

That was DAN INOUE. He also had a connection to probably every State in the Union, and Montana was no exception. He always spoke of Mike Mansfield with great passion.

When I was in his office earlier today I noticed on the wall he had a picture of Ted Stevens, LBJ, Warren Rudman, and, of course, Mike Mansfield. On that picture, Mike Mansfield, then-majority leader, had written to my friend Senator DAN INOUE: "With admiration, respect, and affection."

I can't say it any better.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

REMEMBERING JAMIE ELLIS

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I rise tonight to pay tribute to Jamie Ellis, a beloved member of my staff who passed away on Tuesday, November 27, at the age of 65.

Jamie Ellis served his State and country proudly as a constituent liaison in my office in Tupelo. He handled veterans issues, a role he filled with compassion, ability, and integrity. It was a natural fit. Jamie brought to the position his own background of military service and experience as a volunteer Veterans Service Officer for the local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He had a deep understanding of the unique circumstances our veterans face, and he worked tirelessly to make their lives better. His help and kindness will not be forgotten.

This ability to work well with others was evident throughout Jamie's career, from his years in public service to his success in business. He knew how to lead—a talent that served him well as president of Ellis Brothers Timber and Wonder Wood Products in Mississippi. Before joining my office, he was a valued independent sales agent for Lawson Products in Illinois.

Jamie deserved the respect that veterans and others bestowed upon him. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970, spending nearly 3 years in southeast Asia, including 1 year in Vietnam. He then served in the National Guard. In his home community of Saltillo, Jamie was a 32nd-degree Mason and Shriner and member of the Saltillo First United Methodist Church.

Helen Keller once said:

The world is moved along not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.

Jamie was the true and honest worker Ms. Keller describes, and he was a hero to those he helped. There is no doubt his contributions have made the world a better place than he found it.

I am thankful to have known Jamie Ellis and to have had him on my staff. My wife Gayle and I extend our deepest sympathy to his loved ones. To many, Jamie was a fellow veteran and a good friend. To his family, he was a devoted son, husband, father, brother, and grandfather.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, especially his wife Judy of 42 years, and their three children and nine grandchildren. He will be truly missed.

Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. UDALL of Colorado). Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING DANIEL K. INOUE

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I understand we are in a period of morning business. I wish to offer a few reflections and reminiscence about our dearly departed Senator DAN INOUE.

Yesterday afternoon I came into the Chamber expecting to vote on a matter or two. I was stunned and devastated to hear the news, as were the rest of my colleagues, that we had lost Senator INOUE. When I think of what a Senator is and should be, I think of DAN INOUE.

When I came to the Senate, 10 years ago now, I would say that there were three undisputed giants in this hall. There may have been more, but there were three undisputed giants I think everybody recognized as giants in the Senate. One would be Ted Stevens, one would be Ted Kennedy, and the other would be DAN INOUE. There is something about those three men, those three Senators, that put them in a class by themselves.

Some of it is the force of their personalities, some of it is their legislative accomplishments, some of it is just their ability to get it done; when the chips are down to have the integrity, to understand the vital role that the Senate plays in our Federal system. I think DAN INOUE had all of those traits and he also had character. Character is something that is hard to

describe, it is hard to quantify, hard to define sometimes, but there is no doubt Senator INOUE had character.

Yesterday morning I got off the plane. Like many of us I raced into the office. I noticed I had a big bundle of papers waiting for me to look at. I did not have a chance to look at those, I just grabbed those and plopped them on my desk and I thought I would go deal with those later, and later turned out to be the next morning, which is this morning.

I have been thinking about losing our friend DAN INOUE over the last 12 or 14 hours or so, and I was sitting in my office starting to go through this stack of papers and there at the bottom of the stack I saw a Christmas card that had come from Senator INOUE and his wife. I thought this Christmas card summed up one of the traits that made Senator INOUE so special. It is from DAN and Irene—certainly we offer our prayers and our support for Irene right now—but the photo was taken at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center, "a performing arts facility, providing music, dance and theatrical performances as well as art exhibitions." It is about Hawaiian culture and education and there he is on their Christmas card, promoting Hawaii and never stopping in that quest to make us aware of the special nature of that State and the importance of that State and so many of the qualities of that State.

