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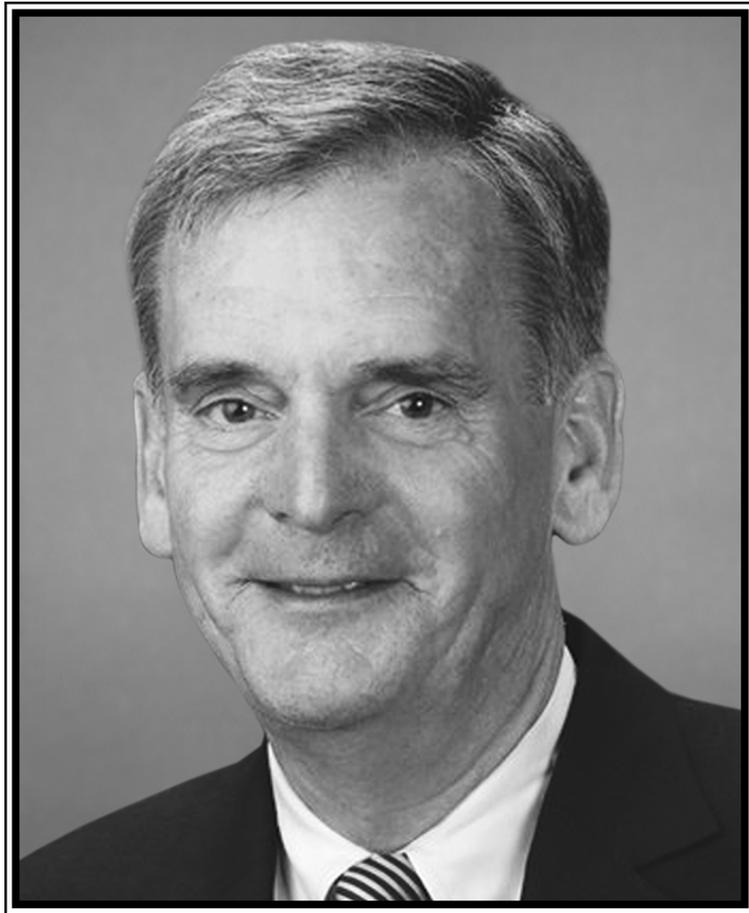
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A leading voice for fiscal discipline, U.S. Senator JUDD GREGG served three terms in the Senate and was the ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee. When re-elected in 2004, Senator GREGG received the highest number of votes in New Hampshire history. He also served the Granite State as Governor (1989–1993) and U.S. Representative (1981–1989).

Senator GREGG is a national leader on fiscal policy, a well-known budget expert, and a respected voice on health care, economic, and financial regulatory issues. His commonsense New Hampshire values have shaped some of the most significant legislation that Congress has passed in recent decades. Senator GREGG played a major role in rescuing our country from the brink of economic collapse as a chief negotiator of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. He also was the lead sponsor of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and, along with the late Senator Ted Kennedy, coauthored the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Working across the aisle, Senator GREGG was a key decisionmaker on several important issues. He championed bipartisan efforts to address the Nation's looming entitlement crisis, improve our health care system, and revamp our complex and inequitable tax system. In March 2010, Senator GREGG also was appointed to President Obama's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility. This bipartisan commission, which is modeled after legislation first introduced by Senator GREGG and Senator Kent Conrad, is responsible for developing recommendations that will help balance the budget and achieve fiscal sustainability over the long term.

As a member of the Senate Banking Committee, Senator GREGG served as one of the principal negotiators working to modernize our Nation's financial regulatory system. His expertise on banking issues and derivatives reform positioned him as a pivotal voice in the debate on regulatory reform. Senator GREGG remains focused on maintaining our Nation's position as the best destination for capital and investment, as well as helping job creators and families obtain affordable credit during these challenging economic times.

In New Hampshire, Senator GREGG is known as one of the State's greatest champions of land conservation, as he continues to build on a 30-year commitment to protect the State's environment. To date, his efforts have helped preserve more than 337,000 acres of sensitive land. As the former chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, he was also a major force for promoting excellence in the higher education community in New Hampshire, especially at the University of New Hampshire.

A New Hampshire native, Senator GREGG attended Columbia University (A.B. 1969), received his J.D. in 1972 from Boston University Law School and his LL.M. in tax law in 1975. He is married to Kathleen MacLellan Gregg. They have two daughters, one son, and one granddaughter. Senator and Mrs. Gregg are residents of Rye Beach, NH.

