

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

SALUTING THE SERVICE OF
HOWARD O. GREENE, JR.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Senate Resolutions 293 and 294, and I ask unanimous consent they be considered en bloc.

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

Mr. STEVENS. I ask that the clerk read the resolution which is the resolution pertaining to the former Sergeant at Arms.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 293) saluting the service of Howard O. Greene, Jr.:

S. RES. 293

Whereas, Howard O. Greene, Jr. has served the United States Senate since January 1968;

Whereas, Mr. Greene has during his Senate career served in the capacities of Doorkeeper, Republican Cloakroom Assistant, Assistant Secretary for the Minority, Secretary for the Minority, Secretary for the Majority, culminating in his election as Senate Sergeant-At-Arms during the 104th Congress;

Whereas, throughout his Senate career Mr. Greene has been a reliable source of advice and counsel to Senators and Senate staff alike;

Whereas, Mr. Greene's institutional knowledge and legislative skills are well known and respected;

Whereas, Mr. Greene's more than 28 years of service have been characterized by a deep and abiding respect for the institution and customs of the United States Senate;

Therefore be it resolved,

That the Senate salutes Howard O. Greene, Jr. for his career of public service to the United States Senate and its Members.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Howard O. Greene, Jr.

PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE PAY

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the second resolution.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 294) to provide for severance pay.

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

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions.

Mr. FORD. I ask unanimous consent I be made a cosponsor of the resolution commending Howard Greene.

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

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that all Senators have an opportunity through the remainder of the day to add their names as cosponsors, if they so desire.

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

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, Howard Greene traveled across the Chesapeake Bay from Lewes, DE, to the Senate in 1968, and he has been present in the Halls of the Capitol ever since. He developed a deep knowledge and understanding of the Senate as he rose through the ranks from Doorkeeper to Cloakroom assistant to Secretary for the Minority and Majority to Sergeant at Arms. His loyal service spans from Republican leaders Everett Dirksen, Howard Baker, Bob Dole, and TRENT LOTT. He served almost three decades.

Members have come to rely on Howard's ability to help count noses. I know I did when I was whip in the Chamber here for 8 years.

While sometimes it seemed that Howard had a crystal ball, it was his careful analysis, knowledge of the issues, understanding of the Members, and his hard work that provided information that usually made his forecasts correct. Vice Presidents, in their role as Presidents of the Senate, have relied on Howard's assistance and experience particularly during times when debates were intense and votes could be close.

We have been able to count on Howard for almost 30 years, and he has been there when he was needed by the Senate. But better than that, he has been able to participate where he could be of help. He has not had to be asked. His colorful descriptions of everyday situations and sense of humor helped lighten the atmosphere during some of our longer and longest days and nights. He was here on some of the longest ones.

Those of us who traveled with Howard over the years know what a fine traveling companion he really is. One of his sad tasks was to arrange for Senators to travel to funerals or memorial services for departed Senators. When Howard made those arrangements, the appearance of Members of the Senate was one of dignity, organization, and meaningful caring for those who survived one of our former colleagues.

Mr. President, I believe Senators on both sides of the aisle know that Howard's allegiance to the Senate and his loyalty to its Members and his love of our country would be hard to match. Many Senators and staff members who have retired would echo my words of tribute to my friend.

Today, as his service in the Senate is about to end, I have asked for permission to request the Senate to pay this special tribute to Howard Greene. He will be missed by many of us.

I understand there will be time up to 15 minutes for Members of the Senate to add their comments, but let me first ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and statements made to these resolutions appear at this point in the RECORD.

The second resolution is comparable to that which was offered for several other Sergeants of Arms and recognizes their service by a provision for terminal leave compensation.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 293 and S. Res. 294) were agreed to.

