

with the high cost of housing and knowing that we had to meet the needs of people who could not afford that high cost. So that respect for people's need to have the dignity of a home, no matter what their economic situation was, was, again, his commitment, as others have mentioned, to those at the lower place on the economic scale. So housing, affordability of it, the stock of it, the housing opportunities for people with HIV and AIDS, all of those kinds of issues. As you can imagine, he had the full view of it all in a way to get the job done.

Discrimination—everybody has talked about it this evening, but it's a very transformative thing to see BARNEY talk about discrimination, how it affected him, could have affected him in his life, and how he didn't want that risk to be taken by other young people who might have had some questions about their sexuality and the rest.

I remember when we were doing the hate crimes bill, fully inclusive hate crimes bill. It was really a very important bill that some people would have to take a political risk to vote for in their districts. When BARNEY came to the Caucus and spoke about it, he said, I'm the chairman of the Financial Services Committee. Important leaders of the financial community beat a path to my door. They want to hear what I think on subjects and tell me what they think. But I wasn't always the chairman of the Financial Services Committee. I was once a 16-year-old boy who had questions. I identify with those little boys now, those young people now, and that's why this was important. It was following the Matthew Shepard murder and all that that implied.

But for him to have the generosity of spirit to share his innermost thoughts about his own life and how that instructed him to act, it was almost a moral imperative for him to act. He had a special responsibility, because of his own personal experience, to act. And Members just responded to him. He spoke to them in a very personal way. They responded to him in a very personal way, and we passed something very, very important for our country and discrimination.

I remember the first time we passed the amendment to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Oh, my gosh, it was so exciting. It was so exciting. So I went up to BARNEY after the vote and I said, BARNEY, you're making history today.

He said, Yes, because we repealed Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

I said, No.

Because we did this amendment on the Defense authorization bill?

I said, No, not because of that. That's history, yes, but we're making history because today you're going to vote for your first Defense authorization bill which has funding for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

So, in any event, knowing that we had a greater good, a separate issue to deal with and people were waiting to

see how Congress would act, he of course made history by not only voting for an amendment to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell, but for the Defense authorization bill. Many like-minded and thinking and voting people who follow BARNEY's lead followed him down that path so that a bill would pass.

But it just goes over and over again. It's the consumer, protecting the taxpayer, protecting the consumer; the bill, Dodd-Frank, of such magnitude and scope, having such important implications for, again, protecting Main Street. He was masterful, not just because he was protecting the consumer, but because he understood the balance that was necessary in the legislation. That was really a mark of his leadership all along. He always respected the views of all stakeholders and any initiative that was put forward.

I see by the walking around of the dean of the Massachusetts delegation that time may be short, so I will reduce my remarks. But I did want to make sure people knew what an important force he was in providing affordable housing in our country, ending discrimination in every possible way—I just named two—in the fight against HIV and AIDS, in protecting the consumer and the taxpayer, and Dodd-Frank.

I know that any of us who were at his wedding and any of us who danced with him at his wedding know that that was a special privilege indeed not shared by many, but a compliment indeed.

He will be very missed. He will be missed for his intellect. Every time he spoke, we learned. He will be missed for his intellect. He will be missed for his parliamentary prowess. He was a master of parliamentary procedure and, I think, revelled in playing that role on the floor of the House.

Again, always values based, loved his district, proud of the State of Massachusetts, and, really, a national figure that will go down in history as one of the greats to have ever served in the House of Representatives.

Flamboyant—he's given me fashion advice, which is interesting getting fashion advice from BARNEY FRANK. But I valued that. If he took the trouble or had the thought to make the point that I should give away a particular article of clothing because—not known for his sartorial splendor, nonetheless, if he made a point about it, he knew that there was some truth to whatever view he was expounding.

So with that, I'm honored to join the Massachusetts delegation to sing the praises of two great leaders as they're different in terms of style, but significant, both of them, in their contribution to our country: Congressman—otherwise known as Chairman—JOHN OLVER, the cardinal from the Appropriations Committee, and Chairman BARNEY FRANK, it's an honor to serve with you, a privilege to call you friend. Thank you for your service to our country.

Mr. MARKEY. I thank the gentleman.

I yield myself such time as may remain in the hour. Since my time is about to expire, I would ask if it were possible for the gentleman from Indiana to be able to yield 5 minutes to me as the opening part of his Special Order.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, the gentleman, the old man, or the dean, as they call him, of the Massachusetts delegation, has asked if we would give him some of our 1-hour time, and I would like to ask unanimous consent that we give him—how much time do you need? Five minutes? An additional 5 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HAYWORTH). The gentleman's request cannot be entertained. The gentleman has 1 minute remaining. Then the gentleman from Indiana will be recognized, at which point he could yield time.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY. If BARNEY FRANK were down here, none of this would have happened in terms of the understanding of the parliamentary procedure. He was up there trying to grab the imaginary microphone so he could clarify the parliamentary situation.

