

[Rollcall Vote No. 45 Ex.]

## YEAS—83

Akaka	Durbin	Murkowski
Alexander	Enzi	Murray
Allard	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Baucus	Grassley	Nelson (NE)
Bennett	Gregg	Obama
Biden	Hagel	Pryor
Bingaman	Hatch	Reed
Boxer	Hutchison	Reid
Brown	Inhofe	Roberts
Brownback	Inouye	Rockefeller
Burr	Isakson	Salazar
Byrd	Kennedy	Sanders
Cantwell	Kerry	Schumer
Cardin	Klobuchar	Sessions
Carper	Kohl	Shelby
Casey	Kyl	Snowe
Cochran	Landrieu	Specter
Coleman	Lautenberg	Stabenow
Collins	Leahy	Stevens
Conrad	Levin	Tester
Corker	Lieberman	Thomas
Cornyn	Lincoln	Thune
Craig	Lott	Vitter
Crapo	Lugar	Warner
Dodd	McCaskill	Webb
Dole	McConnell	Whitehouse
Domenici	Menendez	Wyden
Dorgan	Mikulski	

## NAYS—14

Bayh	Coburn	Harkin
Bond	DeMint	McCain
Bunning	Ensign	Smith
Chambliss	Feinstein	Sununu
Clinton	Graham	

## NOT VOTING—3

Johnson	Martinez	Voinovich
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table, and the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate shall now resume legislative action.

## CONGRATULATING SENATOR THAD COCHRAN ON HIS 10,000TH VOTE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise on behalf of a colleague and friend, Senator THAD COCHRAN. Last Tuesday, THAD cast his 10,000th vote here in the Senate, and in typical fashion, we didn't hear a whole lot about it. As THAD once told a reporter:

That is just the way I was brought up. I believe you don't have to toot your own horn too much.

Always humble, THAD is the perfect embodiment of the southern gentleman, and the Senate is a better and more civil place because of him.

THAD's political career got off to an early start. As a teenager, he passed out campaign literature with his mom in Utica, MS. He helped his dad with voter registration drives, and a few decades later, he would make Bill and Emma Cochran proud by becoming the first Mississippi Republican in more than a century to win a statewide office—no small feat for a guy whose first job was working as a carhop at Gunn's Dairy Bar.

THAD was always a standout. An Eagle Scout, he earned varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball, and

tennis and was valedictorian of his high school class. He served with distinction in a 2-year tour with the Navy. He excelled in law school and became a partner in one of Mississippi's top law firms in just 2½ years. And he served the people of the Magnolia State with distinction and grace in the U.S. Congress for 35 years.

THAD's colleagues in the Senate have seen his humility up close. The people at the Neshoba County Fair got to see it for themselves a few years back. As THAD's car pulled up, a big crowd gathered around to shake his hand. So when the passenger side door opened, they all rushed in and got a good close look at THAD's personal assistant, Fred Pagen. They didn't expect to see THAD behind the wheel, nor do a lot of other folks who have picked him up at events in DC and back home.

THAD gets a lot of special treatment. The Ten Thousandth Vote Club is sort of like the Five Hundredth Home Run Club in baseball. As you might expect, Senator BYRD is the Hank Aaron of the Senate, but THAD might get there yet, and those of us who have had the good pleasure of working with him hope that he does.

Winston Churchill once said of an enemy:

He has all the virtues I dislike and all the vices I admire.

Mr. President, I feel the opposite about my friend, THAD COCHRAN. He has all the virtues I admire and none of the vices I dislike.

So I congratulate him on his many years of dedicated service and thank him for his friendship and, above all, his extraordinary example.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there were ever a time during my career here in the Senate where I say I associate myself with those remarks, I do now. THAD COCHRAN is a wonderful man. As the distinguished Republican leader said, he is strong. He doesn't talk very much. He is silent most of the time. He loves the Senate. He is one of the people I look to for maintaining the dignity of the Senate.

On the Appropriations Committee, which I have had the pleasure of serving with him since I came to the Senate, he is as dignified as he is in the Senate and as he is everywhere else. He believes in following regular order. He believes in working through the tedious process the Senate requires. I look forward to working with him this year.

Senator MCCONNELL and I have made a commitment, and Senator COCHRAN knows this, to do our appropriations bills this year. We are going to work together on a bipartisan basis to get those bills completed and Senator COCHRAN will be an integral part of our being able to do this.

We all have fond memories of THAD COCHRAN. My personal feeling of warmth relates to a trip we took. I took my wife Landra and he took his lovely wife Rose and we had a wonder-

ful time. Senator Glenn was there leading the delegation. I will always remember that. I will always remember the relationship of the two of you.

So as we proceed through the difficult days ahead of us in the Senate, everyone within the sound of my voice should understand that one reason we will be able to make it through the troubled waters of the Senate is because of THAD COCHRAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican whip is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I want to thank my colleague from Vermont, Senator LEAHY, for allowing me to go next in line so I can speak briefly about my colleague from the State of Mississippi. I thank Senator MCCONNELL for his remarks, and Senator REID. They did a magnificent job summing up the character of this great Senator from Mississippi.

Senator COCHRAN and I have been in the Congress together now for—this is our 35th year. We came together in the House of Representatives in 1973. He moved over to the Senate in 1978. He was elected, and came here in 1979, and eventually I tagged along with him again.

Senator COCHRAN and I go back to the 1960s. We were both students at the same university, the University of Mississippi. His wife Rose and I were in the same class, and we worked together in student activities. I always felt I had a special friendship with Senator COCHRAN because of my friendship also with his wife Rose.

Our parents were schoolteachers—both his mother and father and my mother. We both started out as Baptists, and I think we still are, in a way. Just right down the line, we have a lot in common. In fact, some people wonder how I get as many votes as I do in Mississippi. It is because I think some people get confused between THAD and TRENT, and I am known in some areas as Thad Lott, but it seems to work. I benefit by standing in the reflection of his great stature in our State of Mississippi.

I am very proud of my colleague from our State. We have had some great Senators from our State, but Senator COCHRAN is rising to the level of the stature of the best of those. So I am very proud of the record he has achieved here, the number of votes he has cast, and I am hoping that he will cast 10,000 more before he decides to leave this great institution.

But I must say on a very personal note, I have never been more proud of my colleague from Mississippi than I was in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and 2006. His quiet, steady, methodical, rational effort to help us get what we needed to recover from that major disaster was an incredible thing to watch. The respect he has in this institution on both sides of the aisle helped him to lead the way in getting the help we needed for our State. I was belated in doing it, but I will never quit doing it, when last fall