

I also want to say thank you to my staff over the years. Many of them are here today, and there have been many of them. They are outstanding people. I couldn't have done anything without them.

I don't know where I would start calling the staff roll, but I do want to thank Anne Caldwell. A lot of you know Anne. She has been with me 44 years. Wow. I thank her for her loyalty, her perseverance, and for getting me to meetings on time.

Anne, thank you, very much. Thank you.

Also, lastly, I have had a lot of chiefs of staff. I have had good ones—many good ones. But I have a young man working for me now, and he took a leave of absence from a big job with a big pay to work the last 2 years up here, Watson Donald. Thank you, Watson.

I want to thank my friends back home in Alabama for their support over the years, as well as my friends here in the Senate.

And, importantly, I want to thank the people of Alabama for electing me 12 times to public office. It has been the honor of my lifetime.

I yield the floor.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Vermont.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD C. SHELBY

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I am going to take the prerogative as President Pro Tempore to speak because I know the distinguished Republican leader has already spoken, and I, of course, would have yielded to him had he not.

It is always hard to say goodbye to friends, especially one as good as Senator SHELBY, and one with whom I will walk out of here arm in arm.

But I would say that we have to think about the time when this body and Nation are as divided as ever, Senator RICHARD SHELBY's tenure exemplifies a commitment to cooperation and fairness.

I have seen that not only in his public life, and what we see on the floor, but I see it in meetings we have in his office or my office, quiet meetings between the two of us, knowing we will always keep our word.

And so I would say at the conclusion of the 117th Congress, the Senate will lose a skilled leader and a true Senator of his word. That has been the way with our decades of service together.

Senator SHELBY's legacy, one marked by his intellect, his integrity, will undoubtedly persist in this body and throughout the country.

My great mentor when I came here as the junior-most Member of the Senate was Robert Stafford of Vermont. Senator Stafford was Mr. Republican from Vermont, and he took me under his wing, and he said to me: Patrick, always keep your word, but you find you will be the best Senator if you learn to work across the aisle. You can work with people of integrity, both Repub-

licans and Democrats, and you will find, among both parties, you will develop close friendships.

But more than a fellow Senator, I am proud to consider Senator SHELBY one of those great friends.

The reference we have seen before to distinguished Republicans and Democrats—of course, we are all called distinguished Senators, but we consider in my family, in my house, some more distinguished than others but for different reasons. And a devotion to public service is ingrained in Senator SHELBY's character.

After he obtained his juris doctorate, Senator SHELBY served as the Birmingham city prosecutor—I always like Senators who have been prosecutors—and an Alabama State senator.

I never got elected—or the opportunity to be elected as State senator.

But he began in 1978 his congressional career by serving Alabama's Seventh District in the House of Representatives, and for the last 36 years, Senator SHELBY tirelessly served Alabamians in the Senate—a person when they think of whom they look to, they look to him.

And he has been fortunate to serve with some very good Senators from his State that have been friends of mine, a couple on the floor today.

He built an impressive resume. He served on the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Intelligence Committee and the Banking Committee and the Rules Committee. And on the Appropriations Committee, Senator SHELBY fought to allocate Federal dollars to key institutions and infrastructure across Alabama, but he did it openly and honestly. He should take great pride in his reputation as a leader who has truly improved the lives of his constituents—something Senators should do.

And as two of the most senior Members of the Senate, I worked alongside Senator SHELBY for decades. We spent countless hours working to pass the annual appropriations bills.

Together, we negotiated the end of the longest government shutdown in U.S. history.

And I remember, Senator SHELBY, you and I sitting there and deciding: OK. We have an agreement ending the longest shutdown, and we told our leaders—a Republican leader and a Democratic leader—that we had worked out an agreement and here are the details. And they said, if you two have worked it out, that is good enough. And within hours, the longest shutdown ended—Senator SHELBY coming on the floor announcing and me having the honor of joining him.

We also share memories from traveling the world together on a variety of key diplomatic missions.

Now, during that time, we had long discussions, candid discussions, open discussions. Thank God, discussions did not have a record, as we discussed what could be done better and should be done better in the Senate.