# Farewell to the Senate

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of myself and my wife Kathy to thank the people of New Hampshire for giving us the great honor and privilege to represent them.

This is an extraordinary body, the Senate. It is filled with wonderful people. I look around this room and I see a lot of them, friends, people I have had the chance to work with. I admire them immensely. I thank them for their friendship. When people ask me about leaving the Senate, and what is the thing I am going to miss the most, I always say, it is the people, the people of the Senate, because they are special, dedicated to making this country a better place, dedicated to doing their jobs well, dedicated to serving America.

So I thank you for the great honor and privilege that you have given Kathy and me to allow us to serve and participate in this body with yourselves and your spouses. I want to thank everybody else who has been so helpful throughout our career, the folks here at the dais, the staff, people in the Cloakroom, throughout this building. I mean, there are so many people who make this Senate work, people working in the furniture room, and people working in the hallways, and our staffs, obviously.

This is a special place filled with people who are committed to making the Senate work. I thank them for allowing Kathy and me to be part of that. I want to take a point of personal privilege here and especially thank my wife Kathy who is here today. You are not allowed to acknowledge people, I know that, but I am going to violate the rules. My wife is sitting right up there. Kathy.

We have been married 37 years, and for 32 of those years we have held elective office; nine major campaigns, innumerable campaigns such as those for other people that we have participated in. Through this whole intensity—and we all know, who have participated in this process, the intensity of the elective process in this Nation—there has been a rock and a solid force in our family. She has raised three extraor-

dinary children, Molly, Sarah, and Joshua, who have been exceptional in their own right and have done exceptional things, even though they are still young by our standards. Some of them think they are aging a little bit, but they are still young.

Their value system and their belief in this Nation and their willingness to give of themselves to other people is a direct expression of the values Kathy has given them; sometimes a little overcompetitive on occasion, but that has been one of her strengths also. We have been through some hard times and some good times, and always she has been there to basically be our lighthouse. So I express my love and thanks to her.

As an aside, I should say, Kathy told me I should not walk back and forth like this. I have been doing it for 18 years. And she says it makes people sick who are watching it on television. Like the famous time she called up, and we were having a colloquy, and there were a bunch of us talking and I am talking to, I think, Johnny Isakson. She calls the floor staff and says, “Go out and tell him to turn around and face the cameras.”

Bismarck, at the turn of the 20th century—of course, Bismarck was one of the true great forces in Europe throughout the late 1800s and into the 1900s—said that, “the defining fact of the 19th century was that England and the United States spoke the same language.”

What I think he meant was that the defining fact of the 19th century was that England and the United States had a value system which believed in the individual, in liberty, democracy, and markets. It was a value system that grew out of the Scottish Enlightenment, people such as John Locke, Francis Hutcheson, Adam Smith.

In the 20th century, if you look at it, it was a test of that value system against the other value systems which had come up over the years, mostly totalitarianism. There was a test of democracy against fascism, a test of democracy against totalitarian socialism. And we won. We won that test.

The second big challenge of the 20th century was a test of how you would create prosperity for people, a test of markets versus communism, of markets versus, again, totalitarian socialism. By the end of the 20th century, there was no longer an issue. The American philosophy of government had come to dominate the world—democracy, individual liberty, and markets. The whole world was moving in that direction. Now

we are 10 years into the next century, and we are challenged again. This time the challenge is different: Substantive, significant. Maybe not at the same level that the Soviet Union represented a challenge, because they had the capacity to destroy us, maybe not even at the same level of fights against Japan, fascist Japan and fascist Germany. But the challenges are huge and they will determine our future as a country.

They basically, in my opinion, break into two primary areas: The first is, of course, the threat of a terrorist group using a weapon of mass destruction against us. We must acknowledge that 9/11 fundamentally changed our culture, changed our personality as a nation, and caused us to realize our vulnerability. That threat of terrorism is driven by a fanatical belief in a religious philosophy. We should not deny that. We should acknowledge that. Because in order to defeat that threat we have to understand that.

The second major thrust that I see as our concern as we go forward is clearly of our own making. It is a positive making, but it is still an issue for us, and that is we have a nation which has always been extraordinarily prosperous, where one generation has always passed on to the next generation a better, more prosperous, and more secure country. Yet today we are on the cusp of not being able to do that again, because we have this population, of which I am a member, called the baby boom generation, which is taking our retired population from 35 million to 70 million people. As a result, we and the rest of the world, and in Japan for that matter, because of this demographic shift, find ourselves confronted with governments which are struggling to figure out how they are going to pay for our entitlement society. The way I have sort of phrased it is that when a populist government, a government that moves by election of the people—when a populist government meets a massive demographic shift in an entitlement society, you get unsustainable debt. That is something we confront right now and need to stand up to.

