of Jack Cristil, one of our Nation's legendary radio broadcasters and voice of the Mississippi State University Bulldogs. Jack called his last game this past Saturday as Mississippi State defeated the University of Tennessee in men's basketball.

For the better part of six decades, Mississippi State fans welcomed Jack's professionalism and his unambiguous play-by-play descriptions, free from hyperbole or favoritism, onto their radios. His distinctive voice and irreplaceable wit will be missed.

Jack grew up in Memphis, TN, the son of Jewish immigrants from Russia and Latvia. After discovering radio broadcasts of sporting events at the age of six, he knew exactly what he was going to do with his life.

After high school, Jack went on to study broadcast journalism at the University of Minnesota. From there, he worked the minor league baseball circuit in the Southeast before moving to Clarksdale, MI, to broadcast high school football and basketball games. In the summer of 1953, legendary Mississippi State athletic director C.R. "Dudy" Noble hired him for \$25 a game. Now 58 years later, Cristil has covered 636 football games and 1,538 basketball games, roughly 63 percent of all football games played by Mississippi State and about 55 percent of all basketball games.

It was not only the number of games he covered that is of note today, it was at times the significance of the games themselves. During the 1963 NCAA men's basketball tournament, Mississippi State ignored an unwritten rule in our State that prohibited State universities from playing integrated teams. By sneaking out of town in the dark of night, and despite protests from our State's Governor and police, the Bulldogs were able to play an integrated Loyola team in Michigan. This was a significant blow to segregationist sentiment in Mississippi. Jack was right there with the team as it defied its own Governor to help move our State forward.

Through his microphone, Jack Cristil brought Mississippians some great moments in college athletics history. As the play-by-play man for Mississippi State, he also certainly endured some tough losses. Since Jack first broadcast a game for the Bulldogs in 1953, his tenure has spanned 11 head football coaches, 9 head basketball coaches, 11 university presidents, 13 Governors of Mississippi, and 11 Presidents of the United States. He has truly been an enduring figure in our State, throughout the South, and throughout college athletics.

In Mississippi, fans of all teams appreciate the talent and longevity of Jack Cristil. I think it fitting to close by quoting Jack Cristil in saying, "You can wrap this one in maroon and white."

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD an article titled, "It's a wrap for Mr. Maroon and White" from The Clarion Ledger.

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

[From the Clarion-Ledger—Jackson, MS, Feb. 25, 2011]

IT'S A WRAP FOR MR. MAROON AND WHITE
(By Rick Cleveland)

Doesn't matter which university you pulled for, you listened to Cristil.

You listened because he put you there, in the stadium.

We knew Jack Cristil couldn't go on forever. Here lately, he has sounded tired, worn

out—certainly not himself. So maybe Wednesday's news that Cristil is stepping down after 58 years as the voice of Mississippi State University's football team and 54 years calling basketball wasn't totally unexpected.

Still, we don't have to like it.

Because of health reasons, Cristil, 85, will broadcast his last MSU sports event when the Bulldog basketball team plays the University of Tennessee today in Knoxville. The game is scheduled to start at 5 p.m., with the radio broadcast beginning 30 minutes before. For many of us, it will be like listening to Sinatra sing his last song.

For three generations of Mississippians, our introduction to the Deep South's regional pastime of college football often has been Cristil's gravelly, baritone voice telling us about a 6-tall, 180-pound halfback from Amory or Ackerman or Moss Point. Doesn't matter which university you pulled for, you listened to Cristil. You listened because he put you there, in the stadium. He described the weather and the setting. Told you which team was going which way. He gave you the uniform colors and the context of whatever game he was describing.

His voice was so distinct, you could almost taste the cigarettes he was smoking.

He gave you down, distance, score and how much time was remaining. He did it regularly.

You knew he was for the Mississippi State Bulldogs, but often you couldn't tell it from his account of the game. He didn't cheer. (Although I can't count the times, I saw him slam down his headset, put his hand over the microphone and yell at a basketball official who had just screwed up a call.)

His wit was as dry as the Sahara. Who can forget his legendary call on the Sonic Drive of the game after one particularly galling State defeat? The Bulldogs didn't have a significant drive, so Jack just said it would be his drive back home to Tupelo. I was listening on the way home from another game that day. I laughed so hard I almost ran my car off the road.

ANOTHER ERA

It's hard to put into perspective how long Cristil has been doing what he did so well. He was hired in August 1952 by Dudy Noble, the man many consider the father of Mississippi State athletics. Joe Fortunato, one of the Chicago Bears' famed Monsters of the Midway from the 1950s, played in the first State game Cristil ever broadcast. Fortunato, now 70 and living here in Natchez, will pretty much tell you what any other State fan will.

"It's hard to believe he has been doing it for that long, that well," Fortunato said Thursday.

Eight years ago, on the occasion of Cristil's 50th anniversary of describing State football games, I visited him for most of a thoroughly entertaining day and evening at his home and office in Tupelo. Oh, the stories he told. . . .

Of growing up in Memphis, the son of Jewish immigrants from Russia and Latvia. His parents bought a huge radio to listen to classical music, but that's when Cristil discovered the games at the age of 6. "Here I was in Memphis, and I was absolutely enthralled with the idea that a man could be sitting in some stadium in New York or Chicago or Boston, telling me about a game. It was like magic."

Cristil said he knew right then what he was going to do with his life.

Of filling up his 1948 Plymouth in Clarksdale in August 1952 to drive from Clarksdale to Starkville to be interviewed by Noble.

