

Nickles	Schumer	Sununu
Pryor	Sessions	Talent
Reed	Shelby	Thomas
Reid	Smith	Voivovich
Roberts	Snowe	Warner
Rockefeller	Specter	Wyden
Santorum	Stabenow	
Sarbanes	Stevens	

NOT VOTING—3

Edwards	Inouye	Kerry
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The bill (S. 877), as amended, was passed, as follows:

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, 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. FRIST. 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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask that there now be a period for morning business, with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each.

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

NOMINATION OF THOMAS M. HARDIMAN

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, it is my understanding that the Senate will soon take up in executive session the nomination of Thomas M. Hardiman to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and I recommend to my colleagues that he be confirmed. He has an outstanding academic record.

Mr. Hardiman received his bachelor's degree, cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame in 1987. He received his law degree, cum laude again, from Georgetown University Law Center. He was notes and comments editor of the Georgetown Law Journal, which is an indication of academic achievement and legal excellence in writing. He has been admitted to the bars of Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He has been in the active practice of law since 1990. He currently is a partner in the prestigious Pittsburgh firm of Reed Smith.

He has been very active with professional affiliations as a Pennsylvania Young Lawyers Division delegate to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. He served as a hearing officer for the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board. He has been active in community affairs, president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, and he currently serves as director of that organization. He was formerly an adjunct faculty member of LaRoche College.

As suggested by the dates of graduation, Mr. Hardiman is a young man, in his late thirties. I think he brings an element of diversity to the court, tempering some of the judges who are

older. But starting at the age of 38 affords an opportunity to develop skills and expertise on the district court as a trial judge.

From what I know about him, and I have observed him over the better part of the past decade, he has the capability perhaps to become an appellate judge. That will depend upon the development of his skills and his professional accomplishments as a judge.

He was recommended by the non-partisan nominating panel which Senator SANTORUM and I have. He is a vigorous young man. He has a family, a wife and three children, residing in Fox Chapel. I think he will make an outstanding addition to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

IN MEMORY OF IRA PAULL

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to speak in memory of Ira Paull, who passed away suddenly on September 28 at the age of 52.

I was very fortunate to work with Ira during the 7 years he spent on Capitol Hill as a staff member on the Senate Banking Committee. He worked on the staff of Senators John Heinz, Jake Garn, and Alfonse D'Amato. Ira was an integral part of virtually every critical piece of legislation that came out of the Banking Committee. His knowledge was vast and his counsel well-respected by Senators on both sides of the aisle. I personally had the privilege of working with Ira in my capacity as chairman of the Securities Subcommittee. In particular, I have fond memories of Ira as he accompanied me, Senator Heinz, and my staff on a congressional delegation to Europe in 1990 looking into European Community Financial Services issues.

Ira's reputation on the Hill was that of a bright and talented lawyer, and also of an individual with a quick wit and a tremendous sense of humor. He became well-known for writing opening statements for committee hearings that were not only well-informed and comprehensive, but would even, on occasion, incorporate rhyme or poetry that would bring a smile to everyone's face.

Though his job on the committee was to provide counsel to Republican Senators, he earned a great deal of respect from Democrats as well. He formed deep and lasting friendships with staff members from both sides of the aisle, including my own staff, who valued his advice and counsel and cherished his friendship.

Ira Paull was a hard worker, a dedicated public servant, and a wonderful person who was taken from us far too soon. He will be greatly missed by everyone who had the opportunity to know him.

I offer my deepest sympathies to his brother Gerson, to his sisters, Susan, Leah, and Linda, and to his entire family.

I ask unanimous consent to print in the RECORD statements on Ira's passing

submitted by former Senators Garn and D'Amato.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

ON THE PASSING OF IRA PAULL

Senator Jake Garn

I first met Ira Paull in 1988 when he joined the staff of Senator John Heinz as his legislative assistant specializing in securities issues. A year later he joined the Banking Committee staff and I saw first hand how Ira's expertise in banking, securities and accounting made an invaluable contribution to the work of the Committee. Ira played a key role in all of the key significant legislation addressed by the Committee during my tenure as ranking member. Many of these laws were of critical importance to the financial stability of the United States, such as the legislation that resolved the savings and loan crisis and the law that restored the financial strength of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Ira's knowledge of accounting was especially crucial to the Committee's work on these measures, and the legislation adopted by the Congress reflects much of the input and advice we received from him.

Ira's intellect and technical expertise alone would have made him a wonderful asset to the Banking Committee staff. But Ira's contribution went well beyond that. Ira took it upon himself to share his knowledge and become an adviser to senior staff and a mentor to younger staff. He was universally respected for his personal integrity and strength of convictions. Ira had strong beliefs about Aright and wrong—and to his credit, never feared to express his views. He also had a remarkable sense of humor, and members of the Committee on both sides of the aisle enjoyed the statements Ira prepared. His sense of humor also served to keep staff morale high during the periods of high stress when staff was required to work long hours due to the press of the legislative schedule.

The passing of Ira Paull is a loss for all of us. He was a bright light that shone on many people, including myself. He will be missed by many, but forgotten by no one.

IN MEMORY OF IRA PAULL

Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato

It is with deep sadness that I submit this statement about the passing of former Senate Banking Committee staff person, Ira Paull.

Ira was a strong presence on the Committee staff for a number of years, staffing first Senator Heinz, then Senator Garn and finally me when he became the Deputy Staff Director under my Chairmanship.

No matter who Ira worked for at the time, though, we all looked to him for his quick and concise explanations—Ira could always cut to the chase. If any of us wanted something more than that, Ira could also spend days on the details. He was one of the few staff people that could actually do both. Whether the explanation was a few minutes or a few hours though, he was always passionate about whatever the Committee was doing.

In fact, few could show such passion as Ira about the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or the minutiae of thrift regulation. Ira's passion for the law showed no mercy for lobbyists or staff representing members with contrary positions to Ira's successive bosses. He was a strong advocate for his member and very effective at getting what his boss needed.

I remember one particular situation back when Congress passed FDICIA in 1991. It was