Those two streams are our biggest concerns, or at least my biggest concerns as I leave the Senate. How do we defend ourselves against a fanatical movement, which has an asymmetry base, which wants to do us harm—they are not a nation state, we cannot find them easily—but wants to do us harm and will do us harm if they have the capacity, and will do it with a weapon of mass destruction? And how do we deal with this shift in our society—this is driving the popu-

list movement, which is making our structure of government unaffordable in many ways?

America's greatness and our ability to address the issues such as this comes from our people and from our Constitution. It is that Constitution which embraces, basically, the liberties that allow our people to create prosperity and give this Nation its strength.

Our freedom and prosperity is absolutely resilient. There is no question about that. But government can either be an enabler of that freedom and that resilience or it can be a stifler of it. Whether we are going to succeed, I believe, is whether we continue to assert the core values which allow us to govern well, and they all basically arise from our Constitution.

I have the good fortune to sit at the Webster desk. Daniel Webster was a Senator from Massachusetts. New Hampshire, in an act of appropriate stealthiness, had the desk designated to the senior Senator from New Hampshire by statute in the 1970s. It is a great honor to have the right to sit at this desk. Webster and Clay kept this Nation together at a time when had it been torn apart it would no longer have existed, because we had no Lincoln, and we had no strength of the North to survive.

Webster, in his speech on the Compromise of 1850, said:

I mean to stand upon the Constitution. I need no other platform. I know but one country. No man can suffer too much. No man can fall too soon if he suffers on or if he fails in defense of the liberties of the Constitution of our country.

At the center of our constitutional form of government, which was designed by Madison and Randolph, which was built on the concept that there should never be an overly powerful branch of the government, at the center of this government is the Senate. It is the cauldron of liberty for our Nation.

Why is that? Because it is the place where issues are aired, people are heard, amendments are made, and no one gets to shut down the minority until a supermajority decides to do so. The rights of the minority are the source of the power of our government. They are the source of the power of our Constitution. They are the source of the power of our liberty.

This is the center, this institution is the center of the rights of the minority. I have been in the minority. I have been in the majority. It is almost irrelevant from the standpoint of the importance of the role of the Senate, because it

is the Senate that gives voice to all Americans, that does not allow us to shut out any American or any thought process in America that is legitimate and which can come to the floor of the Senate and make its case.

I have often wondered, what would this government be like if there were no Senate? Well, it would be a parliamentary government, for all intents and purposes, lurching to the left, lurching to the right, and as a result, in many ways, undermining individual rights, but, more important, having no continuity of purpose or force.

We play politics in this city and in this country between the 40 yard lines, for all intents and purposes. We are not a government that ever moves too radically left or right. That is the way it should be. In this institution, compromise is required. To govern you must reach agreement. We are 300 million people obviously of a diverse view. If we are going to govern 300 million people, we must listen to those who have legitimate views on both sides of the aisle.

So as I leave this Chamber, I want to say this, simply: It has been a huge honor to have the chance to serve here. It is something that is the highlight of our career, Kathy's and mine. We move on with reservations, we hopefully move on to something equally interesting, but it will never have the same status as being in the Senate.

This, to me, is the ultimate job when it comes to the governance of America. I simply ask you who stay here—and I know this will be done—continue to carry the torch. Understand that it is the Senate that is the center of the liberty that leads to the prosperity our people expect. It is the Senate that is the center of our Constitution.

Thank you very much.

(Applause, Senators rising.)



TRIBUTES

TO

JUDD GREGG



## Proceedings in the Senate

TUESDAY, *November 30, 2010*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, 16 Senators will retire this year. There is a pretty big turnover in this body, but that is a lot of Senators at once. We are losing an enormous amount of talent, but, of course, we are gaining a lot of talent with the new Senators.

I wish to show my respect for those who have served, which I will do in a summary fashion because we are talking about 16 individuals with very complex and distinguished backgrounds.

One might ask, what are the characteristics of a Senator? There are a lot of different answers to that, depending on your background and attitude toward politics and government. First, I have always thought that one characteristic of almost every Member of the Senate is that he or she probably was a first grader sitting in the front row, hand in the air waiting to be recognized. This is an eager bunch or you would not have gotten here.