The preamble to Senate Resolution 293 was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 294) is as follows:

S. RES. 294

Resolved, (a) That the individual who was the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate on September 1, 1996, and whose service as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate terminated on or after September 1, 1996 but prior to September 6, 1996, shall be entitled to one lump sum payment consisting of severance pay in an amount equal to two months of the individual's basic pay at the rate such individual was paid on September 1, 1996.

(b) The Secretary of the Senate shall make payments under this resolution from funds appropriated for fiscal year 1996 from the appropriation account "Miscellaneous Items" within the contingent fund of the Senate.

(c) A payment under this resolution shall not be treated as compensation for purposes of any provision of title 5, United States Code, or of any other law relating to benefits accruing from employment by the United States, and the period of entitlement to such pay shall not be treated as a period of employment for purposes of any such provision of law.

Mr. SPECTER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I am pleased to join my distinguished colleague, Senator STEVENS, in praising Howard Greene. During the 16 years that I have had the privilege of serving in the Senate, I have come to know Howard Greene and have great admiration and respect for him.

Senator STEVENS talked about the Republican majority leaders Dirksen and Baker and Dole and what great service they received from Howard Greene. In a sense, Howard Greene was a leader's leader because he would always provide information and insights of enormous value to the leadership.

We are blessed, in the Senate, to have personnel who serve in the capacity of—you might call them clerks, or you might call them directors, or you might call them, in effect, assistant leaders. When Howard Greene was here, I would frequently go to him, as would most of my colleagues, and want a prediction about what was going to happen. People who may watch the Senate intermittently on C-SPAN do not know that our schedules are very unpredictable. Some times people ask, "When will the Senate adjourn?" I customarily say, "When the last Senator stops speaking." Howard Greene customarily had a good idea as to when the last Senator would stop speaking.

When he was promoted to the Sergeant at Arms, a very important and prestigious position in the Senate, I was, in a sense, sorry to see it happen, because no longer would Howard Greene patrol the floor. That familiar sight when he would come out of those double doors, straighten his tie and adjust his coat and walk down that step. Even Elizabeth Greene laughs at the recapture of Howard Greene entering

the Senate Chamber. He was always busy. Howard Greene was really a great aid and comfort to all the Senators. When the going got rough, I would call him in the evening or call him on weekends, and he was always available to help over the rough administrative hurdles.

I know my colleague Senator ROTH has come to the floor, and he intends to talk about Howard Greene as well. But I think Howard Greene was a tremendous asset to the U.S. Senate. I, for one, am very sorry to see him terminate his service here. But I wish him the very best in the years ahead, and I know we will all continue to work with him and admire him and respect him for his contribution to this body.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). The Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, may I just take a moment to associate myself with the remarks of the distinguished Senators from Alaska and Pennsylvania, as they relate to our friend Howard Greene.

I think you have to understand the institution to understand the value of an individual like Howard Greene. I think you have to understand the fairness, you have to understand that your word is good, that when you tell a Senator something, that is the way it is. If something happens that it cannot occur that way, you have the good judgment to come back and say to that Senator it cannot happen now, and tell him why.

I have never talked to Howard Greene and asked for anything, but what I received the most courteous attention as if I was the only one seeking any kind of information or help from him.

So I will miss Howard Greene. I think the Senate will miss Howard Greene. I hope those who are taking Howard's place will understand that they are filling very, very large shoes.

To my friend Howard, I wish him well. I hope his days ahead are full of pleasure, and I hope that he can find something that will fulfill him as much as his operation here in the Senate.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I join in the tribute to Howard Greene. I worked with him here in my 17½ years in the Senate. He has been very helpful to me. He has been a friend of mine. He has been an outstanding public servant, a man of conviction and honesty and hard work.

I do not know if the public realizes how hard some of these staff people work around here to keep this place going. I saw it firsthand, in many cases when we were in session at night.