"I had envisioned a young, energetic, business-type person in a trim suit and a neat hair-do," Cristil said. "But Dudy Noble was a

big man, over 6 feet tall and quite hefty. He was attired in an old cotton, flannel shirt and baggy britches. He had an unruly shock of gray hair that stuck out."

Noble, Cristil said, gave him the job and then told him, "You tell that radio audience what the score is and who's got the ball and how much time is left and you cut out the bull."

Said Cristil: ". . . turns out the best advice I ever got."

Of the 1963 Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia on a day when it was, as Cristil put it, "colder than a pawnbroker's heart."

Sen. John C. Stennis, another beloved State man, sat in the unheated press box alongside Cristil, both of them bundled in coats and blankets. "It was so cold, our coffee would freeze before we drank it," Cristil said.

But Cristil wrapped up a 16-12 State victory over North Carolina in maroon and white.

At age 11, I listened with my daddy in the kitchen of our house.

Of a State-Alabama football game when Bob Hope was on tour and doing a show that night in Tuscaloosa, unbeknownst to Cristil. Bear Bryant's boys, as usual, were beating up on State when somebody came by the visitors' radio booth and whispered to Cristil, "Hope is available at halftime if you want him."

Responded Cristil, "Fellow, I need some hope right now."

Thing is, even during all those many bleak years when Mississippi State fans had little if any hope, they had Jack Cristil. If it sounds trite, then so be it: It will never be quite the same without him.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID S. KRIS

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to thank and honor David Kris, who is leaving his position this week as the Assistant Attorney General for National Security at the Department of Justice, DOJ.

Many of us in Congress—especially those of us on the Intelligence Committee and the Judiciary Committee who work closely with the administration on national security issues—are very sorry to see David Kris leave DOJ.

As one of the Nation's leading experts on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, FISA, I will personally miss hearing from David, especially as the Congress moves to extend the sunsets on important provisions of FISA this spring. He testified with clarity and precision on issues of great complexity in all of his appearances before the Senate. I valued his insights.

Congress created the position of Assistant Attorney General for National Security in 2006 to bring together the intelligence and the counterterrorism and counterespionage prosecution functions of the Department of Justice. Over the past 2 years, building on the professional, nonpolitical foundation established by his predecessors, Kenneth Wainstein and Patrick Rowan, David has managed the National Security Division in what has been, arguably, the most dangerous period since the September 11 attacks.

Since David was sworn in at DOJ on March 25, 2009, terrorism investigations and prosecutions have been unfolding

at an unprecedented scale and pace. Consider the following high profile counterterrorism arrests and prosecutions involving the National Security Division: the al-Qaida plot to bomb the New York subway system by Najibullah Zazi; the attempted bombing of Times Square by Faisal Shahzad; the attempted bombing of flight 253 on Christmas Day 2009 by Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab; the arrest and prosecution of David Headley, an American who helped plot the Mumbai attacks; and the arrest and prosecution of Hosam Smadi who was sentenced to 24 years in prison last year for plotting to blow up a Dallas skyscraper.

Under David's leadership, the National Security Division also played an important role in the investigation and prosecution of a number of significant espionage, export control enforcement, and leak cases. In the summer of 2010, David played a prominent role in the arrest and swap of illegal Russian agents. He directed the prosecutions of Cuban spies, illegal exports of fighter jet engines and parts to Iran, and assistance to China in designing stealth cruise missiles. During his tenure, the National Security Division joined the Criminal Division in prosecuting more leak cases than ever before.

David Kris joined DOJ in March 2009 after being confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate. He had previously served in the Justice Department from 1992 to 2003 as an attorney in the Criminal Division and as Associate Deputy Attorney General.

I know that prior experience at DOJ served David well because once he was sworn in, he went to work right away to develop partnerships with the intelligence community, the National Security Council, and Congress.

And I know David worked hard to ensure that the relevant agencies and entities were aware of the National Security Division's activities and that its activities were properly coordinated with the intelligence community and the Defense Department.

It has been clear to us that David made it a priority to ensure that FBI national security investigations were conducted in accordance with the Constitution, statutes, and applicable guidelines. David also expanded the number of oversight attorney staff in his division and, as a result, the division's oversight section exceeded its annual goal for national security reviews for the first time in its history.

I wish David Kris well in his future endeavors in the private sector. His replacement will have big shoes to fill.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4. An act to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-4. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to adult offender supervision; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 8026

Whereas, the state of Washington is an active and participating member of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision and has supported the terms of the Interstate Compact since 1937; and

Whereas, the state of Washington suffered a grievous loss when four police officers were killed by an offender under the supervision of the state who had been transferred to Washington state under the terms of the Interstate Compact; and

Whereas, the public safety of the citizens of the state of Washington are of the utmost concern and importance to this body; and

Whereas, the state of Washington has grave concerns about continuing to operate under the terms of the Interstate Compact without the tools to adequately protect its citizens; and

Whereas, the existing rules and processes in the Interstate Compact do not provide the receiving state with sufficient information and authority to adequately supervise and address the violative behavior of an offender transferred to the receiving state under the terms of the compact;

Now therefore, your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision immediately initiate its emergency rule-making process to consider and adopt rule amendments that will provide the receiving state with all information known to the sending state about the criminal history and behavior of an offender whose transfer is sought, and to vest the receiving state with the authority to determine when the receiving state can no longer safely supervise an offender and the offender must be returned to the sending state or, in the alternative, that these issues be addressed through federal legislation.

Be it resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, the Executive Director and Chairperson of the Interstate commission for Adult Offender Supervision, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first