Second, it is a group of risk takers. Most people who end up in the Senate get here because a lot of other people who wanted to be Senators were standing around waiting for the right time to run. A lot of people who were elected to the Senate seemed to have no chance of winning at the time they decided to run, but the voters decided differently, and here they are.

Third, we are almost all professional and congenial. That is a big help. It is almost a requirement in an organization of 100 individuals who spend almost all their time with one another, who serve in a body that operates by unanimous consent, when just one Senator can bring the whole place to a halt, and whose job basically is to argue about some of the most difficult issues that face the American people. So it helps that almost every Member of the Senate is an especially congenial person.

Back in Tennessee, people often say to me it must be rough being in that job. They are awfully mean up there.

The truth is, I don't know of a more congenial group than the Members of the Senate. We begin the day in the gym. The next thing you know we are at a Prayer Breakfast, and then we are at a committee hearing. Then we are on the floor voting, and then we have lunch. It goes through the day until 7 or 8 o'clock, or sometimes later. We live together and we get along very well. We know and respect each other.

Not long ago, the Presiding Officer (Mr. Udall of New Mexico) and I were having dinner together with our wives. We were lamenting the loss of families who know one another, the way it happened when his father was serving in Congress and when I first came to the Senate to work for Senator Baker. And that's true. We've lost some of that. Still, there is an enormous amount of affection and good will here. You don't always get to be very close friends in this job, but you get to be very good acquaintances, and you learn to respect people for their strengths.

Senator Domenici said, when he left, that we don't do a very good job of saying goodbye here. That is true. As one part of saying goodbye, I wish to say at least one good thing about each one of the 16 retiring Senators. Much more could be said about each, of course. Mostly, I am going in alphabetical order. . . .

There is no better Senator than JUDD GREGG on either side of the aisle. One indication of that is that the last three leaders of Republicans in the Senate have asked him to sit in on leadership meetings to get his wisdom and advice. He doesn't say too much, but what he says we all pay attention to. He has been the voice of our party and we believe the voice of Americans who are concerned about fiscal responsibility, spending, and too much debt. . . .

It has been my privilege to serve with these 16 Senators. We thank them for their service to our country. They have had a chance to serve in what we regard as the world's greatest deliberative body; it is a special institution. We will miss their leadership, and we hope they will stay in touch with us because they are not just retiring Senators, they are all our friends.

I yield the floor.

WEDNESDAY, *December 8, 2010*

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be printed as a Senate document a compilation of ma-

terials from the *Congressional Record* in tribute to retiring Members of the 111th Congress, and that Members have until Thursday, December 16, to submit such tributes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THURSDAY, *December 9, 2010*

Mr. HARKIN. . . . I would like to make a speech in praise of another colleague who is retiring, on the other side of the aisle, and who is a good friend and someone for whom I have had not only great friendship but great respect, and I have served with him a lot on our committees—Senator JUDD GREGG of New Hampshire.

Senator GREGG can be a very effective and persuasive partisan for the conservative causes he holds dear. He also has a strong New Hampshire independent streak and is willing to buck his party when he thinks it is wrong—for example, when he voted against President Bush’s Medicare prescription drug benefit bill because it was unpaid for and would add hundreds of billions of dollars to the debt. Indeed, as ranking member and former chair of the Budget Committee, Senator GREGG has been one of the Senate’s leading champions of fiscal discipline.

I especially admire Senator GREGG’s capacity for reaching across the aisle, building bridges, and getting important work done. On that score, he has represented New Hampshire and the United States at his very best. This quality has made him a standout member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, which I chair. He forged a very productive working relationship with my predecessor as chair, Senator Ted Kennedy. For example, he played a key role with Senator Kennedy in crafting the bipartisan No Child Left Behind Act, and a few years later, I was proud to work with both of those New England Senators again—especially Senator GREGG—to reauthorize and improve the Americans with Disabilities Education Act.

In 2008, Senator GREGG was a key leader in crafting and forging bipartisan support for the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act. Many have criticized the Troubled Asset Relief Program, TARP, but facts are facts: TARP prevented a total meltdown of our financial system. And almost the entire \$700 billion taxpayer investment has been or soon will be

paid back to the U.S. Treasury. In fact, just this week, the Treasury booked a \$12 billion profit on its previous \$45 billion investment in Citigroup.