We formed a great friendship. Our wives—his wife, Dr. Annette Shelby, my wife, Marcelle—also had that friendship. And Dr. Shelby was able to quietly give history lessons on every single place we went to and would have—you remember this, Senator SHELBY. The Senators and spouses were with us of both parties and would just sit there and quietly listen to Dr. Shelby—Professor Shelby.

This came in very handy once in a visit to Cuba, where the leader in Cuba, President Raul Castro, was looking at us with suspicion, concern. Dr. Shelby talked about the Cuban students she taught at Georgetown, and, you remember, the whole atmosphere changed, and we all got along well after that.

I could say so much more, and I will later, but I wish both you, my dear friend, and Annette the best in the next role of life. I will miss you. This will not be the same place without you, and it makes my leaving here that much easier.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The junior Senator from Alabama.

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Madam President, as we near the end of the 117th Congress, we are also preparing to say farewell to some of the body's most dedicated public servants.

Among those is Alabama's own RICHARD CRAIG SHELBY.

I have known Senator SHELBY for many years, but I have most enjoyed getting to know him as a colleague and a friend in Congress.

You know, his help and guidance have been invaluable to me since I came to the Senate 2 years ago. It was quite the transition from college football to politics, but I jumped into the ring because I care deeply about the future of our Nation, and I realized very quickly so does RICHARD SHELBY.

My transition to public office was supported by some great advisers who shared my belief in America. Chief among those allies is Senator SHELBY.

Even though he is a lifelong Alabama fan and pulled against me for 10 years, we still became friends.

Congress is like a football team. It has a lot of great players in different positions, but to come together, form a game plan, and get some wins for our country, those players need good coaches.

Senator SHELBY has been one of the best.

Born in Birmingham, Senator SHELBY graduated from the University of Alabama and the Birmingham School of Law, becoming a city prosecutor in Tuscaloosa. For all my Auburn folks back home, at least we can all agree that Senator SHELBY is one of the finer things to come out of Tuscaloosa.

Senator SHELBY has represented Alabamians in Congress since 1979 and has served in the Senate since 1987—always keeping an eye on the future and the other eye on the people he has been serving.

To say Senator SHELBY committed his career to the betterment of his State and the Nation would be a huge understatement.

His retirement is well-earned, and his work should be celebrated.

So, today, I want to honor the countless hours—countless hours—he has spent fighting for Alabama and the many achievements he has championed for the betterment of all Americans.

Senator SHELBY's work has hit almost every corner of Alabama.

No. 1, his focus on national defense, manufacturing, infrastructure, and education will be the hallmarks of his legacy.

First, Senator SHELBY's commitment to our State's defense industry is second—and I mean second—to none.

His support for America's military and his belief in the abilities of Alabamians cemented our State's role as a leader in America's national defense infrastructure. In nearly every position he has held in the Senate, he has used the tools available to bolster our armed services and utilize resources Alabama offers.

More recently, as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Defense, Senator SHELBY delivered billions in crucial defense funding. His efforts helped significantly expand the capabilities of Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL. Redstone Arsenal has grown from a U.S. Army base to a collection of crucial facilities for our national defense and the Federal Government.

The resources and responsibilities secured by Senator SHELBY for the Redstone Arsenal increased its capabilities, missions, and tenants. Behind the fence at Redstone Arsenal today, we have the Army Materiel Command, the Army Aviation and Missile Command, the Missile Defense Agency, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, and the expanding presence of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Under Senator SHELBY's leadership, the FBI's presence in Alabama will be its second largest, only behind Washington, DC.

Along with myself and the entire Alabama delegation, Senator SHELBY has also been instrumental in the work to permanently relocate U.S. Space Command to Redstone Arsenal—a move we hope to applaud after an official announcement by the Air Force in the very near future.

Second, thanks to Senator SHELBY's commitment to bringing jobs and industry to Alabama, our State has also grown into one of the country's leading manufacturing hubs.

