

prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; and that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1, the legislative vehicle for the emergency supplemental appropriations bill; further, that Senator HUTCHISON be recognized at 11:30 a.m. for up to 30 minutes and that Senator KYL be recognized at 2 p.m. for up to 30 minutes, each for the purpose of delivering retirement speeches.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the provisions of S. Res. 624, as a further mark of respect to the late Senator DANIEL K. INOUE of Hawaii, following the remarks of Senator MURKOWSKI.

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

The Senator from Alaska.

REMEMBERING DANIEL K. INOUE

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, it is only fitting that I be allowed to speak for a few minutes recognizing that on this floor we have just advanced these resolutions in honor of our friend, our colleague, and truly an incredible gentleman and statesman, Senator DANIEL K. INOUE.

In Alaska, we regarded former Senator Ted Stevens as "Uncle Ted." What follows, then, is that the people of Alaska would regard his brother, our beloved DANIEL INOUE, as our uncle as well.

Today, the people of Alaska are mourning the loss of Senator INOUE in the same way we would mourn the loss of one of our own; that is, because Senator INOUE is one of our own. Regardless of whether he wanted that burden—I know that perhaps at times he did not want that—we would think of him as Alaska's third Senator. A great many Alaskans came to know, to love, and to rely on Senator INOUE to watch Alaska's back, and he never let us down.

Senator INOUE delivered a very touching, a very tender eulogy at Ted Stevens' funeral in August of 2010. In that address, he mentioned that millions and millions of words had been written of Ted's accomplishments. Yet as I was thinking about how I might frame my remarks about Senator

INOUE's life, it dawned on me that millions and millions of words had also been written already about Senator INOUE. That is because I think so many of Ted's accomplishments came with DAN INOUE at his side and, not coincidentally, many of DAN's accomplishments occurred in the presence of Ted. So where do we begin? There is so much that must be said and that should be said.

I was present at the Anchorage Baptist Temple when Senator INOUE delivered his eulogy, and I had the opportunity last evening, after we learned word of Senator INOUE's passing, to view that video clip again. As I listened to that eulogy, it came to me that everything Senator INOUE said about Ted told us as much about Dan as it did about Ted. There was so much that these two men shared.

Senator INOUE related that he knew from the very beginning of the relationship that the two would have a great deal in common. Both represented former territories at the very edge of our great Nation—territories that at times were treated as appendages to our Nation. He characterized Alaska and Hawaii as the forgotten people. In those early years, he reminded us it cost more to make a telephone call from Honolulu to here in Washington, DC, than it did Honolulu to Tokyo. It was cheaper to call Beijing from Washington than Anchorage. DAN and Ted set out to do something about that, and they did.

They traveled to each other's States. They came to understand the unique challenges each faced.

Senator INOUE related on one trip to an Alaska Native village that he met a nurse. It actually was not a nurse. It was our community health aide, an individual from the village who had been trained to provide basic medical care. It occurred to both of them at that time that the new technology could enable a doctor at a major hospital, hundreds or perhaps even thousands of miles away, to observe and diagnose a patient via a video link.

So was born the Alaska telemedicine network, one of the first of its kind in the world and truly a remarkable advancement and achievement in Alaska. It was born from their very conversations on that CODEL. This is just one small example of the many collaborations that improved life for the Native peoples of Alaska and Hawaii. These collaborations created models by which Senator INOUE improved conditions for the Native peoples of the 48 States as well.

Another thing that Ted and DAN shared in common was, of course, that they were both veterans. One of our colleagues described them as World War II soulmates—men who loved the military, absolutely loved the military, with every ounce of their being. They traveled together across the globe to zones of conflict to visit Americans in uniform.

The tragedy of Vietnam veterans returning home unappreciated was not

lost on either of these veterans, and they devoted their lives to ensuring that our veterans would never again be disrespected.

Following Ted's death, Senator INOUE came to this floor, and he said the following of his fallen brother:

When it came to policy, we disagreed more often than we agreed, but we were never disagreeable with one another. We were always positive and forthright.

This remark came as perhaps a little bit of a surprise to me because on the important issues that faced this country, they would most often arrive at significant agreements that would allow the issues to advance in the Senate. Not one of them viewed bipartisanship in a negative context. It was not a dirty word. Senator INOUE said of Ted: "We made the word bipartisan become real—real."

It is no coincidence that each would be described in these terms:

His word is his bond . . . Good as gold.

DANIEL INOUE brought depth to every debate and dignity to every room in which he entered. He was a model Senator and in these times of turbulence within the Senate I think a role model for so many of us. There was an elegance in this man that I think we should all strive to emulate. I wonder often if those of us who did not come of age in that "greatest generation" are up to this challenge. But we should certainly strive to be.

On behalf of the people of Alaska, I express our deepest appreciation and condolences to his wife Irene and to Ken for sharing this extraordinary statesman with us and with the Nation. For that, we owe them a very sincere and genuine thank you—mahalo. Irene, of course, is doing important work with the United States-Japan Council. I look forward to working closely with her in that important role.

When a significant figure in Alaska passes, we often say: "A big tree has fallen." In the islands, DANIEL INOUE was the biggest of the big trees. There is no way to minimize the loss the people of Hawaii are feeling. We could see it in the face of Governor Abercrombie yesterday. He could barely control his tears as he conducted a lengthy news conference following Senator INOUE's passing. We saw our friend and colleague, Senator AKAKA, as he delivered very sad remarks as well. In Hawaii, as in Alaska, these things are personal. Losing a longtime Senator feels like losing a member of your own family. The Senate ohana is less today because Senator INOUE is no longer with us. Let me simply say the people of Alaska and the people of this great Nation stand with the people of Hawaii. I offer my personal commitment to the people of Hawaii as the now senior-most Senator representing the decades' old alliance of our former territories: Your needs will not be forgotten.

With that, I thank you for the few extra minutes this evening to pay tribute to a good man, a good friend.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. Wednesday, December 19, 2012, and does Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:51 p.m.,
TOMORROW so under the provisions of S. Res. 624 as adjourned until Wednesday, December
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Sen- a further mark of respect to the late 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.
ate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on Senator DANIEL K. INOUE of Hawaii.