

He was, by his own description, an orthodox liberal and made no apologies about it. As the majority leader has pointed out, he had extraordinary success, rising from absolutely nothing financially and in terms of connections, not only made a substantial amount of money in the private sector but then had a long and distinguished public career as well.

We all remember Senator Metzenbaum with fondness and with respect. I, too, extend my sympathy to the Metzenbaum family.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as we all know, this is the time for the vote-arama or whatever we want to call it. It is usually an exciting day, but it is a difficult day. I have conferred with the two Republican leaders, and what we are going to do—and I ask unanimous consent that this be the case—the first vote we are going to have will occur sometime around 11 o'clock. The first vote will be 15 minutes plus 5, like we do. After that, they will be 10 minutes straight, no wiggle time at all. Senator CONRAD and Senator GREGG have been through this many times. We tried 5 minutes; it doesn't work. But 10 minutes we are going to do. This is going to apply to my side of the aisle and the other side of the aisle, the 10 minutes. We are going to cut things off, if people miss votes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Will the leader yield? That would include, of course, the 1-minute explanation of the amendment on each side.

Mr. REID. Of course. I appreciate that very much. As my friend indicated, prior to each vote there will be 1 minute on each side, pro and con. I also have asked the Parliamentarian to enforce this. I say to the Chair, and I hope you will notify your successor, we are going to gavel people after 1 minute. These 1-minute speeches drag on for 3 or 4 minutes. That takes away from what we are supposed to do. The 1 minute is something we have kind of traditionally started doing. There is nothing in the rules to say you have any time.

I ask unanimous consent that the first vote be 15 minutes plus 5, subsequent votes will be 10 minutes, with no wiggle room after that, and that there be 1 minute on each side on each amendment and that the Chair will enforce the 1 minute.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, my final request would be that the Senator from Ohio, Mr. BROWN, be given 5 minutes to speak as in morning business.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent for 3 minutes for Senator KENNEDY.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Ohio.

#### SENATOR HOWARD METZENBAUM

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, Senator KENNEDY and Senator Metzenbaum were so often fighting for same causes and the same issues and showed the same courage. They both were and are heroes to many. I thank the majority leader for the time.

A great son of Ohio, Senator Howard Metzenbaum, passed away last night in Florida. He was personally inspirational to so many. He changed the lives of Ohioans, as he changed the lives of so many Americans through his lifetime commitment to public service. I am honored to hold his seat in the Senate and to follow in his footsteps.

According to Senate tradition, many Members of the Senate carve their names in the drawers of the desks that line the rows. Whoever has Senator Metzenbaum's desk can, with all of us, share in the legacy of his greatness.

As different as they were, Senator Metzenbaum and Senator John Glenn, who served together for almost two decades, made an unparalleled team for Ohio.

Senator REID mentioned that Howard was a child of poverty. He was a child of prejudice growing up as a Jew on the east side of Cleveland and suffered both from his family's poverty and anti-Semitism in all too many cases. He worked his way in jobs, starting as a 10-year-old, through Ohio State.

Senator REID told us that in the Senate, Senator Metzenbaum was a master of the rules, a constant presence in an often empty Chamber, who would, when leaving the Chamber, post an aide to scout for an unexpected amendment or hastily scheduled floor action on various bills. Once, when a 2-week filibuster was cut off and Metzenbaum was still determined to block action on lifting natural gas price controls, he and a partner sent the Senate into round-the-clock sessions by demanding rollcall votes on 500 amendments. He did not care if he angered his colleagues. He did not care if he was liked every day by his colleagues. What he cared about was to fight for economic and social justice for the 10 million citizens whom he represented in Ohio and for the 250 million or so Americans when he served in the Senate.

The Washington Post, in 1982, said that Senator Metzenbaum singlehandedly saved at least \$10 billion by blocking special interest tax breaks and pork-barrel programs.

I remember watching Senator Metzenbaum when I served in the House, at the beginning of my House career and at the end of his Senate career. I watched him as a younger elected official in State politics. Even as he was getting older and he began to show his age, when he stood in front of an audience, the energy just burst from him. Fiery passion for economic justice and social justice poured forth from Howard Metzenbaum. He would start at the podium—he is the first politician I saw do this—and as he would work his way up into his speech and begin to inspire people, he would come away from the podium and walk out into the audience, and he had a strong, powerful voice even when he was no longer speaking into the microphone. People would always respond with the same kind of passion and be inspired by him. That is my clearest, favorite memory of him. His legislative record, of course, was so important too. One of the most important things he did was the plant closing legislation, giving 60 days' notice to workers who too often have seen their jobs disappear with nothing to show for it—pensions, health care, all that.

Howard Metzenbaum always fought for people who had less. He always fought for people who had less privilege than he had. He always fought for opportunity for people of all races and both genders and all social classes. That is what he will be remembered for.

I particularly admire his family. Howard was a great family man—a man who cared very much about Shirley, his wife, and his four daughters: Shelley, Amy, Susan, and Barbara. He will be greatly missed.

After his service in the Senate, as Senator REID said, he became the head of the Consumer Federation of America. He never gave up his passion for fighting for ordinary people and for being a warrior for social and economic justice.

Mr. President, I yield to Senator KENNEDY, who was a comrade in arms in so many ways with Senator Metzenbaum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, one thing I did not mention—the Republican leader is on the floor—we are going to finish this bill tonight. Or if it goes past midnight, we are going to finish it on Friday. We are going to finish this bill. We have a lot of amendments. It is not as if we have not done this before. I hope people will be understanding of the rest of the Senators as to how many amendments are offered.

We understand the rules. You can offer all you want. We are going to finish this legislation tonight. It is important we do that. We have a very important work period coming, with many