After a visit to Germany by Senator SHELBY in the 1990s, he played a key role in bringing Mercedes-Benz and their suppliers to Alabama. Fast-forward a couple of decades, and today there are more than 40 German suppliers in West Alabama alone. The impact of the automobile industry's Alabama migration has been huge for the workforce and the economy thanks to Senator SHELBY.

He was also crucial in recruiting suppliers for Airbus and its South Alabama manufacturing plant in Mobile, which added hundreds of millions of dollars to our economy and created thousands of very, very quality jobs.

His work to establish manufacturing centers at universities helped make Alabama home for many aerospace and defense companies, resulting in thousands more jobs and countless opportunities for growth.

Third, that growth would not be possible without solid infrastructure, which Senator SHELBY has helped build for decades.

Alabama's vast and unique geography presented certain challenges for infrastructure but also many opportunities. Senator SHELBY's ability to both foresee challenges and imagine opportunities has made him an invaluable tool throughout our State's growth.

A lot of that growth has stemmed from our State's coastline and the Port of Mobile, one of the largest in the country. Now, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a project to deepen the Mobile Ship Channel, allowing bigger ships to navigate Mobile Bay. With Senator SHELBY's guidance and support, the Port Authority and terminals have steadily expanded the Mobile terminal, making it one of the fastest growing in the Nation.

As a key player in Senate appropriations, Senator SHELBY has secured many dollars for Alabama's infrastructure, upgrading highways, airports, and bridges.

Fourth, all of this growth in defense, manufacturing, infrastructure, and more would mean nothing without the talented men and women who serve in our military, lead our companies, and pioneer the new industries driving economic development. That talent and those ideas are cultivated through education, and Senator SHELBY believes in the value of quality education—even at Auburn University. He is the product of an Alabama public school and a State university. His personal experiences instilled in him a deep respect for the role of public education and a desire to make it the best it can be.

To make sure our State was on par or leading other prestigious educational institutions, Senator SHELBY fought to support and invest in Alabama schools. He delivered hundreds of millions of dollars to Alabama's universities to build math, science, and engineering complexes. These top-tier facilities have helped to bring students and experts from around the world to Alabama.

Today, Airbus works closely with the University of Alabama's engineering program—a relationship that is the perfect example of connection between premier education, talent, and economic opportunities. Senator SHELBY understands that relationship and its benefits, as does his wife, Dr. Annette Shelby, a decorated professor and lifelong education advocate. That under-

standing has driven his priorities throughout his career and helped Alabamians along the way.

There are a lot of big personalities, big decisions, and big egos here in Washington, DC, but it takes commitment, humility, and patriotism to make a difference in the lives of others. Senator SHELBY is a giant in the Senate because he never forgets about the things that matter the most, the little things, the things that are most important to everyday Americans back home. They have supported him for decades because he has always had their backs.

As we bid farewell to Senator SHELBY, I encourage all my colleagues to honor his legacy by following his example. Put your family, your country, and your principles first, and the rest will fall into place.

We all know public service is not just a burden of time and effort for the servant; it is also for their families.

So to Dr. Shelby, thank you for your steadfast service to our State alongside your husband.

Senator SHELBY, thank you for your mentorship over the past 2 years. I will use these lessons learned by serving with you for the rest of my time in the Senate and beyond.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BLUNT. Madam President, a moment ago when I saw Senator SHELBY and Senator LEAHY shake hands warmly in the middle of the aisle, I thought of it as a century of service in the Congress. It is a century of learning lessons that fortunately they have both been able to share with us.

I mentioned in my farewell remarks the other day Senator SHELBY and Senator LEAHY and how, working with both of them on the Appropriations Committee and the Rules Committee, I learned so much from them. But I was reminded today—I have heard a number of these speeches in the time I have been in the Senate, and I don't think anybody ever has reminded us quite so well of the oath we take—the oath we take to the Constitution, the oath we take to do this job as well as we can, and the promise we make, frankly, to find a solution.

It is a lot easier in Washington these days and in the Senate it is a lot easier to find a fight than it is to find a solution. We have kind of fallen into a place where so many people now run for office talking about what they will never do. Frankly, when you start talking about what you will never do, that usually takes us out of the conversation of what can be done, and if anybody here has been a determined participant in finding what could be done, it is Senator SHELBY.

