

led legislation to help people in their youngest years as well as their senior years. I appreciated especially the work that he did on Alzheimer's and making sure that we continue to invest in our science and education.

One little fact you may not know in all the tributes that have come out about Senator ALEXANDER—and I was here for his speech—is that every summer for 25 years, he and his wife and four children have gone to the Boundary Waters to canoe and fish. The Boundary Waters in Northern Minnesota is very close to where my dad grew up. In fact, it is the town that is the gateway to the Boundary Waters in Ely, MN, something that—way back when Senator ALEXANDER was going there for the first few years—my dad was writing about for the newspaper in an effort to make sure we kept the Boundary Waters protected.

I certainly hope that Senator ALEXANDER continues to spend time there and enjoy our lands and help the work that he has done—which he has seen on the Great American Outdoors Act—and see it firsthand.

We know that his red and black flannel shirt will be welcome in Minnesota. It is something we see everywhere in Northern Minnesota and throughout our State, and we hope to see him back soon.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL B. ENZI

Mr. President, next, my friend Senator ENZI. True collegiality and camaraderie have sometimes been hard to come by in Washington these past few years, and that is why I think about someone who never lets the temperature rise, who is always willing to find that common ground. As I heard him say and have heard him say many times before his closing speech here, in his words, "I always believed we could agree on 80 percent of the issues and on 80 percent of each issue, and that if we focus on the 80 percent, we can do great things for the American people." I remember his saying that when he would work with Ted Kennedy—and their genuine friendship—and I remember he said that many times to me as we worked on bills together.

One of the first bills that I worked on a few years coming in here was with Senator ENZI, and it was about our paramedics and using the experience that they had gained serving in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, making sure that when they came home, they could use that experience immediately and put it to work on being paramedics in our own country because we had a shortage, and we still do, and we wanted to respect that experience—so many of them in small towns where they would have to travel then to get the final degree they needed to be able to continue working as a paramedic. MIKE and I wanted to make sure that experience they had in serving our country would be put to good use and would allow them to get those degrees faster.

I was also fortunate to work with MIKE on trying to turn the page on

U.S.-Cuba policy and forge a new path. He was always willing to work with me on that and be one of the cosponsors of my bill to lift the embargo—something that I hope will eventually get done in his honor, as he understood that the way to get to democratic change in Cuba was by enhancing our relationship and that the Cuban people did not necessarily share the same views—and many of them do not—of their government and that so many people in Cuba love America and that it was very important for us to improve that relationship.

As chair of the Budget Committee—and one of only two accountants in the Senate—Senator ENZI has also been dedicated to addressing our deficit and debt challenges. He has long urged the Federal Government to move to biannual budgeting, something that I support, as well, and something that my friend JEANNE SHAHEEN has been working with him on.

Senator ENZI has a lot of smart proposals that he has put forward. I mostly, though, will remember his spirit—his spirit that we saw, and see, every week at the Prayer Breakfast—of course, he can still come back to that as a former Member—but also the work that he did in the Senate and how he would genuinely try to find common ground.

I have told him many times how much I love his State, having once bicycled from Minneapolis to Jackson Hole to get there—1,200 miles in 11 days with my dad—and when my husband and I, in the middle of the pandemic, decided to drive one place this summer, we drove to Wyoming and hiked in the Tetons. So I look forward and I hope to see MIKE and Diana there, and my hope for him is all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CORY GARDNER

Mr. President, Senator GARDNER. Senator GARDNER and I served together on the Commerce Committee, and throughout his tenure as a Member of Congress, he has been a champion of public lands, and, of course, with the beautiful, beautiful national parks in Colorado, I think you couldn't be doing your job for your State if you weren't such a leader on lands.

He worked tirelessly to pass the very important Great American Outdoors Act—historic legislation that invests in our commitment to ensuring our Nation's trails, public lands, parks, and open spaces remain protected and accessible for generations while also permanently funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund. I was proud to cosponsor this legislation, which, as you all know, was signed into law in August.

We have also worked together on the Commerce Committee on travel and tourism, hit especially hard during this pandemic. He may have a little bigger ski hills than we have in Minnesota, maybe some higher mountains than we have, but we both share not only a love for the outdoors but also an under-

standing of how much tourism contributes to our economy.

