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I would like to repeat that. This decision stands as a very dramatic example of how not to conduct policy formulation and is an affront to the consideration that I believe American citizens deserve from their elected officials.

I hope we take a hard look at this decision and call the administration before Senate committees for hearings. I believe there has been one scheduled. Senator CRAIG THOMAS, I believe, will be holding such a hearing on May 25 to try to bring some administration officials before Congress and to ask some very simple questions: Why was this

action taken? I have long believed we can have an impact on these matters by holding strong oversight hearings and by forcing the administration to be accountable for their actions. We cannot, however, simply stand by and watch as this administration continues its quest, in its final, waning days, for even greater power, power that will come at the expense of the deliberative, legislative process envisioned by the founders of this country.

Secretary Babbitt, Administrator Browner, and Donald J. Barry may believe they are above working with this Congress. But only we can make sure that they are reminded, and we can do

it in the strongest possible terms, that when they neglect Congress they are neglecting the American people.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate, under the previous order, stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 11, 2000.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:32 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.