

could demagog that we cannot have a tax cut because of the Social Security surplus and then in the next minute, propose to spend the so-called surplus on all these investments is beyond me. I just have no intention whatsoever of going along with that.

I think we should abide by the budget. I do not think we should squander the surplus with new Federal spending. Some of us were interested in tax cuts because we knew that if we did not allow taxpayers to keep their money, that Congress and/or the administration would say, "Well, let's have more spending." There is a real propensity around the place to spend money.

I just hope that our colleagues will resist that temptation. I hope that they will resist these new overtures by the administration that seems to think they should be an equal body with Congress in writing appropriations bills. I think we should have legitimate negotiations but, frankly, that does not make people equal partners.

We have equal branches of Government with divisions of powers. Again, the Constitution says that Congress shall write the laws and Congress shall appropriate the money. We need to get on with our business and do that, send the appropriations bills to the President. If he vetoes them, fine, then let's pass a continuing resolution to keep Government open.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR WENDELL FORD

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I have given accolades to a couple of my colleagues for their service in the Senate, including Senator BUMPERS. I see Senator FORD is on the floor. I have had the pleasure of serving with Senator FORD for 18 years on the Energy Committee. We worked together on a lot of things. And, in my opinion, some of the most significant legislation that passed Congress, in my tenure, we have worked together on.

One was the Natural Gas Deregulation Act that President Bush signed after about 6 years of negotiations and hard work, but probably one of the most difficult pieces of legislation that we have passed.

And if you go back on the history of natural gas regulation and deregulation, it was a very, very difficult task. It was a pleasure for me to work with Senator FORD in that respect. We worked together on other issues as well.

I compliment him for his 24 years of service in the Senate. Anyone that spends almost a quarter of a century of service in the Senate, I think, is to be complimented. I compliment him for his leadership and for his representation of the people of Kentucky. Again, it was a pleasure and honor for me to serve with him. I compliment him and wish him every best wish as he returns to his State of Kentucky.

I yield the floor.

TRIBUTE TO UNITED STATES SENATOR DALE BUMPERS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, in the bustling commotion of the ending days of the 105th Congress, members are preoccupied with efforts to enact sought after objectives important to their constituents. We are busy tying up loose ends, putting the finishing touches on projects, and looking forward to going home to our constituents and to a break in the hectic schedule of the United States Senate. Regrettably, as this session of Congress adjourns, we are also faced with the difficult task of saying goodbye to colleagues who have chosen to follow a new path in life.

As I reflect on my years in Congress and on my association with its many members and their various personalities, their goals and, yes, sometimes, their eccentricities, I am reminded of some very important milestones in history made possible by these fine Americans. I am reminded of my good fortune to have been associated with men and women representing the American people from all walks of life and from all corners of the United States.

In my reflections, I have thanked my Creator for allowing me to serve my country with such fine men and women, and I am, indeed, sorrowful at the upcoming loss of some of the finest men I have ever known.

I pay tribute today to an exceptional United States Senator, a man with whom it has been my honor to serve and to have been associated with—a man of unusual conviction, passion, and resolve. He has been called the last Southern liberal, and he is proud of it. He often quotes from "To Kill a Mocking Bird." He is THE commanding foe against the space station.

The above discourse clearly references the actions of only one man—Senator DALE BUMPERS, Democrat from Arkansas. He is the United States Senator responsible for "right-turn-on-red," his first legislative victory and one for which, I am told, he received devilish teasing from a colleague who warned that "many people might want to drive straight!"

I will miss my friend, who is retiring following twenty-four years of service. He leaves a legacy that has made a difference, not only to the people of Arkansas, but to all Americans. His tireless efforts to end federal policies that he believes give away resources that belong to the taxpayer will long be remembered by certain mining and ranching interests out West. And more than a few NASA space station contractors will continue to run when they hear his name! Contractors who worked on the now-terminated Superconducting Super Collider can only wish that Senator BUMPERS had chosen to retire earlier.

While many a press story covered his crusades against alleged lost causes, Senator DALE BUMPERS is a man that leaves this Senate with a triumphant record for the American people. In particular, Senator BUMPERS has been a

national leader in protecting the health of children. In fact, along with his wife, Betty, Senator BUMPERS has long promoted childhood immunizations, known safeguards in protecting the health of millions of children.

