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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today, the prayer will be offered by the Honorable CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa.

PRAYER

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, as Members of the Senate gather here this morning to conduct their legislative business we implore Your blessings upon them, their families, and their staffs. We beseech You to instill in them a faith that is unerring, a hope that is certain, a patience that is boundless, a courage that is unwavering, a love that is perfect, and a sensitivity and a knowledge that they may accomplish Your holy and true command. Amen.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRASSLEY). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from New Mexico.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, in behalf of the leader, I make the following statement.

This morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the energy and water appropriations bill.

Under the agreement reached on Friday there are a limited number of first-degree amendments which can be offered during today's session.

No rollcall votes will occur today. However, any votes ordered will be stacked on a case-by-case basis on Tuesday morning beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be a period of morning business today between the hours of 12 and 2 after which we will resume the energy and water bill.

Also, in accordance with the consent agreement, the Senate will begin consideration of the legislative branch appropriations this afternoon at 5 p.m.

Once again, any votes ordered on amendments to that bill will also be stacked to occur tomorrow morning.

Senators should anticipate busy sessions this week with rollcall votes throughout each day and into the evening as we make progress on the appropriations bills.

The majority leader would like to thank all Members in advance for their cooperation this week as we attempt to complete all of the Senate business prior to start of the August recess.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1959 which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1959) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

McCain amendment No. 5094, to clarify that report language does not have the force of law.

McCain amendment No. 5095, to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the advanced light water reactor program.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I know of no Senators who are waiting to offer amendments. Let me remind them that there are a number of Senators listed as having reserved amendments. Many of them merely state

“relevant,” meaning that we are not totally aware of what the amendments are. But we have from 9:30 to 12 to debate some of them, to get the votes set, and to ask for the yeas and nays. Then those votes will be set for tomorrow.

I yield the floor at this point.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I notice there seems to be a momentary pause, so I am going to speak on a couple of things.

JOE JAMELE—A TRUE PATRIOT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, in a short while, my longtime press secretary, Joe Jamele, will be retiring. Joe Jamele set probably an all-time record as press secretaries of 15 years in my office. I think this is a great compliment to two Italian-Americans, Joe and myself, that we put up with each other for 15 years. We were good friends when we began our association; we are even better friends as it comes to an end.

Joe Jamele is one of those very special people who is a true Vermonter. I remember when I grew up, we always had the debate of what it took to be a Vermonter. Usually, the debate centered around whether your great-great-grandparents were born and raised in Vermont or whether your great-great-grandparents were born and raised in Vermont.

Joe Jamele established it in the best of ways. He earned his right to be a

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Vermonters through his sense of hard work, honesty and loyalty, loyalty to his family, loyalty to his community, and loyalty to those who were fortunate enough to have him serve in their office, whether it was the Governor of the State of Vermont, Governor Salmon, or whether it was myself.

Having Joe Jamele as a member of your office comes with a price. I would often come in feeling that I just made some brilliant coup, either in the media or on the floor or back home. Joe would lean back and say, "Well, you know, PATRICK, the way I heard it was," and then he would give it to me from the eyes of the vast majority of Vermonters. And I would say, "Yeah, I guess I didn't do quite as good as I might have," and he would bring it back to Earth. But he also did it in a way that was in the best interest of Vermont.

He would say oftentimes, "Let's talk about what really is on people's minds back there." That is something he knew because he had such a farflung group of people, and still does, around Vermont, people he could call and talk with, people who are the true opinionmakers, not those who thought they were the true opinionmakers, but the people who really were the true opinionmakers and those who understood it.

Joe had, and has, this sense of history in Vermont. We sometimes have members of the press who come there, have been there a very short time and don't know who had gone before them. He was a very distinguished member of the press and has a sense of history that has probably only been seen, in my recollection, in Mavis Doyle, a former, and now deceased, reporter for the Rutland Herald. Joe knew who the players were. He knew those who spoke just for a sound bite as compared to those who spoke to do what they thought was best for the State or our country.

He had a professor's true heart, because over this decade and a half, we had so many young people who came into our office who found their real mentor was Joe Jamele, and they could go to Joe with everything from a professional to a personal concern and get the best of advice.

So, Mr. President, I was very pleased when Sam Hemingway of the Burlington Free Press wrote in May a column about Joe, and I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Burlington Free Press, May 31, 1996]

(By Sam Hemingway)

WASHINGTON BIDS FAREWELL TO JAMELE

To his last day on the job—today—Joseph Jamele Jr., 65, was remaining true to form: part curmudgeon, part romantic and full-time Vermont political junkie.

"It's terrible," he muttered on the phone from Washington, D.C., where he's worked as

press secretary for U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., for 15 years, an eon in a profession famous for short life spans.

"Winding down is terrible," he went on. "I don't like this going-away stuff. I'd rather say goodbye on a one-to-one basis than have those cheery testimonials. I've been to a lot of them and every one's been a disaster."