This year, Senator GREGG has played a key role on the HELP Committee in bringing together Senators from both parties to advance food safety legislation. Frankly, there were many times when sharp policy disagreements threatened the survival of that bill. But at every turn, Senator GREGG played a constructive role in working through the options, crafting bipartisan compromises, and keeping the legislation on track to passage. I have nothing but admiration and gratitude to Senator GREGG for his leadership on the food safety bill, which, as you know, passed the Senate. . . .

That is the first modernization of our Food and Drug Administration inspection systems in 70 years. Again, I wish to publicly thank Senator GREGG for hanging in there over several years' period of time to make sure we kept it on track from one Congress to another, up and down, but we finally got it done. As I just said, I have the utmost admiration and gratitude to Senator GREGG for hanging in there and making sure we got the job done.

As many of our colleagues will remember, several years ago, Senator GREGG bought a \$20 Powerball lottery ticket and won \$850,000. Again, we all want to go up and touch him and see if it will rub off on us a little bit. To this day, Senator GREGG is the only person I have ever known who won a Powerball lottery ticket. Well, as we have often said, that was JUDD GREGG's personal good fortune, but it has been our good fortune to have a Senator of his high caliber and character in this body for the last 18 years. During that time, I have placed great store by his friendship and his counsel. Of course, that relationship and friendship will continue, but I am sorry we are going to miss him here in the Senate.

I join with the entire Senate family in wishing JUDD and Kathleen the very best in the years ahead.

I yield the floor.

FRIDAY, *December 10, 2010*

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to our colleagues who are departing the Senate after distinguished service on behalf of their States and on behalf of the Nation. I have been privileged to work with these indi-

viduals, to learn from them, to collaborate and cooperate with them, and to, in some small way, help them do what they have done so well—represent their States with fidelity, with great effort, and to move the agenda of the Nation forward. . . .

Senator JUDD GREGG and Kathleen are stalwarts in the Senate, with their 18 years of service. I worked very closely with JUDD on so many issues but most recently on the Dodd-Frank bill, where we worked collaboratively on this whole complex concept of derivatives. I was impressed with his intellect, his grasp, his balance, and I think we both pushed ourselves to think harder, to do better, and to come up with a solution, frankly, that was much better than I know I could have done individually. So I thank JUDD GREGG for what he did there and on so many other things. . . .

To all of these colleagues and their families, my deepest appreciation and my profoundest respect.

TUESDAY, *December 14, 2010*

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I would hope it is not the intention of the senior Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG, immediately after his farewell speech] to leave the floor. The accolades our friend and colleague, the senior Senator from New Hampshire, has just received from both sides of the aisle are richly deserved. I would hope he might be able to stay a bit longer so some of us have a chance to comment on his extraordinarily distinguished career.

He has devoted his entire life to public service, always served with a deep sense of purpose and with the overriding conviction that we must leave America in a better place than we found it, as he so articulately expressed. He has worked tirelessly for the people of New Hampshire and for all Americans, and he has been a truly invaluable member of the Republican Conference. He is the smartest guy in the room, usually the most strategic, and as witty as they come. Yet even as JUDD's national profile has increased over the years as a result of his many natural gifts, he never lost sight of where he came from or the people he represents back home in New Hampshire.

JUDD grew up in Nashua in southern New Hampshire and was introduced to the world of politics early on. In 1952, when he was just 5 years old, his father Hugh Gregg was elected Governor of the State. JUDD went on to Phillips Exe-

ter Academy for high school in the mid-1960s and to Columbia University after that, graduating with a degree in English in 1969. It was an eye-opening experience being in New York City, particularly in those years. JUDD took it all in. He jokes that his minor in college was subway exploration.

Even as he witnessed all the student demonstrations and clashes with police on campus, he found time to dress up as the school's mascot for a time, the Columbia Royal Lion, working the sidelines at games. JUDD returned north to attend law school at Boston University and got his J.D. in 1972 and then an LL.M. in tax law in 1975. Then he returned to New Hampshire to practice law.

Meanwhile, he began to venture into New Hampshire primary politics, coordinating primary campaigns for Ronald Reagan in 1976 and George H.W. Bush in 1980. It was during this time that he really developed his conservative principles. Over the years, he has stuck to those principles, and the voters have rewarded him for it. He has never lost a race—not one. Part of the reason JUDD wins is that he is not afraid to lose. He would rather lose for the right reasons than win for the wrong ones.