As the ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, formerly the Chairman, DALE BUMPERS has represented the rural heart of America. He has fought for policies to help rural families, including securing funding for basic infrastructure projects that provide water and sewer facilities to small towns throughout the nation. I personally wish to thank Senator BUMPERS for being a leading advocate for funding on these vital projects, and I share his concern for the millions of Americans who do not have access to a clean, ample supply of drinking water.

Senator BUMPERS has further made a significant mark on efforts to protect family farmers. In particular, we owe our gratitude to DALE BUMPERS for his efforts to initiate programs to help young Americans become this nation's next generation of family farmers, a dwindling breed at risk of extinction. In honor of his service to rural America, I am proud that this Congress, in the Fiscal Year 1999 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, is formally paying tribute to his work by designating an Agricultural Research Service facility as the Dale BUMPERS National Rice Research Center. This action follows the recognition by the people of Arkansas in dedicating the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

Senator BUMPERS' noteworthy record also extends to many other constituencies. Through his ranking membership on the Senate Small Business Committee, he has fought to help self-employed people obtain health care. He has also been an advocate of funding for rural hospitals; for Medicaid; for the Women, Infants and Children feeding program. The list goes on and on.

DALE BUMPERS' legislative skills and record are clear. He is a modern hero to the underdog. But there is yet another side of the Senator from Arkansas that deserves recognition—the DALE BUMPERS who is a husband, a father, and a grandfather. Married to Betty Lou Flanagan, DALE's "Secretary of Peace," for 49 years, he is devoted to his marriage and his family. DALE and Betty have three children and six grandchildren, and DALE often speaks affectionately of his family and of their influence on his consideration of legislative issues. Yes, Senator DALE BUMPERS of Arkansas has a personal record of which he can be proud.

It is with regret that I bid farewell to my friend and colleague, who is now departing the United States Senate. I believe that the Senate has deeply benefited from the work of U.S. Senator DALE BUMPERS. As I say my farewell to DALE BUMPERS, I want him to know that when the 106th Congress convenes, I will remember his thoughtful recital

of the fictional Atticus Finch in "To Kill a Mocking Bird," "For God's sake, do your duty."

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GLENN

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to an American hero, a great Senator and a wonderful friend—Senator JOHN GLENN. Senator GLENN is retiring after serving the people of Ohio for four terms.

But his service to our country did not begin in the Senate, nor will it end here. Senator GLENN served in the Marine Corps during World War II and fought in combat in the South Pacific. He also fought with valor in the Korean conflict and ended up flying 149 missions in both wars. He has received numerous honors including six Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 18 clusters.

He later became a test pilot and set a transcontinental speed record in 1957 for this first flight to average supersonic speed from Los Angeles to New York. In 1959, he was selected to be one of seven astronauts in the space program. Three years later, he made history as the first American to orbit the earth, completing a 5 hour, three orbit flight.

His heroism inspired me and all of the American people. He received the Space Congressional Medal of Honor for his service.

After 23 years in military service, he retired in 1965 and went into the private sector. Despite his outstanding service to his country, it was not enough for JOHN GLENN. He ran for the Senate in 1974 and is now completing his 24th year.

Despite his fame, Senator GLENN was a workhorse, not a showhorse in the Senate. He took on complicated issues like nuclear proliferation, troop readiness, government ethics, civil service reform and campaign finance reform. He did his work with great diligence and thoroughness, with his eye on accomplishment not partisanship.

If you add his 23 years of military service to his 24 years of Service to the people of Ohio, that is 47 years of dedication to our nation.

But even this is not enough for JOHN GLENN. On October 29th of this year, he will return to space on a shuttle mission. He will be the oldest person ever to travel in space but even then his journey will not be over.

He will continue to represent the best of the American spirit and be an informal ambassador for scientific exploration.

I wish him, his wife Annie, his children and grandchildren the very best for the future.

RETIREMENT OF DALE BUMPERS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to an extraordinary person, a respected and honorable man, a true friend, and one whom I am truly saddened to see leave the Senate—Senator DALE BUMPERS.