I look at Senator INOUE's picture on the Christmas card and what I see is that very kind and very generous but also, as our fellow Senators will testify and have testified repeatedly today, that very encouraging face and way of DAN INOUE.

Actually a year or so ago, on my own initiative, I wanted to know a little bit more about him. It is rare to have a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient in your midst, much more rare to work with that person every day. I had the great fortune and extreme pleasure of being on two of Senator INOUE's committees, committees he chaired. He chaired the Commerce Committee for a while and he chaired the Appropriations Committee. I served on both of those with him as chair. In both of those, by the way, I saw the great bipartisan working relationship he had. I want to talk about that again in a moment.

About a year or two ago I thought: I want to know more about Senator INOUE, so I started reading. Of course, you can go to Wikipedia and whatnot, but there are several books available, several resources available where they talk about his life story. Of course, with Senator AKAKA and Senator INOUE, they were both born in the Territory of Hawaii, not the State of Hawaii but the Territory of Hawaii. When you start to read about DAN INOUE's young life, you start to think this is an ordinary, average guy. He is going to grow up and be pretty nondescript. Who knows what he is going to do with the rest of his life? But

when he is a youngster he does things such as he parks cars at ball games; he cuts his classmates' hair for money—you know, these little things we all do. He saved his money and bought and trained a flock of homing pigeons. He had a postage stamp collection—all this ordinary American stuff that boys do as they are growing up.

But his life took a dramatic turn on December 7, 1941. He was an eyewitness, like Senator AKAKA—and Senator AKAKA often tells the story but DAN INOUE was an eyewitness to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was too young to join the military at that point, but he was not too young to serve. The way he served was he worked as a medic in the aftermath of that. I read a story about him one time and the only comment he said was he saw “a lot of blood” in those days when he worked around the clock to help people.

When he finally came of age to be able to serve, which was a few years later, he joined the Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team. For a lot of people, a lot of Americans, we may not appreciate exactly what or who the 442nd is, but it turns out it would become the most highly decorated unit in the history of the U.S. Army. Of course, Senator INOUE received the Medal of Honor for his service in that unit.

There is one other distinction it has. Almost all the Members were of Japanese descent. So here is this 17-, 18-year-old young man who had eyewitness accounts of very harsh treatments by Americans of Japanese Americans.

One of the things Senator INOUE did not talk a lot about is that he did some sort of goodwill tour back in the 1940s to Japanese internment camps. He came to the two in Arkansas. My understanding is maybe the members of the 442nd—I am not quite sure how it worked, but they were doing some training or whatever, maybe down in Louisiana. I am not quite sure. But nonetheless they came and they went to the two Japanese internment camps in Arkansas.

He goes on to serve in World War II with tremendous distinction. In fact, there are a few video interviews I would recommend to people that C-SPAN2 ran last night, just unbelievable, some of the stories he told about serving in the war and how it changed his life.

One of the things that I loved about him is how he carried a burden. He carried a burden of those heroic war years with him for the rest of his life. The fact that he had been so effective in war haunted him. It stayed with him, I am sure, until the day he died. I heard him talk about it a few months ago.

He also struggled and suffered with his own type of discrimination because he was a Japanese American. My generation—and certainly people younger than me—take that for granted. We don't discriminate against Japanese Americans. However, during the time

of World War II, when a lot of people had never had much experience with Asians and Asian Americans, all they knew was that they had bombed Pearl Harbor, we were at war with them, so they must all be bad.

