

has always been fair to this Senator. We have clashed from time to time on issues. But fairness and confidence and being a very capable Senator and a Senate leader has been the hallmark of BOB DOLE.

I simply say that we will miss him very much in the U.S. Senate, and I would have preferred that he not take the additional step that he announced today with regard to resigning from the Senate. I recognize that in running for President of the United States, it was most difficult to be here, to be a leader. However, I thought the announcement that I read in the papers this morning with regard to Senator DOLE, recognizing that he could not do justice to his Presidential race and be a full-time leader of the Senate and the suggestion that he turn this over to other Members of the Republican majority, seemed to make sense to me. But, for whatever reason, BOB DOLE has made the decision that I think he had to make. I only thank him for the friendship.

I will value the few remaining weeks, week or two or three, that I will have the privilege of serving together with him in the U.S. Senate.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I do not want Senator GRASSLEY to think we are procrastinating and trying to put his amendment off. He is going to have to be absent for just a few minutes.

Mr. President, I will use just a few minutes here as in morning business. I ask my remarks be as in morning business.

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

#### THE RESIGNATION OF BOB DOLE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, the last 3 or 4 hours have been a time of very mixed emotions for many of us. A while ago when we were crammed, all of us Republican Senators, in BOB DOLE's office, when he told us of his desires and wishes, I can say that was a room where grown men, more than one, had a few tears in their eyes, including our distinguished majority leader.

I, for one, will miss him very, very much here in the Senate. But I think when we finally take stock of the U.S. Senate—we are now 208 years old, but if we were to take stock, now, of the 208 years of the U.S. Senate, looking for the giants of the Senate, I am not the least bit reluctant to say that whatever short list one chooses as part of history, BOB DOLE will be among the giants and the real leaders of the U.S. Senate. There is no doubt in my mind, if you take just the last 100 years, that BOB DOLE would once again show up in the top three, four, five U.S. Senators of this entire modern century.

So, obviously, you cannot take somebody like that out of here and not have

a big void. We will clearly miss his leadership and his marvelous ability to tell funny stories and get us off guard and get things done. But essentially his life has been one of real sacrifice for the country. Most Americans do not know that. They have to find out.

BOB DOLE dedicated weeks and months and years to getting his body in the position where he could conduct business and be a Senator after his tragic World War II accident on the front lines. In that, he learned about determination and about fortitude and about strength, and how much strength he really had. He has been giving since then, giving and giving and giving—not to the Senate, but to the American people. And, since he has made the decision that he wants to be President, I, this Senator, wholeheartedly support what he has chosen to do. I hope it is everything he plans it to be, and I think it will be.

He will go to the American people not as the majority leader or Senator, but as a man from Kansas who has sacrificed more than once for this country and will try to do it one more time. I have nothing but great admiration and respect.

My comments to him today are: The very best to you, BOB DOLE. Hopefully, this decision will take you to the White House. If it does, it will be the greatest decision you ever made, and a great decision for America.

But, indeed, there is no question the American people are going to get to find out who BOB DOLE is and what he is all about. And if that is done, it will be a fair election. For if he cannot do that, if the people do not get to know him as he is, it will not be a fair election, not one where he will have the right kind of chance to be President.

So those are my few remarks for today. In time I will say more about him, recalling some of the things we have done together.

With that, I yield to Senator GRASSLEY for his amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMPSON). The Senator from Iowa.

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate continued with the consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I yield myself as much time as I might consume, but I would like the Chair to notify me when I have 15 minutes left because I want to make sure my cosponsors get ample time to speak on the amendment as well.

Did the Senator from Nebraska want the floor?

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, could I pose a question now so we could establish this? This is the first amendment that is being offered. Do we have time agreements on amendments?

I remember in the opening remarks, the chairman of the committee indicated some time limits on the amendments. For the information of this Sen-

ator and the Senate as a whole, will the Chair please indicate how much time is allotted to the amendment, the first degree? I assume that timeframe would continue unless we get unanimous consent at some future time to change it. What is the agreement on time limits?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On the Budget Act, there are 2 hours equally divided on first-degree amendments, 1 hour equally divided on second-degree amendments.

Mr. EXON. So there are 2 hours, and 1 hour, half an hour a side, on any amendments to it. Is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Second-degree. The Senator is correct.

Mr. EXON. I thank the Chair, and I thank my friend from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I assume that my time is starting right now.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has not called up his amendment. We will not proceed until the amendment is at the desk.

AMENDMENT NO. 3963

(Purpose: To reduce defense spending)

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], for himself, Mr. EXON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. HARKIN, proposes an amendment numbered 3963.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

On page 4, line 8, decrease the amount by \$8,300,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, decrease the amount by \$2,300,000,000.

On page 8, line 3, decrease the amount by \$8,300,000,000.

On page 8, line 4, decrease the amount by \$2,300,000,000.

On page 52, line 11, decrease the amount by \$8,300,000,000.

On page 52, line 12, decrease the amount by \$2,300,000,000.

On page 59, at the end of line 2, insert "This section shall not apply to defense discretionary budget authority and budget outlays caps for fiscal year 1997."

Mr. GRASSLEY. I yield myself 15 minutes, Mr. President, off of my time.

For those on the Budget Committee, this amendment attempts to do almost exactly what I did in the Budget Committee, somewhat lower numbers, but also the numbers are not fenced in the truest sense of the word because, under the budget resolution, that would be subject to a point of order, and we wanted to make sure the amendment was germane.

So to the Budget Committee members, we are still trying to reduce the deficit by the amount we are saving on defense. For the rest of the Senate, I want to say my approach is the same, the same goal, lower numbers. We are