Howard Greene certainly exemplifies hard work and honesty and goodness. I join my colleagues in paying tribute to him here today.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I just want to pay my respects to Howard Greene for being such a good friend and a solid worker around here in the U.S. Senate. Wherever he has worked he has served with distinction, he served with a great deal of verve, and he has been a very good friend for all of us. I would feel very badly if I did not get out here and say a few nice things about him, because Howard has always had an open mind, he has always been willing to listen, he has always tried to help. He has helped me on a number of occasions, as I know he has every Senator, and he deserves our respect, and I certainly want to pay my respect to him today.

I am sorry he is retiring, but I wish him the very best in his retirement, and I hope, if there is ever any occasion for me to give any assistance or help to him, I would certainly like to be there for him. He is a great person who I think served this U.S. Senate with great distinction. I just wanted to say those few words here today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, it is fitting for me to offer a few words concerning Howard Greene and his service to the U.S. Senate. Howard is from my home State of Delaware. He began his service to the Senate in 1968, as a doorman in the gallery. At the time, he was only 26, attending the University of Maryland. His objective was to become a history teacher. Howard was an ambitious young man—bright and extremely able. In this environment, he gained the attention of Senators and became more and more interested in the political process—especially the daily proceedings here on Capitol Hill.

When an opportunity presented itself in the early 1970's, Howard moved into the Republican Cloakroom. After this important promotion in Howard's young life, you can imagine his surprise when his mother said, "Congratulations, Dear. Does that mean you'll be hanging up the Senators' coats?" It was while in the Cloakroom that Howard distinguished himself as one who could get things done. His attention to detail, and service to others became defining qualities, as did his keen insight into complex legislative issues.

Those who knew Howard, trusted his insights, and his activities drew him into even greater involvement with the daily affairs of the Senate. They prepared him well for a new assignment as Assistant Secretary for the Minority, under Mark Trice.

With the election of Ronald Reagan and the Republican majority, Howard was appointed Secretary by Howard

Baker. It was while he served in that capacity that many of us came to appreciate his organizational skills, his diplomacy, and leadership.

Howard has now served 2 years as Sergeant at Arms. His love for the Senate and the legislative process have continued. In his years of service, he had done Delaware proud.

From his upbringing in the small town of Lewes, to his work in the most powerful legislative body on Earth, Howard Greene is, indeed, a smalltown boy who made good.

Mr. President, I yield back the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, when I came to the Senate, I can say without any equivocation, Howard Greene was one of those individuals to whom I and my colleagues—we had one of the largest classes of Senators at that particular time; took our oaths in 1979—but he was the man to whom we looked for a lot of advice and guidance.

The distinguished Senator, Mr. Howard Baker, was then our leader on the Republican side. And it was clear that Mr. Baker placed in Howard Greene a great deal of confidence and respect, and indicated to Mr. Greene, to the extent he could be of assistance to the newcoming Senators, to do so. That early experience with him led to many, many times that we worked together.

I find him to be a person extremely knowledgeable about the rules of the Senate. While the rules of the Senate are the subject of great discussion many, many times, there is a lot that is not in the rules. But, nevertheless, Senators are expected to follow the traditions. And he was particularly astute about all the unwritten traditions of the Senate. And certainly in my class—and I hope it will always be a part of Senate life—we were very anxious to comply with the rules of the Senate, be they written or unwritten, as a part of tradition.

Howard Greene played a very valuable role to my class. I see my distinguished colleague here from Wyoming, Senator SIMPSON. He remembers well Howard Greene and how he worked with our class, and in the years thereafter. He was also pretty tightlipped. There were many times he sat in on meetings. I found that he was able to hold those exchanges that sometimes were heated between Senators, and do it very well.

So speaking for myself, and I hope others will join me, we wish him very well in his next challenge in life professionally. I wish to express my fond farewell and my gratitude in terms of what he did for me individually, what he did for my class of Senators, and

what he did for almost three decades of service in the U.S. Senate. I hope that younger persons now coming along and seeking to have a role in the Senate will look upon Howard Greene as one that set standards that they should strive to accept. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. MURKOWSKI addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to Howard Greene for the service that he has provided this body. My personal association with Howard goes back to my election to the Senate and coming to this body in 1980. I had little association with Washington, DC, and little association with Senate procedure, and I found Howard extraordinarily talented in addressing the egos of some 100 individual Members of this body.