Over the years, he has become something of a political legend in New Hampshire, and for good reason; he is the first person in New Hampshire history to serve as Congressman, Governor, and Senator. He was first elected to Congress in 1980, where he would serve four terms, and then, in what some viewed as a political gamble, he followed his father's footsteps to run for Governor in 1988. He was elected and easily reelected in 1990.

During his second term, New Hampshire, like the rest of the country, faced a difficult recession. But faced with pressure to raise the State's income tax or sales tax, he cut government spending instead. The New Hampshire *Union Leader* would later credit JUDD as being able to manage the State through the crisis far better than anyone expected, and the *Wall Street Journal* ranked him ninth in its Good Governor Guide for cutting spending and keeping a lid on taxes during a serious budget crisis.

In 1992, JUDD decided to run for U.S. Senate on his strong record on environmental protection and fiscal discipline. He won a close race. Upon arriving in this Chamber, JUDD immediately set out to work for the people of New Hampshire. I know one of the things he is proud of in his nearly 17 years in the Senate is the work he has done to protect more than

300,000 acres of land in New Hampshire from development. He can also be justifiably proud of the remarkable work he has done as a Republican, the top Republican on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, and, most important from our conference's point of view, on the Budget Committee, where his knowledge and command of the issues always impressed the rest of us. He was clearly the right man for the job. When the budget came up, I think we would all agree on our side of the aisle, when JUDD stood up and had something to say, everybody quieted down and listened. You can't say that about all of us on every issue all of the time. We recognized his talents from the very beginning.

Just 2 years after arriving here, he was selected to serve as chief deputy whip as well as cochairman of Senator Dole's Senate agenda committee, a working group tasked with developing and managing the Republican agenda at that particular juncture. It was the first time in 20 years that a Senator from New Hampshire had served in a Senate leadership role.

He never hesitated to work across the aisle to get things done. JUDD understood that to make something happen in this body, it happens between the 40 yard lines, and that means both sides have to participate. He teamed up with Senator Kennedy to coauthor No Child Left Behind. Referring to that particular accomplishment, JUDD once said:

I don't think any of us ever gave up our basic principles ... Ted just understood that even though he had strong beliefs ... he understood you had to legislate to accomplish that. There was no point in just standing off in the corner and shouting.

History will remember that JUDD also played a central role in Congress' response to the financial crisis of 2008 which we all remember very well. With our Nation on the brink of economic collapse, I was to select one person to represent our point of view at that critical moment. The choice was completely obvious, the one person we had who everybody knew had no other agenda and would at the end of the day do what was right for the country. So I made him the top Republican negotiator on the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, now infamously referred to as TARP. His top priority then and throughout the entire debate over the effort was to ensure that the original package protected taxpayers by including language in the bill that stated all proceeds from the paybacks would go to reducing the debt, and he did a fabulous job.

It was because of JUDD's principles, intelligence, common sense, and ability to work across the aisle, as I indicated, that I asked him to join my leadership team after I was elected Republican leader. I have relied on him heavily these last 4 years. JUDD has been right in the middle of every legislative debate we have had since I have been in this position. He has never disappointed. He has been so effective, in fact, that Senator Reid gave him a couple of nicknames late in his career. First he called him the "see-if-we-can-mess-up-the-legislation guy." After that, he described JUDD as:

Somebody who comes into a basketball game, not to score points, just to kind of rough people up, just to kind of get the game going to a different direction.

I think JUDD and I would both agree that is a heck of a compliment. In fact, this is Senator GREGG's reaction to those nicknames given to him by the Democratic leader: "I appreciate the Senator's comments. I take them as a compliment. I have been active legislatively. That is, obviously, our job."

It is funny how people see things differently. I never saw JUDD as a Bill Laimbeer-type player out on the court just to rough people up. I always saw JUDD—sticking with the basketball metaphors for a moment—as the intelligent point guard, as the ideas guy with the extraordinary judgment, as the type of guy who could see the whole floor, the big picture, and could make the unselfish play that would win the game.

Over the years, that is exactly what JUDD did for our team. He has been instrumental in our efforts to hold the line, slow down or call out the Democrats these past 2 years in particular on an agenda that we viewed as deeply harmful to our future. He has been an indispensable member of the team. In fact, I am not sure where we would be now without him, and sometimes I have wondered where we will be a few years down the road without him. But he leaves his example, and he leaves the knowledge he has passed on along the years, and we will all continue to draw on that in the years ahead.

JUDD was recently asked what the hardest thing about being a Senator was, and he answered without hesitation. The hardest thing was being away from his family. It is another principle on which he never, ever hedged.