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I will conclude this part just by saying, again, that JOHN OLVER has been for us just an invaluable colleague. He taught all of us so much about our own districts. The other Members have mentioned it, but when he sat down with us talking about transportation, he explained our own districts to us in terms of what was possible and what was needed.

On climate change, I've talked to him over 20 years about the issue. He was on this issue in the early 1990s and probably understood it even before then. He is that smart. He is that visionary in terms of the issues that are central not just to Massachusetts but to our planet. And it has been my great honor to have served with you, JOHN, and to have called you my friend and my colleague over all of these years. We all thank you so much for what you have done for us and done for the country.

Thank you. Thank you so much.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

MY FAREWELL MESSAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to my colleague from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY. I thank the gentleman very much.

Now, on BARNEY Frank, BARNEY Frank is at the same time the smartest Member and the wittiest Member of

the United States Congress. That is quite a double to be able to pull off. He has a nuclear power plant for a brain. There is absolutely nothing that he cannot recall when he needs it here in this legislative process.

Now, over his career, he is usually right, but too soon for many people to be able to accept. That is how far ahead he was on so many of the issues which we worked on here in the House of Representatives. His political philosophy is, if you want to negotiate, he wants peace. He would love to negotiate with you. He knows that he will out-negotiate you. But if you want political war, he enjoys that, too, because he does not see it as a sprint but as a marathon heading towards that day when the truth will ultimately prevail.

When he was in the State legislature, when I served with him, when we had monumental battles on whether or not to reinstitute the death penalty in Massachusetts, whether or not we were going to have a black senate seat in Massachusetts, it was BARNEY Frank who led the efforts to sustain the veto that would make sure that our State would still be the leader in progressive causes.

Here in Congress, the debate on NATO burden sharing, the way BARNEY would frame it for people is, we helped these people, it's now late into the last century and into this century, and we can't any longer take from the poor people's programs in this country in order to, in fact, pay for the defense of Europe. It was time for Europe to pick up their own fair share of the burden. The same thing was true with fighting for fishermen. The same thing was true with issue after issue out here on the House floor.

Dodd-Frank, which was debated right here on the House floor, the same place where Abe Lincoln was trying to get the votes to abolish slavery, same seats, BARNEY Frank led the effort to create the new financial services constitution for the 21st century in not just the United States but on the whole planet. And there were some provisions that were so important, that is, creating a Consumer Protection Bureau, that they would rather have ELIZABETH WARREN as a Senator than have her be the head of the Consumer Protection Bureau inside of Dodd-Frank, and that's just a small part of the totality of that bill.

BARNEY's message always was to stand up and have courage. Stand up for what's right, even if you don't win early. He has been a parliamentary and a substantive cop on the beat walking around here on the House floor, using the microphone as his nightstick in order to make sure that nothing happened here that was wrong would go uncommented upon so that people would know what should have been happening.

Back in the Massachusetts legislature in the early seventies, the mid-1970s, BARNEY decided to make amendments on gay rights. Discrimination

was rampant, but no one was raising the issue across the country. And so we started to have votes in the Massachusetts legislature. BARNEY was on the losing side. He knew he would lose early on. But, ultimately, those defeats led to the victories which we talk about today. Out here on the House floor, BARNEY was the lead opponent of the Defense of Marriage Act. He knew that even if he was on the wrong side, he was going to stand up and make sure that everyone else knew ultimately what the right side would look like.

There was one day I was standing right here at this microphone, and I was talking about oil subsidies that I felt were unjustified, and I said:

Giving a subsidy to an oil company recording record profits would be like subsidizing a fish to swim or a bird to fly. You just don't have to do it.

I was feeling quite good about myself. I finished, and I just walked over here, and BARNEY stood up and came over to me, and he said, you know, you didn't finish that. And I said, finish what? Well, the whole stanza:

Fish gotta swim and birds gotta fly.

I'm gonna love that man till the day I die.

That man is Jim Ready, and BARNEY is now married to him.

It's because of his efforts in making it possible to change the culture in our country that BARNEY is going to love that man until the day he dies. But it took a lot of courage, and it took a lot of foresight to know that that day would arrive.