He always reminded me of a person who had the ability to keep all the balls up in the air, all at once if necessary, and in meeting the needs, the desires, not only of the Members during the normal course of business, but oftentimes it would be necessary to phone him after hours. I found him more than willing to go beyond just accommodating Members in the normal activities of our daily lives, but to make an effort to accommodate the needs of family and family members.

I think it is fair to say that as I look back on my career in the Senate, approaching some 16 years, I look back on it with fond memories of my association with Howard.

The occasional traveler. Howard was, in my opinion, a white-knuckle flier. He had some inhibitions about the ability of the particular craft to get him to where he was going and, more importantly, back. One night we were flying over the Atlantic, and I do not know whether we were in the Azores or where, but we had to refuel. And we were in an old Boeing 707 that the Air Force had, and occasionally the gear did not go down. One of the gears locked up on this particular night, would not go down. The normal procedure for eliminating that experience was to put the plane in a slide dive and pull up rather abruptly, and that theoretically would drop the gear. Of course, the Air Force aircraft are not known for their public address systems. Some of us had some idea of the procedure, and Howard was simply terrified through the entire process, which I think resulted in some libation of some nature, or at least a visit to a watering hole when we hit the ground, to which he was entitled and probably all of us as well.

I cite a more recent visit that I had with Howard when I had an opportunity to participate as chairman of the United States-Canadian Interparliamentary where we flew out of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, with many of our Canadian counterparts,

Members from Parliament from both the lower house and the upper house, and then took an Alaskan ferry on up through Ketchikan and Juneau, and then went on past the Yukon Railroad out to Whitehorse where we were again joined by members of the Yukon territorial parliamentary body. And I found his insight, his long memory of the Senate, particularly some of the humorous sides of our relationships with one another, to be very interesting and rewarding.

So I just add, that Howard Greene's contribution to the Senate will be long remembered by those who served with him, who knew him, and who loved him. I join others in wishing him well as he proceeds with what is ahead of him in his life. And I thank him for his friendship and for his accommodation. I wish him well. I yield the floor, Mr. President.

Mr. SIMPSON. I thank my friend from Alaska, Mr. President.

Just let me pay my own personal tribute for a moment to Howard Greene. When I came here to the Senate with Senator WARNER, our first meeting, our first official conduct, our first official briefing, was with one Bill Hildenbrand and with Howard Greene, very special people, both of them. They worked so well together. These two smoothed my path in this place, and certainly Howard Greene was, in my role as assistant leader of the Senate, always there. He was there. He gave me full measure of himself, as so many have here who do the work of the Senate.

Those who are here today who knew Howard, worked with him closely, he was always there for me in my role as assistant leader. As I say, he gave me full measure—loyal, helpful, persistent, a source of good counsel—and a strong, yes, yes, strong, taskmaster. He was good at organizing things, the official visits, the trips, the Presidential funerals, the official trips we had to do, and he was always well organized.

He will be remembered for his love and loyalty to the Senate as an institution, for he loved this place from his youth and from his early beginnings. He was my strong right arm in my work, and I owe him my deepest thanks and respect. I shall miss his good humor, ribald as it was. I wish him well. There is much more for him to do in life. I wish him well. I wish him peace of mind. I wish him good health. He has many friends. He can certainly always know that this is one. Ann and I wish him the very best. God bless him in his new endeavors of life.

I thank the Chair.

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

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

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to Howard Greene and in saying words about our good friend. He has been my good friend for the past 20 years.

