

continue to be true if we continue the incentives that keep people on the land, keep the land productive, protect the environment for farmers so they can keep that land productive, and to be able to tell farmers: You will work hard and long, but you will be able to make a living out of it, your kids can go to college, someday you will be able to retire—all the things people desire.

I hope as we go forward the White House would realize we are all in this together. We are not talking about a partisan farm bill. One of the things I have enjoyed the most, serving for 27 years now on the Agriculture Committee, is the bipartisanship of that committee. I value my friendship with the current chairman. I value my friendship with the former chairman, Senator LUGAR. They are two of the closest friends I have in this body.

I remember Hubert Humphrey, George McGovern, and Bob Dole working closely together on nutrition matters. This is a diverse group, but I think one thing that united them was their great sense of humor and a passion, a special passion for feeding the children of this country.

There have been bipartisan coalitions on that committee ever since I came here. There was a bipartisan coalition that started the WIC Program, one of the best things for children, for pregnant women, for women post partum, after giving birth. These are programs that have come out of there—the School Lunch Program, which has improved the nutrition of our children and is now considered just a staple of Government. Yet as Harry Truman knew at the time of World War II, so many people were rejected for the draft because of lack of nutrition, so he started the School Lunch Program.

I say this to commend the tremendous work of the Senator from Iowa. I am proud of him. I am proud to be his friend. I am proud to serve as a member of his committee.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO SENATOR PAUL SARBANES

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I am delighted to extend, even though belatedly, happy birthday greetings to the senior Senator from Maryland, Mr. SARBANES. His birthday was on February 3, so he has now reached the grand age of 69. Oh, to be 69 again!

Let me say that Senator SARBANES and I have more differences than just our ages. He is of Greek ancestry, and proud of it. I am of southern and Appa-

lachian ancestry, and beyond that, going back through the years of time and change, of Anglo-Saxon ancestry, and I am proud of that.

He is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church. I am a member of the Southern Missionary Baptist Church.

He is from the Chesapeake region of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. I am from the coalfields of southern West Virginia.

His career began by waiting on tables, washing dishes, and mopping floors in the Mayflower Grill in downtown Salisbury, MD. Mine began by working in a gas station in the cold winter of January and February 1935, having to walk 4 miles to work and 4 miles back, and earning \$50 a month, \$600 a year.

But, Mr. President, Senator SARBANES and I share many common interests. One of these common interests that Senator SARBANES and I share is our love for the Senate. And I have always appreciated that in Senator SARBANES' career.

I have observed Senator SARBANES since he was first elected to the Senate in 1976—200 years after that historic year of 1776. I have admired the rational way that this perfectly reasonable man has always gone about his business.

I watch him when he is listening to witnesses in committees. I serve on the Budget Committee of the Senate with Senator SARBANES. He has a rare, subtle way of listening carefully and then going right to the crux of a matter. He is very effective in his questions and the manner in which he performs his work on committees.

He is a thinker. I spoke of his Greek ancestry. PAUL SARBANES is the epitome of the Greek thinker, of which we have read so much in history.

I have watched him as he has served as chairman of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, as chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee.

He is also the chairman of the impressive and influential Maryland congressional delegation, which includes Senator BARBARA MIKULSKI in the Senate as well as Representative STENY HOYER in the House.

He has been a very effective member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and, as I earlier indicated, as a member of the Senate Budget Committee.

There is a long list of reasons I admire PAUL SARBANES. One of the reasons I came to admire PAUL SARBANES was the support he gave to me when I was the majority leader and when I was minority leader in the Senate. During troubling times, during the most difficult votes, in the midst of the most controversial issues, I nearly always called upon PAUL SARBANES for his counsel, for his advice. Every leader would be fortunate to have a PAUL SARBANES as a colleague to whom he could go and seek advice and counsel.

So there he was, with his advice and his friendship. I can't begin to say how

much I appreciated that in PAUL SARBANES, as one of the most probing, acute intellects that I have seen in my 56 years of serving in legislative bodies. His word is his bond. His loyalty is unchallenged. His integrity is beyond reproach.

So allow me to use these belated birthday greetings to say: Thank you; thank you, Senator PAUL SARBANES, for being a friend as well as a colleague; thank you for your tremendous work for your State and our country.

I should also thank the people of the State of Maryland for having the wisdom and the common sense to send PAUL SARBANES here to be with us in 1982, in 1988, in 1994, and in 2000. He is now the longest serving U.S. Senator in the history of the State of Maryland. The Senate and our country are the better for it.

Count your garden by the flowers,  
Never by the leaves that fall;  
Count your days by the sunny hours,  
Not remembering clouds at all.  
Count your nights by stars, not shadows;  
Count your days by smiles, not tears.

And on this beautiful February afternoon, PAUL SARBANES, count your life by smiles, not tears.

#### FAITH

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, yesterday the President spoke at the National Prayer Breakfast. Let me just quote a few excerpts from the President's remarks. This is what he said. He said more, of course, but these are four paragraphs that I will excerpt from the totality of the remarks.

The President said:

Since we met last year, millions of Americans have been led to prayer. They have prayed for comfort in time of grief; for understanding in a time of anger; for protection in a time of uncertainty. Many, including me, have been on bended knee. The prayers of this nation are a part of the good that has come from the evil of September the 11th, more good than we could ever have predicted. Tragedy has brought forth the courage and the generosity of our people.

None of us would ever wish on anyone what happened on that day. Yet, as with each life, sorrows we would not choose can bring wisdom and strength gained in no other way. This insight is central to many faiths, and certainly to faith that finds hope and comfort in a cross.

Every religion is welcomed in our country; all are practiced here. Many of our good citizens profess no religion at all. Our country has never had an official faith. Yet we have all been witnesses these past 21 weeks to the power of faith to see us through the hurt and loss that has come to our country.

Faith gives the assurance that our lives and our history have a moral design. As individuals, we know that suffering is temporary, and hope is eternal. As a nation, we know that the ruthless will not inherit the Earth. Faith teaches humility, and with it, tolerance. Once we have recognized God's image in ourselves, we must recognize it in every human being.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the entire speech by President Bush be printed in the RECORD at the close of my remarks.