That certainly does not mean that he gives in easily. Many times I have been asked by other Members or the press: What do you think Senator SHELBY is thinking about this final deal? I would say: I don't know what he is thinking,

but I know he is thinking, and I know we are not going to find out what he is thinking until he is ready to tell us what he is thinking. But he is trying to figure out a way to come to a conclusion that can actually solve the problem. And in the appropriating process, that problem is usually keeping the government in business.

The other thing I have noticed especially about Senator SHELBY is how often he is willing to share things that he hears from his family. His older sister used to—I would hear from him: Well, I got advice from my older sister. And I must think—I am wondering, Well, how old is your oldest sister? So I would usually ask him and be reminded of that.

But I benefit from the advice too. Just like his sister was calling him and saying whatever it was they were talking about that day, he was always talking about his sons and always talking about Mrs. Shelby. You know, I have such great respect for her.

He said to me: You know, you are married to a strong woman too.

I said: Yes, I am.

He said: We better not forget it.

And he hasn't forgotten it, nor has he forgotten to appreciate her and brag on her and understand what an important part of his life and his career she has been. I hope I have learned something from that as well.

Team Shelby is pretty good. You know, RICHARD has surrounded himself with people who have stayed in his working orbit. They may go from one committee to another or maybe they stay right where they are, being sure they keep him on time. Maybe they find out that if you are going to travel, you are going to travel in a way that absolutely reaches the diplomatic conclusion and the helpful conclusion for the country and Alabama it was designed to make. So I have always been a big respecter of Team Shelby as well.

I was particularly impressed to watch Team Shelby—whether they knew it or not, they just produced their own Senator. I think Katie Britt is going to be a great Member of the Senate. One of the reasons is she was such an important part of Senator SHELBY's efforts here. He listened to her, she listened to him, and when it came time to step up, I don't think any Member in the Senate who I am aware of has ever made a greater commitment to try to be sure that they were replaced by somebody who would do the best possible job of following their legacy for the State.

It has been wonderful for me to get to be on the Appropriations Committee and the Rules Committee and work with Senator SHELBY but also all the many times we have had just to talk about what is going on that day, what was going on with his family, what was happening with his staff.

I am glad to be here today and share with him how much I benefited from the great friendship we have had but more importantly the great example

and to be reminded again of our oath to the Constitution and the importance of being a problem-solver rather than being the person who always wants to talk about the problem. RICHARD always wants to solve the problem, and the country is better for that, and so is the Senate.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. HOEVEN. Madam President, I just wanted to add my congratulatory remarks and thanks to Senator SHELBY, the senior Senator from Alabama. For me, he will always be the chairman. He has certainly been my mentor, and I think the Senator from Missouri and others would say the same thing. He has been our mentor on appropriations—in my case, for 12 years—and I would have to say, to me, it is amazing how well he understands the process—of course, he has been at it for a while—how well he understands the process, how well he works it.

The people he hires are so good. That is something we have to work with as chairmen of the subcommittees, is our staff administrators as well, and in working with Chairman SHELBY, we are always going to get just absolutely the very, very best people. So it wasn't just his staff director for the full committee but the staff directors we had on the subcommittee. I think the Senator from Missouri would back me up on that. We were able to have such good people who really understood the process very well also, and that is incredibly important in appropriations because you have all these things that are authorized, and then we have to figure out what to fund and how to fund, and not only that but how to get those bills passed at the committee level and ultimately passed across the floor. Of course, everybody has a tremendous interest in what is in those appropriations bills. So it is not just the process he understood so well and worked so well but his understanding of people.

He wasn't the person who always talked, and he certainly wasn't always the person, when he talked, who talked the longest. But I have always believed that sometimes a person who can express a thought in the most cogent way—in other words, express a full, complete thought that is appropriate at the time and that actually makes the point in the fewest number of words—actually shows the keenest intellect. Try it sometime. Try saying as much as you can in terms of something important and making a point in the fewest possible words. It truly does take a keen mind.