I came to the Senate, and Bill Hildenbrand and Howard Greene were two people who took me under their wings. My own judgment at the time was that Bill Hildenbrand knew almost everything that needed to be known about Washington. He seemed to be a man of consummate experience, a person who had been involved in campaigns but, likewise, in the running of the Senate from time immemorial. Howard Greene seemed to be his deputy, his teammate, a person of great vigor, who would stride up and down the aisles of this Hall with determination and always with success in finding the person, the bill, the detail that was required.

It was exciting to watch them. It gave me confidence that some people had confidence in what was being done, and I thought if I watched carefully I might learn more, and I did from both of these gentlemen. During recent years, Howard's growing responsibilities have been a real pleasure—seeing his own growth as a person, as an administrator, as one who has served Government well, has served the people of the United States, really, with distinction, in large part because he helped all of us to be more effective and to have some idea of what we were doing and how we might do it better.

I am delighted to have this opportunity, and I appreciate the leader giving us the opportunity today, to say good words about people who have meant a lot to us, and especially about the person that we honor on this particular afternoon, Howard Greene.

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

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

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I noticed that some of my colleagues commented about the service of Howard Greene, retiring as Sergeant at Arms of the Senate. They referred to their long years of experience with Howard and the great service that he has rendered to the Senate during those years.

I am a relatively new Senator and don't have that kind of experience to draw on, but I can offer the perspective of a relative newcomer to this body and to the service that Howard Greene provided when I was trying to find my way around. I found very quickly that if I wanted an answer to a question, I went to Howard Greene and I always got one—quickly, accurately, and sometimes very, very succinctly. Howard is not a man who wastes words.

I found when I needed assistance in working through possible committee

assignments and understanding the program and how it all works, Howard Greene was there at my side to give me the assistance I needed and helped me find my way through that, which could be so confusing to a newcomer. Subsequently, as a member of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, I had the opportunity to interact with Howard during appropriations hearings that he was called upon to attend as the Sergeant at Arms. I found that he was not only concerned about Senators and taking care of the needs of Senators, he was also very concerned about the people under his jurisdiction. The Capitol Police come to mind as one area where Howard focused primarily on the personal needs of the members of the Capitol Police.

When I made a suggestion in the subcommittee about something that could be done within the law that would make life better for the Capitol Police, Howard picked up on it immediately and said, "We will do that." A little while later, I checked back and said, "Has anybody followed through on this?" I needn't have done that checking back. It was Howard Greene who said, "We will do that," and the staffers looked at me and said, "Yes, Senator, that is in the bill."

So as he moves on to another circumstance and phase in his life, I want him to know that he goes with not only the good wishes of some of the old-timers around here, but a few of us newcomers as well recognize the service he has rendered, the friendship that he has offered, and the excellence with which he has performed his job.

I wish Howard the very best in whatever he now undertakes and tell him that the Senator from Utah will always look fondly upon Howard Greene as one of his friends.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I, too, would like to join with my colleagues this afternoon in paying special respect here on the floor of the U.S. Senate to our friend Howard Greene. He has served this institution with great dignity, with great candor, and certainly with great understanding and respect for the Senate of the United States and for each and every Senator.

He has respected and served and answered to not only the Senators on that side of the aisle, but he has been most respectful and most helpful also to the Senators on the Democratic side of the aisle.

Howard Greene is the type of individual who makes the U.S. Senate not only unique, but I think that because of his service to the Senate and his years involved with the Senate, the U.S. Senate is better today because of his years of very, very distinguished service. He is a part of the heart and the nerve and the sinew that makes the U.S. Senate what it is today, Mr. President.

I take great pride in being able to add this humble voice as a vote of con-

fidence for this fine man and as one who has worked with him and alongside him for a number of years. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to add my words of support and best wishes to this fine servant of the people of our country and the U.S. Senate, Howard Greene.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, each day the Senate is in session, at least one Member rises to pay tribute to a friend, a constituent, or a colleague who has distinguished himself, or has decided to leave Government service. Today, Most members of this body are taking to the floor to say "goodbye" to a gentleman who has not only been a fixture of the U.S. Senate for many years, but has grown to be a friend to most of us, Sergeant at Arms Howard Greene.

