

Members of the United States Senate, SAM NUNN, on his retirement.

Few members have worked so doggedly to protect the defense and security of our country as Senator NUNN. When he came to the Senate in 1972, Sam brought a commitment to make this Nation more secure by strengthening America's defenses, by reducing the threat of nuclear war, by eliminating wasteful Pentagon spending and by fostering pride in America.

While his accomplishments are numerous, I view his leadership in the effort to support the dismantling of nuclear weapons in the former Soviet Union as one of his most important and far reaching contributions. Without exaggeration, this initiative significantly reduced the risk of accidental nuclear war. For this alone, all Americans owe him a debt of gratitude.

Through his dedication to our men and women in uniform, Senator NUNN proved that there is more than one way to defend your country. And by securing the enactment of National Service legislation, which offers generous education benefits in exchange for public service, Senator NUNN is helping to instill in our young people the importance of public service and as well as a respect for American values.

Mr. President, I have tremendous respect for Senator NUNN's work on behalf of the people of Georgia and the United States. Though we have not always shared the same view on defense policy, I have always admired his careful analysis, deliberation and evaluation.

His 24 years of public service in the Senate will undoubtedly leave a lasting imprint on the national security and defense policy of our Nation. I know that I join with all of his Senate colleagues in saying that Senator NUNN's presence will be sorely missed. I extend my best wishes as SAM leaves the Senate and begins the next phase of his career.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BILL COHEN

Mr. President, I rise today to honor a distinguished Member of this body, Senator BILL COHEN, who will be leaving the Senate at the end of the 104th Congress.

Mr. President, the Senate is losing one of its most respected and dedicated members. BILL COHEN is the kind of person that Americans want, and America needs, in Government. He is someone with unquestioned integrity, who has always done what he believes to be right, even if his own party disagrees with him.

BILL COHEN first came to national attention at one of our Nation's darkest hours, during the Watergate scandal. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, he was one of the first Republicans to break ranks with President Nixon, and he led a group of moderate Members who supported a resolution of impeachment. It was the right thing to do. And it was typical of the kind of independent thinking that has marked BILL COHEN's career ever since.

From his days on the Watergate Committee, BILL COHEN has worked hard to promote ethics in Government, and he has made an enormous contribution in this area. He has helped strengthen the Office of Government Ethics, and he worked to enact legislation that substantially increased reporting requirements for lobbyists. Senator COHEN also joined me in the successful effort to ban most gifts to Members of Congress.

Mr. President, BILL COHEN is one of the most thoughtful Members of this body, someone who thoroughly studies an issue before announcing a position. Consequently, when BILL COHEN comes to this floor, people listen. They admire his judgment, his fairness, his integrity, and so do I. I have not agreed with BILL COHEN on every issue, but I have always respected his scholarship, his leadership, his statesmanship.

It has been a privilege to serve with BILL COHEN in the Senate, and it is unfortunate that people of his stature have decided to leave this body. But I want to wish BILL all the best as he leaves this body for new challenges. He has served his country with distinction, we will all miss him very much.

TRIBUTE FOR SENATOR PAUL SIMON

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to my colleague and friend, PAUL SIMON. When I think of PAUL's extraordinary career in the Senate, I'm reminded of a remark by Toni Morrison, "As you enter positions of trust and power, dream a little before you think." Although PAUL's intellectual abilities are well known, he even holds 39 honorary degrees, he is also a great dreamer. For he has dreamed of a country where no child has to live in poverty, where no young person is denied an education because of financial reasons and where no senior citizen is bankrupted by a medical emergency.

And PAUL has tirelessly fought to make those dreams reality. It is not surprising that in 1983, during his 10 years in the House, Time magazine noted that SIMON passed more legislation that year than other Members of the House of Representatives.

In the Senate, PAUL has been particularly concerned with affording every American the opportunity of an affordable education. Among his accomplishments in this area, he recently enacted major education and job training legislation which includes the National Literacy Act, the School-to-Work Opportunities Act and the Job Training Partnership Act Amendments. He was also the leading champion of the new direct college loan program, enacted in 1991 as a pilot program and expanded in 1993 as a replacement for the guaranteed student loan program.

Mr. President, PAUL and I have personally fought many battles together. And although I could speak about his support on any number of issues, I want to especially recall his constant and consistent efforts on the issue of gun control. I knew that I could always

count on Senator SIMON's support in the continuing struggle to take guns off our streets.

When I think of PAUL's retirement from the Senate, I remember the words of Thomas Jefferson. When Jefferson presented his credentials as U.S. Minister to France, the French Premier remarked, "I see that you have come to replace Benjamin Franklin. Jefferson corrected him; saying, "No one can replace Dr. Franklin, I am only succeeding him."