The chairman not only had a keen mind for the policy in what needed to be done but in also working with people. I think, maybe, that that is something I appreciate even more. It is that, when you worked with Chairman SHELBY, he took the time to understand what was important to you. Then, to the best of his ability, he would try to help you accomplish that.

Now, if you kind of thought, Well, that is pretty good. I think I will go back and try to get a few more things, sometimes he would have to remind you that you have got to prioritize. He might remind you with, boy, you are kind of pushing for a lot there. In that respect, it gave you perspective. That is important too. That is important too.

Yet, for the things that really mattered and for the things that you needed to get done, he really took the time to work and make it happen. That might not have happened in one cycle. That might have been something that he would have recognized as being, OK. I get it. This is important to you, and we, maybe, can't chop that tree down with one swing at the ax, but do you know what? We will keep working on this. I will work with you on it. I will mentor you on it, and we will get that done.

He gave you the confidence that it actually would happen because you knew he was going to stick there with you. I guess, in return, you know, you had to try to make sure you were doing your part.

In that respect, that would be the one other part I would mention. He also understood there were times that you could accomplish and do what he wanted you to do and vote with him and that you probably should, but then he also recognized there were times when you couldn't, and he accepted that. I think that takes an awful lot, too, because there are a lot of type A personalities around here, and it can get a little demanding once in a while.

I think he understood both the leadership and the idea of, OK, let's get something done, but then also sometimes understanding that you had to make a decision that might not be exactly what he wanted in that situation and accept it.

I guess the final point I would make is—I really like sports. I have always enjoyed sports. Now that I am an old guy, all I get to do is watch them anymore, but Senator-Chairman SHELBY likes sports too. Anyone who knows him pretty well knows that he is somewhat partial to the Tide. He is kind of an Alabama fan. Now, that might be because he played football for Alabama. I don't know how many know it, but back in the day of Bart Starr, who, obviously, was an incredible football hero for the Green Bay Packers, I remember, as a kid, watching him win the first two Super Bowls with the Green Bay Packers against the Chiefs and the Raiders. So, when I got here and found out that Chairman SHELBY had been a tight end on the Alabama team where Bart Starr was the quarterback, I thought, Wow, that is pretty cool. As a result of that, I think I always looked to talk to him about sports. I would talk about the North Dakota State Bison football team. Not surprisingly, he would talk about his beloved Alabama football team.

I have to say, you know, probably most people when they watch the Tide

play—and that seems to be pretty frequently—you know, for a national championship or in important games, they think of Bear Bryant, Coach Bryant—the coach—and how he kind of got the whole Alabama football dynasty going. That is another thing that is interesting; that Chairman SHELBY knew Bear Bryant and worked with some of Bear Bryant's other really great players, like Joe Namath and a few others.

So I loved hearing those stories. I have to tell you that, not only now but for as long as I am around, I will always take an abiding interest in watching the Alabama football team play.

Most people probably think, you know, when they think about icons and are watching the Alabama football game and go, “Oh, yes, that Bear Bryant, didn't he start something amazing? Isn't that an amazing dynasty?”—oh, I have got to do one quick story, and that is we like to kid the chairman.

One year, Alabama had a particularly good football team, and a story we were kind of teasing him about was, Hey, did you see the new football rankings that came out for college football?

You know, we would say: Well, who was No. 1?

He would say: Well, Alabama, of course.

They would say: Well, then, who was No. 2?

Well, Alabama's second string.

Then we would say: Ah, that is good. How about No. 3?

Well, that is Clemson—or somebody else.

We would say: OK. Well, how about No. 4?

Well, that is Alabama's third string. So we would like to tease and have fun.

But whenever I watch the Alabama football games now, it is not only about Bear Bryant; I think about Chairman SHELBY. I think about all of the amazing things that he has done in Congress, in the House and in the Senate, not only for Alabama—and he has done quite a few good things for Alabama, but he has done an awful lot of good things for this country. I think, where the rubber really hits the road on so many of these things when legislation gets authorized, whether it is defense or anything else, it has got to be funded.

So, if you really look back at the length of this gentleman's career in the House and in the Senate and at what he has actually done and at all of the things that he has been a part of and been involved with, it is monumental. It is iconic. It is a big, big deal, and we are going to miss him a lot.