I made a decision early on in my career which I've carried throughout my career—that if the choice was between being here and being with something that was important to my family, I would be with my family. Maybe my

children feel differently, but I don't think I have missed anything that was really critical in their upbringing.

Which brings us to Kathy, as JUDD indicated, a wife of 37 years, a cherished member of the Senate family. We are so grateful for Kathy's grace and patience with the demands of public life, along with her important work in education, promoting the arts, the environment, and historic preservation, as well as her work in raising awareness about child abuse. Somehow, she and JUDD's three children—Molly, Sarah, and Joshua—managed to put up with JUDD's three decades of public service, and we thank them all for sharing JUDD with us all these years in Washington.

One of JUDD's greatest assets as a Senator has been his profound love for this institution and his gratitude for having had a chance to serve as a Member of it. He never took this place or this job for granted. As he once put it:

From my first day in the Senate to today, I remain in awe of this fabulously interesting place. When I'm on the floor and I look around and take in its history, it never ceases to hit me that this is the most successful deliberative democracy in history. It's an honor to serve there.

To say that I tried to convince JUDD to stay is an understatement.

But he knew it was his time to move on and to write the next chapter in his life. While Senators come and go all the time, I cannot help but note that when JUDD walks out of this Chamber for the last time, he will leave an enormous void.

So I will close, old friend and colleague, by saying you certainly are going to be missed. We wish you well in your future endeavors. Thank you for your service. You have done an extraordinary job.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I want to say a few words about the Senator from New Hampshire as well.

I have had the pleasure over the years of serving with him and watching him and learning from him, as we did once again today. It is always amazing at these going away speeches that we learn things we did not learn about them during the 18 years they served. So I appreciate Senator McConnell's comments and some new insights there.

I know Senator GREGG at one time moved from being the chair of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee to being chair of the Budget Committee, and that

gave me the opportunity to be the chairman of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. For that I will always be grateful, and I hope I have made good use of the things he taught me when he was in that position.

Over the years as we have watched Senator GREGG in action in committee or on the floor we have all learned a lesson or two about how to be a more effective Senator. That is why when I look back on Senator GREGG's career, I will always think of him as one of the best of my Senate mentors. Over my 14 years in the Senate, I have learned more from him than almost anyone else.

I know no one knows better how this Senate operates and the procedural details than the Senator does. If I were on the other side of an issue and I saw Senator JUDD GREGG getting up to plead his case, I know I would feel a sense of grave concern as I listened to him that would only increase in strength and intensity. It is always a worry for either side when he unfolds, if he might be on the opposite side. But, on the other hand, if he is on the floor to express support for my position, I would sit back, relax, and watch him in action with great relish.

He is a brilliant legislator and orator because he is always one to follow the admonition of Rudyard Kipling to "keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you." Once he had determined the right thing to do and how to do it, he would very calmly come up with a plan of action that made it happen, and then follow his strategy step by step without ever wavering from his plan.

In all my years of public life, as an observer and a participant, I do not think I have ever worked with anyone quite like him. No one speaks better off the cuff than he does. Even in a few casual remarks, his context and focus showcase his natural talent for the art. He knows the right words to say and how and when to say them for maximum impact. That means more often than not he knew how to present the perfect argument that could not be refuted. Year after year, that great talent has shown itself on the floor and in committee as he took a more and more active role in our deliberations on a long list of subjects, including but not limited to budget reform, education reform, and entitlement reform. He has, for instance, been a very strong supporter of the need for Congress to take action to address the problems currently facing Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. This has been most recently evident as the ranking member of the

Budget Committee and an active member of the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform.

To put it quite simply, during his service in the Senate, he has been the younger generation's best friend, as he has done everything he possibly could to ensure that our children and grandchildren would have it as good as we did—if not better.

Senator GREGG has been a true leader on budget reform issues for his entire public service career. One of his greatest successes as the chairman of the Budget Committee was the passage of the Deficit Reduction Act in 2005. It was the first time in 8 years that the Congress took the necessary steps to curb entitlement spending and began to put our country's fiscal house back in order. In his own words, Senator GREGG said the following on December 21, 2005:

This bill represents a reduction in the Federal deficit of nearly \$40 billion over 5 years. Yes, there is more to be done, but it is a step in the right direction . . . It is my hope that the Congress will continue the hard work we have done here, by seeking to reduce the rate of growth of government at every opportunity. By focusing on how to make government programs work more effectively and at a lower cost. And by making fiscally responsible decisions about what kind of economic future we want to leave to our children and grandchildren.

