

Today's diseases—Alzheimer's, AIDS, heart and kidney disease, prostate cancer and arthritis—are far more complex than those successfully treated in the past. Moreover, many of today's most prevalent diseases—primarily chronic and degenerative conditions—are at the high-cost stage in the innovation cycle. If we cut investment in medical progress today, the consequence may be irrevocable and society may rue that decision for years to come.

The annual medical costs of only seven major uncured diseases account for about half of today's health care bill. However, many of those diseases are within reach of effective pharmaceutical control or cure. As biomedical technology progresses to that point, the total cost of treating these major ailments should drop sharply. If the cycle of innovation is disrupted, we run the risk of being trapped with today's higher-cost, less-effective options.

Today's rapidly changing health care market signals the continuing sense of urgency for optimal patient care and cost containment. By the same token, we must constantly remind ourselves that medical innovation is the most viable, long-term solution for cost-effective quality care—as the findings of the Institute study attest.

In 1995, an urgent task before U.S. policymakers should be to assure that the path of innovation remains open, unobstructed and attractive to investors. And, that statement applies across the board—from our industry that has cured polio, tuberculosis, measles and diphtheria to our fellow industries that have brought the world the laser, fiber optics, lightweight alloys, integrated circuits, the CAT scanner, and that have taken us into outer space.

Thank you.●

#### BOB SELTZER

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I want to take a few minutes of the Senate's time this evening to salute the career of one of the best among us. Tomorrow, Bob Seltzer is turning off his Senate computer terminal for the last time, analyzing his last floor debate, perhaps writing his last perceptive piece of policy analysis. After spending much of the last 17 years serving three different Senators, Bob is leaving Capitol Hill for less hectic pursuits. Along with the many people who have had the privilege of working with him, I will miss him very much.

Bob was teaching college in Detroit when I was lucky enough to get him to manage my first campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1978. Despite the odds against a city councilman like me winning his first statewide race, Bob maneuvered me into winning and followed me to Washington as the chief of my staff. We both dove into the challenges and opportunities of this institution, and he was at my side throughout my first 4 years. He set up my office, hired my staff, shaped my legislative program, wrote some speeches for me and endorsed me in many aspects of my job. Even after moving on to other challenges, Bob came back when I needed him for another stint on my staff as my communications director.

We learned the ways of Washington together, and we both developed a deep love for the Senate. He was as fas-

cinated as I with its traditions and procedures, and he became one of a handful of students of the Senate who have a deep understanding of how and why things happen here they way they do. His unique, wry and creative sense of humor helped me and all those he worked with survive the many strains of Senate life. He enjoyed poking fun at himself. I relied on his political instincts and insights, and on his ability to tell me things straight. His grasp of the fundamental principles of what makes our complex society function and his incredible ability to analyze and explain a problem and argue for a solution to it were invaluable assets to this Senator.

That ability to paint word pictures of people and problems and their solutions which Bob has is truly remarkable. He can write about virtually any subject and bring it to vivid life, creating memorable images that stay with the listener or the reader. I remember, for example, the way he once described his suspicions about someone's guilt: "There may not be a smoking gun, but there's a trail of spent shells leading to his door." Even his internal office memos describing the most mundane administrative matters, which he claimed to be terrible at dealing with, contained priceless paragraphs of prose and self deprecating humor.

I would be less than truthful if I did not point out, however, that Bob did have a weakness in his writing style, a tendency toward excessive alliteration. Perhaps this grows out of his interest in literature, which he is going to pursue in the years ahead by opening a bookstore. One of his close friends and former coworkers, Chuck Cutolo, who also recently moved on from the Senate, called to say that if Bob were writing his own headline for the story of this departure, it would probably read something like "Seltzer Severs Senatorial Services; Banks on Books to Bring Him a Breathe."

But this one weakness did not stop Bob from getting two other Senators to make him a key advisor after he left my staff. Senator HERB KOHL made Bob his legislative director, and he most recently has served Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG in that same capacity. They probably don't know it, but Bob continued to help me, in his spare time. He continued to be a political strategist and advisor, and I hope he continues to give me the benefit of his extraordinary skills and his trenchant wisdom.

When we came here together he was a young man. He's now old enough to be beloved. And that he is.●

#### NOMINATION OF JOHN J. CALLAHAN

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, on July 21, 1995, the Senate Committee on Finance favorably reported the nomination of John J. Callahan for the position of Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget and Chief Finan-

cial Officer (ASMB/CFO) for the Department of Health and Human Services. I support Dr. Callahan's nomination and feel his expertise would be advantageous to this Department. The importance of this Department and its role in our society is immeasurable. For this reason it is crucial that this Department, like every other, be served by outstanding people such as Dr. Callahan.

For more than 25 years, John J. Callahan has had an exemplary public service record. He served in the United States Senate for over 15 years. During that period he served as Staff Director for the U.S. Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Federalism, and the District of Columbia. His service also includes serving as Deputy Staff Director of the Senate Budget Committee and Chief of Staff to my good friend from Tennessee, former Senator Jim Sasser. Dr. Callahan's vast Congressional and budget experience should help him tremendously as he wrestles with the issues that HHS deals with every day.

Earlier in Dr. Callahan's public service career he was a Director at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). During that time he had the opportunity to conduct studies that helped State legislatures review their school finance plans to meet with educational mandates. Working for the State governments has given him the background needed to better link state and national government agencies, and to better interpret the effect of Federal requirements on state and local governments.

As Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Callahan will have the responsibility of handling the more than \$300 billion budget that is allocated annually to HHS programs. He is ably credentialed for this task. Dr. Callahan's work at the Senate Budget Committee included assisting in the preparation of more than 20 Committee hearings and in the development and passage of two budget reconciliation bills (which together reduced projected deficits by nearly \$1 trillion).

HHS is considered by many to be one of the most crucial entities of our government. This Department affects all Americans at some point or another in their lives. From childhood immunization programs to the supervision of Medicare, we will all eventually benefit from the services of this agency. The Assistant Secretary of Management and Budget has many responsibilities that help to make this a productive Department. John Callahan has the expertise and track record to run this office efficiently and purposefully. In a recent meeting with Dr. Callahan, we discussed his role in designing more efficient programs. John Callahan brings with him to this important post not only new and innovative ideas but invaluable experience that has taken him many years to acquire.