I just want to say thank you to Senator SHELBY and to his wonderful, beautiful, classy wife, Annette, from both myself and my wife, Mikey. It has been great working with him. I hope we will see a lot of him in the future.

Congratulations on just an incredible career in the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

(Mr. Kaine assumed the Chair.)

(Mr. Booker assumed the Chair.)

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

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

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES AND MEXICO BILATERAL RELATIONS

Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, I do rise for multiple purposes. The first is to acknowledge that earlier this week, on Monday, December 12, we marked the historic bicentennial of diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico.

Our two countries share a 2,000-mile border, an extensive trade, security, economic, cultural, and familial ties.

Our cultural ties are particularly deep. Forty million Americans have Mexican heritage, many of whom are proud residents of Virginia. People of Mexican origin represent nearly 60 percent of our Nation's Hispanic population, and 2 million Americans live in Mexico. These people-to-people ties are invaluable.

The two countries share an important tradition of democracy, and those traditions require consistent work and maintenance to ensure strong and independent institutions, rule of law, and democratic freedoms.

We know that upholding democracy in both our nations isn't always easy, but it is a vital endeavor, and it is the bedrock of our partnership. As we celebrate the bicentennial, it is crucial that the Senate and the U.S. Government as a whole continue all efforts to advance this relationship.

I want to commend the Biden administration for working side by side with Mexican leaders and taking on the many challenges we face together. This is exactly what we should be doing with such a close neighboring partner, and I am committing to continue to support these efforts through my role on the Foreign Relations Subcommittee over the Americas, which I chair.

Through the high-level economic dialogue, the high-level security dialogue, the North American Leaders' Summit, and innumerable local and national engagements, the United States and Mexico have worked more closely in addressing our shared priorities.

We have got to ensure that the future of the U.S.-Mexico relationship continues to be grounded in shared prosperity and the protection of fundamental freedoms that are so important to both of our people.

I will have a more formal and detailed statement on the bicentennial that I will have submitted for the RECORD.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Now, Mr. President, if I may continue, I want to rise, together with my colleague from New Hampshire, Senator SHAHEEN, to seek consent to advance the nomination of a friend, Dr. Geeta Rao Gupta for Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues. And I would like to ask if I might yield time now to my colleague from New Hampshire, Senator SHAHEEN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you to my colleague from Virginia, Senator Kaine. I am really pleased to join you on the floor in support of Dr. Gupta to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues at the Department of State.

Sadly, this isn't the first time that I have come to the floor to raise Dr. Gupta's nomination here with our colleagues in the Senate but also with our colleagues on the Foreign Relations Committee.

I have to admit that it is disappointing to still be standing here trying to convince my colleagues that women's rights matter. They matter whether they are in the United States, in Afghanistan, in Iran, in China, or in Venezuela.

Partisan obstruction should not prevent a qualified nominee from undertaking the necessary work of the Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues. I have to be honest, it feels to me like what is at issue here is more than just the Office of Global Women's Issues. It feels like the Members of this body don't understand the role of that office and think that anytime there is something that has “women” in the title, that we must be talking about reproductive rights. Well, that is not what the Office of Global Women's Issues does. Reproductive rights are not part of that office, and it is disappointing that we are here still debating whether we are going to put in an Ambassador into that office, when since the beginning of the Trump administration, we have only had about a year when we have had an Ambassador at the Office of Global Women's Issues.

I would say to my colleagues across the aisle who are worried about Dr. Gupta's record to meet with her. Sit down and talk about what she would prioritize as Ambassador for Global Women's Issues. They should request a briefing with USAID's Office of Global Health because that is where their work is done to address women's healthcare.

What USAID's Office of Global Health has done is to reduce maternal deaths by 30 percent annually. It saves the lives of 1.4 million children under 5 each year, and it decreases—let me repeat that—it decreases the number of abortions, particularly unsafe abortions, that happen around the world. But that is not what the Office of Global Women's Issues does.

I hope they won't continue to hold up Dr. Gupta's nomination because they