Together, we worked, along with Senator BLUNT and Senator CORTEZ MASTO, to reauthorize the bipartisan Brand USA bill, which was also signed into law. Since 2013, Brand USA has generated a total economic impact of nearly \$48 billion by allowing our country to pair up with the private sector to reach out to visitors, to get them to come to America, whether it is the Rocky Mountains in Colorado or whether it is the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN. Last year, Brand USA generated \$4.1 billion in incremental visitor spending, resulting in a marketing return on investment of 32 to 1.

I also have fond memories of getting to know Senator GARDNER and his wife, both at the last inauguration, at the lunch, which I will just share—not every detail, but let's say it was a memorable lunch that we had. Then, also, we, one time, got to do a humor speech together when there was a last-minute cancellation, and I had 3 hours to fill in for the Winter Gridiron Dinner, and Senator GARDNER did not find out until I got there and had to quickly change his jokes from Senator WARNER/TOOMEY. The jokes about billionaires didn't really fit my fiscal situation—or millionaires. Senator GARDNER was great, and we had a lot of fun that night as well.

We are going to miss him and miss all of these Senators. One of the reasons I wanted to do this all at once was that I think we have to remember that this Senate and this institution is bigger than ourselves, that people do come and go, and they all make their marks. You don't necessarily remember the names of everyone—nor does everyone in your State—who is there late at night either passing the Great Outdoors Act or the one who is willing to work with a freshman Democratic Senator to get a bill passed on paramedics or to be willing to take that little bit of a risk and work on some issues that maybe aren't popular in your own political party. All of these Senators in their own way have shown that courage, whether it is DOUG JONES giving his first speech on gun safety or whether it is Senator TOM UDALL, who had a decision to make in what he knew would be his last 2 years: Was he going to be the ranking member of the Rules Committee or the Indians Affairs Committee? He chose Indian Affairs because he knew that that mattered and that this was a group of people who had been so long overlooked, and he was going to spend his last 2 years helping them.

I will miss all of these Senators. I know that they know their work will live on, but it is just a reminder to all of us that maybe in 100 years they won't remember who we are, but people will be benefiting for generations to come from their work.

I yield the floor.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ). Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:30 p.m. recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. CAPITO).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, all postcloture time on the Kirsch nomination expire at 5 p.m. today; further, that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; finally, that the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Crytzer nomination be waived.

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

UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam President, in Jon Meacham's biography of President George W. Bush—actually, I believe it is in the biography of President George H. W. Bush—Meacham quotes Prescott Bush, H.W. Bush's father and Senator Prescott Bush, of Connecticut, as saying that the Senate is the place where everybody in politics ultimately wants to be. Senator Prescott Bush, of Connecticut, said that the U.S. Senate is the place in politics where everybody in politics ultimately wants to be.

I have noticed that over the years, after an election, usually we have lost about 10 Members of the Senate—sometimes a couple more, sometimes a couple less. This year, it is 7. If you look at Georgia and what one has to go through to stay here or to get here given the amount of money being spent and the number of things being said in those two races, you would think that there might be a shortage of people today who would want to follow Senator Prescott Bush's advice but apparently not.

Instead of 10 people leaving this year, it is only 7, and only 4 of us are retiring voluntarily. I would like to take just a minute or two about each of the other six U.S. Senators who will not be coming back in the next Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA MCSALLY

Madam President, MARTHA MCSALLY arrived with the same enthusiasm that she showed when she set records for women in combat as a pilot. She is a warrior. She knows how to take a hill. If you listened to her maiden address, which I did, and to her farewell address, which I did, she had a great sense of purpose, and she had her usual effectiveness during her relatively short period of time in the U.S. Senate. She was able to pass eight pieces of legislation and turn them into law. She made her mark during the time she was here.

TRIBUTE TO CORY GARDNER

Madam President, as for CORY GARDNER, of Colorado, when he leaves the Senate, it will become a little bit dimmer of a place because CORY GARDNER has such cheerfulness. Everyone recognizes that. He wakes up happy, and he goes to bed happy insofar as any of us here knows, and he came to the Senate with the same amount of enthusiasm.