And then, a minute later, he was talking fondly about working for peanuts as a reporter in the 1950s. About managing the gubernatorial victory of Democrat Tom Salmon in 1972, one of the great upsets in Vermont political history. About the changes in Vermont he can't bear to watch.

"There's some parts I can barely visit because they've changed so much," he said. "Like the outskirts of Burlington. I can remember driving through Colchester at night and not see a light on. Or up around Lake Seymour. It used to be you could go for miles and not see anyone. Now it's ringed with cottages."

The two sports are important to Jamele. Lake Seymour, close by Morgan in the Northeast Kingdom, was where he was sent to summer camp by his family in New Jersey all through the Depression and World War II. Burlington is where he got his first job while still a college student, bundling freshly printed Free Presses on the midnight shift.

A reporting job soon followed, with Jamele honoring the advice of a plaque on the wall in the office of his University of Vermont mentor, Andrew Nuquist, that read: "Never give them two bad ones in a row."

He didn't. Jamele's news writing career covered the mundane—taking sports briefs over the phone—to the dramatic: a story about the abused dog who crawled home to die. He once interviewed a blind man who had wandered lost in a forest for three days. He talked with a sobbing Gov. Phil Hoff the day President Kennedy was assassinated.

By the early 1970s, his love for politics and weariness with low-paying journalism jobs got the best of him. In 1972, he had begun working for the GOP gubernatorial campaign of then-Attorney General James Jeffords when Salmon called and coaxed him to not only switch horses, but political affiliations as well.

The move paid off. Jeffords eventually lost his party's primary to Luther Hackett; Salmon went on to victory in November.

"The night Tom won, the first returns that came in came from Granby, which voted 26-0 for Hackett," Jamele said. "Tom's daughter began to cry on the couch, and Tom consoled her by reminding her about Hackett's pledge to visit every town. 'I think he spent too much time in Granby,' he told her."

Jamele remains convinced that had Salmon run for retiring U.S. Sen. George Aiken's seat in 1974, he would have won. "I think Aiken really wanted Tom to succeed him," Jamele said.

But Salmon passed on the chance, and the door was opened for Leahy. Jamele worked for Salmon for four years, then for Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis. He joined Leahy's staff in 1981, a move he's never regretted.

And will not now sentimentalize as he heads for the exits. He leaves, critical of the way federal workers have become scapegoats for those who blame government for what's wrong in the country, angry about the dominance of polls and television ads in political campaigns.

Passionate and skeptical to the end.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I will say that my career in the Senate has been greatly enhanced because Joe has been willing to give so much of himself to this office, to the State of Vermont, to the U.S. Senate, and to our country. He is, indeed, a true patriot.

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY AND MRS. JEAN HOLBROOK

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. The Kellogg-Hubbard Library holds a very special place in my heart, because I had my first library card there. I used to go almost every day. I would be reading a book at school or a book at home and sometimes a book in the library in the evening.

Mrs. Jean Holbrook, who was the librarian, was one of those people who truly helped form my life and my educational accomplishments as a child. It was she who told me when I got bored with the curriculum in the third grade that I could also be spending my time reading Dickens and Robert Louis Stevenson, and I did with great enjoyment. It was she who told me that when I read just about everything in the children's library, that she would go with me to get a card in the upstairs library, the grownups' library. I guess I was probably the youngest grownup at the time, but this helped me, and it has helped me immeasurably throughout my life.

Even today, when I give graduation addresses in high schools and even sometimes grade schools in Vermont, I tell the graduates they have already learned the most important thing in their life—they have learned to read. On top of learning to read, they have developed a love for reading, and every door in life will be open to them because their love of reading will allow them to expand their imagination and their love of life in a way they could not otherwise, but also help them learn to be whatever they want to be.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an article I wrote for the Times Argus in Vermont about the Hubbard Library titled "Montpelier Boy Realizes Miss Holbrook Was Right" be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Times Argus, June 13, 1996]

MONTPELIER BOY REALIZES MISS HOLBROOK WAS RIGHT

(By Patrick Leahy)

The 100th anniversary of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library triggers memories for all of us who have lived in Montpelier. And they are great memories.

While I was growing up, Montpelier did not have television. We children did not have the advantage of cable TV with 10 channels giving us the opportunity to buy things we didn't need and would never use or another 10 offering blessings or redemptions for an adequate contribution.

Deprived as we were, we made do with the Lone Ranger and Inner Sanctum on the radio and Saturday's serials at the Strand Theater on Main Street. For a few minutes on Saturday afternoon, we could watch Hopalong Cassidy, Tarzan, Flash Gordon, Jungle Jim or Batman face death-defying predicaments that would guarantee you would be back the next Saturday, 14 cents in hand, to see how they survived (and I recall they always did).

Having exhausted radio, Saturday matinees, the latest comic books (I had a favorite) and childhood games and chores, we were left to our own imagination.