

Six years in the State senate, 4 years as a judge, 4 years in the military, where he piloted a glider behind enemy lines on D-day, 4 years as Governor of South Carolina, and 40 years in the U.S. Senate, add up to nearly 60 years of service.

The hallmark of Senator THURMOND'S career is much more than just longevity. It is also effectiveness. As the *Almanac of American Politics* states, Senator THURMOND decides where he wants to go, figures out how to get there, and then does it.

As chairman or ranking member of the Judiciary Committee for a dozen years, Senator THURMOND saw the need for a war against crime and drugs long before other politicians jumped on board.

And as the new chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Senator THURMOND will continue his lifelong commitment to keeping America strong.

On behalf of all Republican Senators, I want to express to Senator THURMOND our admiration and respect, and tell him how delighted we are to have him once again serving as President pro tempore.

SALUTE TO SHIRLEY FELIX

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, as Members of this Chamber know, the Senate lost a devoted employee and many of us lost a cherished friend when Shirley Felix passed away on December 13, 1994.

As banquet manager for the U.S. Senate for the last 20 years, Shirley worked closely with the leadership offices, and with the offices of almost every Senator.

Once you began working with Shirley, it did not take you long to realize that she was a true professional. She knew how to get the job done right, and she did it with a friendly and caring attitude.

Shirley's hours were often long, and the pressures of organizing important events were often great, but Shirley somehow never seemed to lose her good humor.

Just as Shirley was loved on Capitol Hill, she was also loved by her family. I know I speak for all Members of the Senate in extending our sympathies to her husband, James; her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Plummer; her 6 sons, her 12 grandchildren, and her many other family members and friends.

Mr. HELMS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

TO AMEND SENATE RESOLUTION 338

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 21) to amend Senate Resolution 338 (which establishes the Select Committee on Ethics) to change the membership of the select committee from members of the Senate to private citizens.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is objection.

Mr. HELMS addressed the Chair.

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ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. HELMS. I now ask unanimous consent that it be in order for me to send seven bills to the desk and that they be deemed to have been read the first time, and that my request for the second reading be deemed to have been objected to.

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

Mr. HELMS. I send the documents to the desk as stated.

One final thing, Mr. President. I send to the desk statements to accompany all eight pieces of legislation and ask that they appear in the RECORD in the appropriate place.

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

(The remarks of Mr. HELMS pertaining to the introduction of legislation are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. HELMS. I thank the Chair. I thank the distinguished majority leader. I am happy to call him that.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Will the Senator withhold?

Mr. HELMS. Yes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE GINGRICH AND OTHERS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, let me say first of all that having served in the House for 8 years, in the other body for 8 years, a long time ago, I have just come from the House floor where I have had the privilege of seeing something that I did not think might ever happen, where we have a Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I say to my Democratic friends as well that I think after 40 years, everybody would be fairly happy. We waited a long, long time. So I wish to congratulate Speaker GINGRICH and Minority Leader GEPHARDT and the others on the House side who have tremendous responsibilities as we begin the 104th Congress.

But I must say that as I sat there and thought about the days I was there in the sixties, in 1961 through 1968, and thought about all that has happened

since and all that happened during those 8 years, even the fact that, in the Senate, it probably does not create the excitement—even within this Senator—that we feel for the House after all of those years.

So I salute my colleagues in the House and I wish them every success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR DASCHLE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I also wish to congratulate Senator DASCHLE, the Democratic leader. I have said many times if we are going to make this place work, as the American people expect us to make this place work, knowing that sometimes there will be differences, sometimes politics will creep in—politics is highly competitive and should be—but it should be based on ideas and what may be best for the country.

But for the Senate to operate, leaders have to work together. I look forward to working with Senator DASCHLE. We have known each other for a long time. We are from the same part of the country, I from Kansas and he from South Dakota. And we have many things in common. Our relationship has to be based on trust. There cannot be any surprises. The majority leader has the advantage because he has priority of recognition. I will not permit any surprises, and Senator DASCHLE has indicated the same.

I had such relationships with Senator MITCHELL and Senator BYRD. In fact, I talked to Senator MITCHELL this morning about 11:10 a.m. I said: "George, you have 50 minutes left. Is there anything you want me to do?" We were good friends and we worked well together, as I did with Senator BYRD.

I learned a lot from Senator BYRD. I decided a long time ago never to argue about the rules with Senator BYRD, because you will lose. He wrote most of them, and he defined others; he has modified others. In fact, I asked him a question this morning. I said, "Robert, it is not necessary when you send an amendment to the desk to ask for its immediate consideration, is it?" He said, "No, you just send an amendment to the desk." I thought I knew that. But I wanted to make certain that I understood it. Again, Senator BYRD provided that information. I am certain Senator DASCHLE will continue that tradition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW REPUBLICAN SENATORS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I also want to congratulate the 11 new Republican Senators who were elected in November. I thank them and all my Republican colleagues for their support in electing me as Senate majority leader.

But even more importantly, on behalf of all of us elected to serve, I thank the American people for their trust and their calling us to task.