He came to me early on and wanted to be and agreed to be the head of the America COMPETES effort. That legislation passed in 2005 and 2006—before he got here—to try to make our country more competitive in the world, but CORY took the leadership of that and led the reauthorization of it.

He spent 2 years heading the Republican Senatorial Committee and did a tremendously effective job.

Then, this year, he became a leader in the Great American Outdoors Act. Everyone agrees—there are not many times you can say that here, but everyone agrees, from the left to the right and up and down, that the Great American Outdoors Act is the most significant piece of environmental and outdoor recreation legislation in at least the last half century—since the Eisenhower years, really. It was a bipartisan parade of Senators, the President, and House Members, which is the way you get things done here. Yet, if it were a parade, you would have to say CORY, along with STEVE DAINES, was the drum major in the parade. He deserves great credit for that, and generations will be grateful to him.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL B. ENZI

Madam President, MIKE ENZI, of Wyoming, is retiring after 24 years. MIKE is an unassuming fellow. He is the only accountant in the Senate. He is impossible to defeat in Wyoming, apparently, because he drives 200 or 300 miles every weekend to every ice cream social that was invented, and if it had not been invented, he and Diana created it.

While he has been here, he has created the 80-percent rule, which says: Let's not argue about the 20 percent we disagree on, and let's look for the 80 percent we can work together on.

He was persistent in his work in the Marketplace Fairness Act, which kept the Federal Government from telling States what to tax and what not to tax and allowed the States to collect sales tax for goods that were sold in their States from out of State. That passed the Senate thanks to MIKE's work. It didn't pass the House, but the Senate agreed with Senator ENZI, and most States are grateful in this COVID period of time to have their revenues enhanced by the work of MIKE ENZI.

The Perkins Act—helping to create a better workforce in the United States—was a difficult bill to pass, but MIKE ENZI was the one who put it together.

Of course, he left his opportunity to be chairman of the committee I now chair—Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions—so that he could be the chairman of the Budget Committee. While there, he worked hard to solve a

problem that still needs to be solved—that of balancing our Federal budget, which, in the end, will require our finding a fair way to control the growth of entitlements.

TRIBUTE TO PAT ROBERTS

Madam President, PAT ROBERTS came to the Senate in 1967 in the way a lot of us have come—as a Senate aide. I came the same year. He worked for Senator Baker, who was working in the House of Representatives at the time. Yet we have seen in the Senate, through all of that time, its pluses and its minuses, and we have learned our way. PAT learned his way especially well.

I suppose he served longer on the Ethics Committee and longer on the Agriculture Committee than anyone, particularly if you count his service in the House and the Senate on the Agriculture Committees. His good humor and his resoluteness in terms of rural America and making sure that the farmers of our country have an environment in which they can succeed are legendary. I suspect for all of us, when we go sleep at night, that if PAT ROBERTS comes into our brains, the words “crop insurance” come right along behind him.

TRIBUTE TO DOUG JONES

Madam President, DOUG JONES only served for a short period of time, like MARTHA MCSALLY, but he made his mark as well.

When he gave his farewell address, I was here, and I said he reminded me of Ted Kennedy in this way: He kept his liberal principles. I didn't ever see him deviate from them, just like Ted Kennedy. He would stand back there and roar about this, that, or the other and make great fodder for the Republican Lincoln Day Dinners and Reagan Day Dinners in Tennessee. I used to say, when I was elected, if they had elected my opponent, my opponent would have come up here and moved Fred Thompson's desk over, and he would have set it right down between Ted Kennedy and Hillary Clinton and made it one vote harder for George W. Bush to have led our country and represent our values.

The Republicans liked that because they heard Ted Kennedy's liberal speeches, but I also said, when I made my maiden address, that, without my knowing it, Senator Kennedy had gone around and gotten 20 Democratic cosponsors. He was always working to get a result where he could. DOUG JONES has been the same way here, and I want to congratulate him for that.

He had a distinguished record in civil rights in Alabama—a courageous record—in prosecuting the Klansmen. He worked with TIM SCOTT, Senator PATTY MURRAY, and me—with Senator TIM SCOTT last year to permanently fund historically Black colleges, which was a goal that had been sought for many years—and he took a big step on simplifying the FAFSA, the Federal aid application form that 20 million American families fill out every year.