I remember Senator INOUE told a story—in fact, it was on PBS for the series called “The War,” a Ken Burns movie, where he talked about how he lost his arm and had done his rehab and was headed out to the west coast. It is my understanding he was supposed to catch a ship and go back to Hawaii after his long rehabilitation. Well, he decided to stop in and get a haircut at a local barber shop on the west coast. I believe the barber shop was in Oakland, CA. Here was a highly decorated World War II veteran who had literally almost given his life to this country and would live the rest of his life without his right arm. When he walked in the barber shop, the barber told him bluntly: “We don't cut Jap hair.” “We don't cut Jap hair” is the kind of thing that stays with you. That is the kind of thing that made Senator INOUE so special.

I saw him meet with a young man just a few months ago who had also lost his arm. This young man lost his arm to cancer. He introduced himself to Senator INOUE and said: I have always admired you and respected you because of your disability and what you have done for other people with disabilities. DAN INOUE looked him square in the eye and said: “I don't consider it a disability.”

There again, we see his character and get a glimpse of what he was all about.

He was also the first Japanese American to be elected to Congress, the first Japanese American to be sworn in, and the first Japanese American to serve in the Senate. In fact, he was sworn into the House the very same day that Hawaii became a State.

There is a story that has circulated in the House for a decade about his swearing in. He came in at kind of a special time because he won a special election. He was in a class of one to be sworn in over there and Sam Rayburn did the normal swear-in thing. He said, without thinking: “Raise your right hand and repeat after me.” Of course, Congressman INOUE didn't have a right hand at that point; he left it in Italy while fighting for his country.

He broke several barriers, large and small, throughout his life. One of the things I loved about him was his relationship with Ted Stevens. I still remember that their desks were right across the aisle from one another. I remember them working together on all kinds of legislation. They were brothers. Their love and friendship transcended partisan divide. They were totally for the national interest. I think they set a great example for all of us and how we can work together.

They didn't always agree. If we look at their voting record, they voted opposite each other a lot of times, but they worked together and had an exemplary

relationship I think we should all follow.

We had Senator INOUE come to the Senate Prayer Breakfast a few months ago. For those who are watching at home or don't know a whole lot about the Senate, every Wednesday morning we are in session we have a Senate Prayer Breakfast. It is for Senators and former Senators only. When we come together, it is a very special time to share each other's lives and tell stories.

It was a treat to have DAN INOUE. I believe he lived in Rockville, so it was hard for him to get here so he didn't make it that often, but he came when he could. I have been here 10 years, and I have been going to the prayer breakfast almost that long. He is the only speaker I have seen in the Senate Prayer Breakfast who got a standing ovation before he spoke and a standing ovation after he spoke. That is the kind of Senator and man he was. He had this spirit that oozed from him. No matter what situation he was in, other people respected him so much.

This last story I will tell is one of my favorite stories about him. When he won his reelection back in 2010—I didn't see it, but I heard this—at the podium that night while accepting his election for his ninth term, he announces that he is going to run for his tenth term in 2016. That is part of that indomitable spirit that we will all miss so much about Senator INOUE.

With that, I want to thank my colleagues for all the wonderful things they have said about Senator INOUE. I want to lift up his family in prayer. He has a fantastic, wonderful staff, and I know everyone in Hawaii is mourning the loss of this great man.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

DISASTER RELIEF

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I rise to respond to some of the comments I heard from my colleagues with reference to the Hurricane Sandy emergency supplemental. Hopefully I can give all of our colleagues—who will be casting a vote here at some point—an understanding as to why we hold a different view than some of the comments that have been made.

One of those comments I will generally put under the rubric we can wait and do something small. Various comments have been referenced in that respect. Some seem to be questioning whether this emergency is worthy of a robust Federal response. They say the cost to help families rebuild and recover is too much and should be reduced. I have heard that in this emergency it is not necessary, and unlike many other similar emergencies in the past, we should do something smaller and wait to do the rest later.

I think those who suggest or make that argument don't seem to understand that a piecemeal recovery is a