So, yeah, and NANCY PELOSI said it—the Mount Rushmore of Massachusetts: Congressmen Tip O'Neill, Joe Moakley, and BARNEY FRANK. He's going down in history. And we all know it. On so many different fronts, he changed the way America thinks. And it's quite a gift that he had and that he gave to the country.

So for both of them, it has been just an enormous privilege for all of us to serve with you, and I think everyone on both sides of the aisle knows that there was greatness in our delegation and that it was an honor, JOHN and BARNEY, to have been able to serve with you for all of these years. Thank you all so much.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, let me just follow up on what was just said and say that BARNEY Frank and I have had a lot of differences over the years, but we've also found times when we could work together. In fact, we even cosponsored a bill one time.

So BARNEY and your colleague, I wish you both the very best, and hopefully we will run into each other along the road in the future.

Madam Speaker, let me just make a couple of comments to my two colleagues who are going to follow me on this Special Order. They have told me if I talk too long they're going to hit me in the head with a ball bat, so I'm not going to talk too long tonight. But I do want to say a couple of things.

First of all, let me start off by saying that Daniel Inouye, Senator Inouye, I never met, but I read in the paper many years ago the exploits of Daniel Inouye when he was in the military. A Japanese young man whose family was put in a camp during World War II, and he volunteered to go into the military. He became an outstanding member of the military. In Italy there were exploits that he performed that won him the Congressional Medal of Honor. And you don't get that unless you are really an extraordinary human being.

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He took out an enemy position, a German position, when he was hit again and again and again. He lost one of his arms, and he just kept going. I wish he were still here today. I called him on the phone when I found out about that, and I told him I had never met him, but I wanted him to know that there were Members of the House who really thought he was an extraordinary man. And he was, and I'm sure he's going to be missed.

I've been here 30 years, and I'm retiring at the end of this term. I thought I ought to have at least a little bit of a swan song, maybe 5 or 10 minutes where I could talk to my colleagues a little bit about what's happened over the 30 years.

When I first came here, I was a very young man, and I knew everything. You couldn't tell me anything. Now that I've been here 30 years, I realize I didn't know much of anything, and I probably know less now than I did then. In fact, I just found there were a couple of things I missed along the boat with the Parliamentarian.

There are a couple of things I would like to comment about, and that is we have 435 Members in this House and 100 Members in the Senate. We start working with each other and we work together, but we really don't know much about each other. I don't know much about your background, Madam Speaker. I don't know much about my colleagues' background. We work together, and we don't know whether we were poor, rich, well educated, or uneducated; and we work together.

The thing that really has bothered me as the years have gone by is that I see things happen to my colleagues about whom I know very little, and it bothers me. One of the leaders on the Democrat side of the aisle lost his wife a few years ago, and it wasn't for several months that I even knew about it. I've had a number of my colleagues who've lost their kids, who have gone through all kinds of tragedies in their families, and I think many of my colleagues don't know much about it. We just go on, and we continue to have the vitriolic conversations and debates that we have, and we don't realize that we haven't walked in the other guy's shoes very much.

I thought tonight I would just maybe take a minute or two—and I'm sure that most of my colleagues are out

doing something else, but maybe they'll get a chance to hear what I'm saying tonight. But whether we're Democrats or Republicans, liberals or conservatives, we ought to think about the other guy and the other gal who's working so hard to get their points across and who may be going through tragedies that we don't even understand or can't even imagine. We need to think about walking in their shoes just a little bit before we're so critical.

Time goes by so fast. I've been here 30 years, and I can remember the first day I walked up the steps of the Capitol with my family and the television camera was following me. I thought, man, this is going to last forever. I thought my kids would be with me forever, my staff would be with me forever, and my wife would be with me forever. She passed away about 11 years ago. Fortunately, I have another wonderful wife. But you go through all these tragedies, and it goes by so fast and you just don't realize it. And you don't take the time to smell the roses until you're just a little bit older and have missed so much.

If I were saying something to my colleagues tonight, I would say, Do your very best and explain yourself the very best that you can, but realize that the other guy who has a different point of view than you really believes most of the time in what he's doing, and we ought to be a little more tolerant and don't criticize him too much until you've had a chance to walk in his shoes.