Mr. President, Senator BUMPERS is, more than most, a true advocate for the citizens of the United States. I know of no better person who embraces issues with the passion and intellect that he demonstrates. His oratory skills are well-known and rarely matched. DALE is a true champion of the public's interests, and particularly when that clashes with special interests.

Throughout his decades of public service, as Governor of Arkansas and United States Senator, Senator BUMPERS has carried with him a strong, unyielding belief in a few basic ideas, ideas that have driven him in his tireless efforts to make our country—and the world—a better place.

Senator BUMPERS believes in ensuring equal opportunities for all, including the poor and indigent. He believes in providing high quality, comprehensive education and health care. He believes in the sanctity of our Constitution. He believes in the value of the arts and humanities in developing human creativity and a national culture. He believes in the importance of environmental conservation and preserving our natural resources. He believes in eliminating needless corporate subsidies and reducing wasteful defense spending. And he believes in the need to slow the growing gap between the rich and the poor.

Senator BUMPERS has never shied away from taking on the powerful special interests, year after year, even when he knows the odds are stacked against him and he is often disappointed with the results. But he has kept on trying.

We have all been witnesses to his eloquent and powerful discourses on a number of subjects. Every one of his presentations before us and before the country have been grounded in personal experience and intellectual strength. When Senator BUMPERS speaks, we know that he speaks from his heart.

Mr. President, in 1995, the Senate debated an amendment that would require zero tolerance for youth who had any amount of alcohol in their blood. Senator BUMPERS revealed his personal story about his parents and their friend who were killed by a drunk driver while returning from their small farm, just across the Arkansas River. Senator BUMPERS was in law school at the time, far away in Chicago.

DALE, more than most, has the power to sway with his words. That amendment was swiftly adopted.

Mr. President, also three years ago, the Senate was considering an amendment to add funds to the National Endowment for the Humanities. Now, the NEH is a small agency that can, and does, often come under the budget knife as an insignificant agency. Not to Senator BUMPERS. Senator BUMPERS took to the Senate floor, and told all of us about his high school English teacher, Miss Doll Means. He touched us with a personal story that was a turn-

ing point in his life. When he was a sophomore, Miss Doll Means told him, after he had read a page of "Beowulf" that he had a nice voice and he read beautifully. That one statement, from an English teacher in a town of 1,000 people, did more for his self-esteem than anybody, except, he said, his father. Not only does he indeed have a nice voice and he reads beautifully, he is among the best orators this Senate has ever seen.

Mr. President, earlier this year during the Appropriations Committee passed an amendment naming a vaccine center at NIH after DALE and Betty Bumpers. For almost 30 years, the two of them have worked tirelessly on a crusade to vaccinate all children—and because of their efforts and others, we have made great progress toward that goal.

Mr. President, when the Senior Senator from Arkansas leaves this body in a few weeks, there will be a noticeable void. We will lose a tireless champion for the underserved; a champion for the public's interest; a champion for responsible spending, not wasteful spending; and a champion for equal opportunity, for our environment, and for the arts and humanities. Senator BUMPERS has our respect, and he has the people's respect. We will miss him.

Mr. President, I wish my friend and his wife Betty, their children and grandchildren the very best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO WENDELL H. FORD

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President I rise today to pay tribute to our esteemed colleague from Kentucky, the Minority Whip, Senator WENDELL H. FORD. I wish him well. All of us know that we have not heard the last from this dedicated and effective public servant.

His retirement from the Senate will end a formal career of public service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States which has lasted over three decades. After first serving in the Kentucky Senate, he was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1967 and then Governor of Kentucky in 1971. In 1974, he was elected to serve in the United States Senate.

Mr. President, in the history of this body, few Senators have protected the interests of his or her state as doggedly as WENDELL FORD.

Whether the issue was aviation, tobacco, telecommunications or farm legislation, Senator FORD has always put the people of Kentucky first. And even though we have disagreed on a key issue or two, I know that he is guided by what he believes is best for the people of his state.

As the senior Senator from Kentucky put it himself: "If it ain't good for Kentucky, it ain't good for WENDELL FORD."

And the people of Kentucky have shown their deep appreciation to Senator FORD in return. In 1992, he received the largest number of votes ever