Howard is one of those unique individuals who has spent most of his adult life here on Capitol Hill. Beginning his career just outside this chamber as a doorkeeper, Howard worked hard and moved up the ladder of administrative jobs in the Senate, taking over the position of Secretary to the Majority at the beginning of the 104th Congress, later assuming the duties of the Sergeant at Arms. In every job he held, Howard distinguished himself as an individual of ability, dedication, and character, and he earned the respect of Members from both sides of the aisle for his thoroughness and commitment.

As the Republican Party had not held control of the Senate since the 1980's Howard had a challenging task before him at the beginning of the 104th Congress. No doubt, his encyclopedic knowledge of the history, traditions, and procedures of this great body aided him greatly as he administered to his tasks as Secretary to the Majority and Sergeant at Arms. I am certain that all would agree that the transfer of power from the Democrats to Republicans was smooth, and that the functions over which Howard had responsibility functioned efficiently and effectively during his tenure.

Mr. President, as you know, Howard Greene is about to end his service to the U.S. Senate. He can be proud of the work he has done as a part of this institution during his many years on the Hill, and I know that each of us wishes him good health, great success, and much happiness in the years to come.

Mr. EXON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak as in morning business.

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

DOLE ECONOMIC PLAN: VOODOO II

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, last week, I delivered the first of a number of speeches on the fiscal follies of the Dole economic plan. I gave a brief history of voodoo economics in the

Reagan-Bush years, its failure, and the economic carnage it left in its wake. I hope that I was able to shed a little light on an issue of great concern to all Americans.

Today, I ask the American people to look at the Dole economic plan—advanced voodoo economics, if you will. And if it wasn't for all of the harm it would cause, the Dole plan would be pretty amusing to this Senator who has worked on the budget for a long, long time.

I must say that Bob Dole's supply-side plan reminds me of a 17th century scientist by the name of van Helmont who actually had a formula for making mice out of old underwear. At its heart, that's the Dole plan: taking bits and pieces of discarded economics and turning them into something unrealistic.

Last week, I had the privilege to join with Democratic colleagues at an important forum on the Dole economic plan. Benjamin Friedman, professor of political economy at Harvard University, warned, "The Dole-Kemp proposal is a reprise of a gamble that failed."

Former Budget Director Charles Schultze concluded,

A reasonable and prudent person would have to question severely the wisdom of repeating what the country did 15 years ago—enacting a large tax cut before budget balance is well in hand.

The Dole plan is mired in the same specious supply-side arguments and optimistic assumptions that made up the economic quicksand of 15 years ago. The original trickle-down economics delivered mediocre economic performance and a mountain of debt. Is there any reason to believe it will be different this time around? The answer is a resounding, "No."

Like the original voodoo, the Dole voodoo II relies on bogus assumptions to hide its disastrous deficit consequences. It's a Whitman's Sampler of candy-coated scenarios. The Dole plan includes a \$254 billion fiscal dividend for cutting the deficit; a \$147 billion growth dividend for expanding tax breaks; and an \$80 billion revenue dividend from projecting out a short-term blip in revenues. It hides the cost of back-loaded tax breaks and massive, unspecified spending cuts that no one believes will happen. As Mr. Dole ups the ante on his economic plan, he raises questions about its credibility.

In spite of the truth nipping at his heels, candidate Dole assumes that he if he says nonsense enough times it will be believable. He's wrong. The latest New York Times: CBS poll shows that 64 percent of the electorate does not believe that Mr. Dole will be able to deliver the promised tax cuts.

True to form, the Dole plan postulates that tax cuts largely pay for themselves through economic dividends. The Dole dividends are doubly implausible because most of the tax cut consists of items that have nothing to do with the economy's longrun capacity to grow. Most will do little or