According to General Patton in the movie "Patton," he said, All glory is fleeting. It's true. I see these young guys come in who are like me and these young ladies come in, and they're going to whip the world; they're going to change this world overnight. I try to talk to them in an elderly, fatherly way, I guess you would say. I'd say, Have you ever been around the Capital and looked at all the statues? And they'll say, I've looked at a few of them. I'll say, Have you ever seen some of pictures around here? They'll look and they'll say, Oh, yeah, we've seen them. I'll say, Do you know who they are? And they'll say, Well, no. I'll say, Well, they were Speakers of the House and Vice Presidents and Presidents of the United States, and you don't know who they are. And they'll say, That's right. I say, Remember this. You think you're going to be remembered. You're going to do your best, but you're just going to be a footnote in history, one line in a history book. So don't take yourself so seriously. Do the best you can, and fight for the things in which you believe, and stick by your principles. But don't go around thinking that you float on air and that you're something special because you're just another Congressman. We've had about 12,000 Congressmen and Senators in our history, and you're going to be one of them. It's an honor to be able to be numbered among those; but remember, there were Ceasars who ruled the

world, and you don't even know who they are. So be a little more realistic when you start thinking about how important you might be because, really, all glory is fleeting.

I want to read to you something here, a couple of poems. Bear with me for just a minute. The first poem is called "A Bag of Tools":

Isn't it strange how princes and kings,
and clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
and common people, like you and me,
are builders for eternity?
Each is given a bag of tools;
a shapeless mass; a book of rules.
And each must make, ere life is flown,
a stumbling block or a steppingstone.

I hope my colleagues will all try to make their lives a steppingstone.

I want to talk about a guy that served not in this Chamber, but another Chamber. He was a House Member. I'll tell you a little bit about him, and it's in a poem. It says:

A squalid village set in wintry mud.
A hub-deep ox-cart slowly groans and squeaks.

A horseman hails and halts. He shifts his cud
And speaks:

"Well, did you hear? Tom Lincoln's wife today.

The devil's luck for folk as poor as they.

Poor Tom! Poor Nance!

Poor young one! Born without a chance!

A baby in that God-forsaken den,

That worse than cattle-pen!

Well, what are they but cattle? Cattle? Tut!

A critter is beef, hide and tallow, but

Who'd swap one for the critters of that hut?

White trash! Small fry!

Whose only instinct is to multiply!

They're good at that,

And so, today, God wot! Another brat!

A squawking, squalling, red-faced good-for-naught

Spilled on the world, heaven only knows for what.

Better if he were black,

For then he'd have a shirt upon his back

And something in his belly as he grows.

More than he is like to have, as I suppose.

Yet there be those

Who claim 'equality' for this new brat,

And that damned democrat

Who squats today where Washington once sat,

He'd have it that this Lincoln cub might be

Of even value in the world with you and me!

Yes, Jefferson, Tom Jefferson, who but he?

Who even hints that black men should be free.

That feather-headed fool would tell you, maybe

A president might lie in this new baby!

In this new squawker born without a rag

To hide himself! Good God, it makes me gag!

This human-spawn

Born for a world to wipe its feet upon

A few years hence, but now

More helpless than the litter of a sow,

And—oh, well! Send the women-folks to Nance."

"Poor little devil! Born without a chance!"

Then I want to say to my colleagues one more thing, and then I'll stop. This is when you speak on the floor. I hope my colleagues will get a chance to read this because it's really important:

Drop a pebble in the water: just a splash, and it is gone;

But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,

Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out to the sea,

And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop a pebble in the water: in a minute you forget,

But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,

And those little waves a-flowing to a great big wave have grown;

You've disturbed a mighty river just by dropping in a stone.

Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute it is gone;

But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on.

They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the center as they go,

And there is no way to stop them, once you've started them to flow.

Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute you forget;

But there's little waves a-flowing and there's ripples circling yet.

And perhaps in some sad heart a mighty wave of tears you've stirred,

And disturbed one who was happy, ere you dropped that unkind word.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness: just a flash and it is gone;

But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,

Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave,

Till you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness: in a minute you forget;

But there's gladness still a-swelling, and there's joy circling yet.

And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet music can be heard

Over miles and miles of water, just by dropping one kind word.

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So, if I were talking to my colleagues tonight, I'd say to think about your colleagues and their families and the troubles that they have and the heartache they're feeling, and to think about the words that you're saying to them and the kind of attitude that you're creating in your colleagues and their families by the things you're saying. Fight for the things you believe in, but remember, there's another human being over there who can be helped or hurt just by what you're saying on the floor of the House of Representatives or in the United States Senate.

With that, Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

WHAT CAN YOU SAY?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY) is recognized for 40 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Before my colleague DAN BURTON leaves the Chamber, I just want to say thank you. Thank you for your thoughtful reflections here.

I should tell the Speaker, as well as everyone who might be watching, that we were teasing you a moment ago because you said you were only going to speak for 10 minutes, and I said, DAN BURTON, you've never spoken for 10 minutes in your life. You're going to go a lot longer than that.