In much the same way, Paul SIMON is also irreplaceable. As he begins the next phase of his career, I wish my friend continued success and best wishes.

TRIBUTE FOR SENATOR DAVID PRYOR

Mr. President, I rise to offer my best wishes to Senator PRYOR on his retirement from the Senate. All of his colleagues will miss DAVID's candor and commitment, but his presence in Washington will be especially missed by the people of Arkansas and by our Nation's senior citizens.

Senator PRYOR's motto has always been "Arkansas Comes First." And as he's noted, it's more than a slogan—it's a way of life. Throughout his career, he's been a fighter for Arkansas' interests and for her people. As a member of the Agricultural Committee, DAVID's leadership led to the development of innovative programs and legislation to aid Arkansas' farmers and to protect her resources.

Senator PRYOR is also considered one of Washington's leading advocates for older Americans. Starting in 1989, he served for 6 years as chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. He is nationally recognized for his work to help save the Social Security system, to reform the nursing home industry and to lower the price of prescription drugs. He also endeavored to ensure that Government institutions preserve the essential dignity of our country's elderly.

Mr. President, as a member of the Finance Committee, Senator PRYOR also wrote the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, the first piece of legislation in over 40 years which guaranteed certain rights to individuals when dealing with the Internal Revenue Service.

If I had to sum up DAVID PRYOR's Senate career, including the 6 years he held the number three leadership post, in a single word, that word would be service. And that reminds me of a remark by the great humanitarian, Albert Schweitzer. He noted, "The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought out, and found how to serve." If that's true, then DAVID PRYOR is definitely the happiest of men.

As he leaves the Senate, I wish my colleague well as he begins the next stage of his career, and his life.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting one nomination which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS ON MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY AND HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1995—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM-176

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the 1995 calendar year reports as prepared by the Department of Transportation on activities under the Highway Safety Act, the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, and the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act of 1972, as amended.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 3, 1996.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

S. 94. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to prohibit the consideration of retroactive tax increases.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

Ann Jorgensen, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2002.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that she be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2190. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Social Security Act

to require the Internal Revenue Service to collect child support through wage withholding and to eliminate State enforcement of child support obligations other than medical support obligations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SIMPSON (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 2191. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, to modify provisions of law relating to public assistance and benefits for aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. D'AMATO:

S. 2192. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to award the Ranger Tab to veterans of certain service in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2193. A bill to establish a program for the disposition of donated private sector and United States Government nonlethal personal property needed by eligible foreign countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 2194. A bill to provide the public with access to quality outfitter and guide services on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SIMON):

S. 2195. A bill to provide for the regulation of human tissue for transplantation to ensure that such tissue is handled in a manner to preserve its safety and purity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BRADLEY, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2196. A bill to require the Secretary to mint coins in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison, to redesign the half dollar circulating coin for 1997 to commemorate Thomas Edison, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH (for himself and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S. 2197. A bill to extend the authorized period of stay within the United States for certain nurses; considered and passed.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 2198. A bill to provide for the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations to continue in existence, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. HEFLIN):

S. 2199. A bill to provide funding for the nutrition, education, and training program authorized under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EXON,

Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. PELL, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SIMON, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Res. 311. A resolution designating the month of November 1996 as "National American Indian Heritage Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. ROTH, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 312. A resolution saluting the service of John L. Doney; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 313. A resolution relating to the retirement of Jeanie Bowles, Superintendent of Documents, United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 314. A resolution authorizing the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders to make certain appointments after the sine die adjournment of the present session; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 315. A resolution appointing a committee to notify the President concerning the proposed adjournment of the session; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 316. A resolution tendering the thanks of the Senate to the Vice President for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 317. A resolution tendering the thanks of the Senate to the President pro tempore for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 318. A resolution to commend the exemplary leadership of the Democratic Leader; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. Res. 319. A resolution to commend the exemplary leadership of the Majority Leader; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. HATFIELD):

S. Res. 320. A resolution authorizing the printing of a Senate document; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. Res. 321. A resolution authorizing the acceptance of pro bono legal services by a Member of the Senate challenging the validity of a Federal Statute in a civil action pursuant to a statute expressly authorizing Members of Congress to bring such a civil action; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. Res. 322. A resolution to commend the exemplary leadership of the Democratic Leader; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. Res. 323. A resolution to commend the exemplary leadership of the Majority Leader; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 324. A resolution to provide funding for the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices to carry out certain transition responsibilities; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Con. Res. 74. A concurrent resolution to provide for a change in the enrollment of H.R. 3539.