As an accountant, Senate colleague, and his friend, I could not have been more proud of the bold step Senator GREGG took in addressing our Nation's deficit by drafting, promoting, and ultimately enacting the Deficit Reduction Act. We will miss his leadership on the Budget Committee.

As a member of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, it was good to have a chance to see how well he worked to get things done in committee. For example, he worked well with Senator Kennedy on creating and passing the No Child Left Behind Act. He was able to bring together Senator Kennedy and President Bush to work on a common goal for our Nation's children and our country's future.

What he was able to accomplish during those days has made a difference and it will continue to do so for many years to come. Because of the work he has been such an important part of, countless Americans are living better, more rewarding, and more fulfilling lives all over the country.

Needless to say, the people of New Hampshire were very fortunate he was willing to serve in so many posts over the years. I have no doubt his insights on the law and how it affects the people back home come from his experience on every level of our government.

Since he first arrived in the Senate, with every trip home his constituents would tell him how the changes in the law were affecting them and their businesses and, if they are like the people of Wyoming, they also gave him some very valuable suggestions on what we could do in the Congress to address their concerns. I always tell my constituents to share their good ideas with me. It is my secret weapon and it really helps me to make a difference. I am sure it has been the same for him.

I do not know what he has planned for the coming years, but one thing I feel certain about: We have not heard the last from JUDD GREGG. That will be a good thing for all of us, as well as the younger generation who is very concerned about the legacy we are leaving behind for them. As he has pointed out repeatedly, it would not be fair for us to continue to spend their inheritance to such an extent that they will be left with a huge deficit and an economy so slow and weak that they will not have any possibility of paying it off without a great deal of pain and difficulty. They are counting on us to do the right thing to ensure they have the same advantages and ability to access the American dream we have had.

There is an old Native American saying: We have not inherited the Earth from our ancestors, we are borrowing it from our children. If we follow this lead and use that frame of reference as our guide, we will be able to ensure their future will be as promising as they have every right to expect and demand.

As the end of the current session of Congress approaches, I know I am not the first, nor will I be the last to say thank you, JUDD, for your willingness to serve the people of New Hampshire and the United States for so long and so well. Most of all, thank you for your friendship and for serving as such a great resource for us all during your service in the Senate.

Before I close, I know I would be remiss if I did not also say a quick thank you to your wife Kathy. As we both know from serving in the Senate, there are a lot of late nights, trips both home and abroad with little notice, and a lot of other things we have to deal with because they come with the job. Our wives never complain, but we both know they have every reason to do so. They probably do not because they know, as well as we do, we could not do what we do without them by our side. They are our greatest supporters, our best friends, our most trusted political advisers, and the

ones who always make sure we are heading in the right direction.

So while I am thanking you for your service, I think Kathy deserves a word of thanks too. Together you have been a remarkable team, and that is why New Hampshire is so proud to claim both of you as their own.

In the days to come, Diana and I will not be the only ones who will miss you and Kathy. Fortunately, we know where to find you—right near the ocean. We had so much fun there when we had the chance to explore it with you both earlier this year. The fishing was pretty good and the scenery was just magnificent. Just let us know when the fish are biting, and we will be there. Come to Wyoming anytime. Good luck in your future. Thanks for all you have done for us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I am honored to be here on the floor today to join Senator McConnell and my other colleagues in recognizing the service Senator JUDD GREGG has provided to the people of this country, and for us, importantly, to the people of New Hampshire.

I have had the good fortune to know Senator GREGG since I first got elected to public office. In the New Hampshire political tradition, you learn to work together with people on both sides of the aisle for what is in the best interests of New Hampshire. Senator GREGG has been a fine example of that tradition.

I have enjoyed working with him over the years, and his presence in the Chamber and the Senate halls will be missed both by me and, as we have already heard, by the rest of our colleagues. I think, as Senator GREGG was giving his remarks, the number of Senators who were here to say good-bye shows the respect and how much he will be missed by all of our colleagues.

Throughout my own public life, I have always appreciated the civility and generosity Senator GREGG has shown me. When I was elected to the State senate in New Hampshire, it was then-Governor GREGG who swore me in for the first time. When I was elected to the Senate, he was the first Republican to call me, not just to offer his congratulations but to offer his advice and help in getting started in Washington.

The Senator and I have followed similar paths to the Senate, although his service has been longer than mine, although we are the same age.

So I will not say your service has been older than mine, JUDD.

But I think that experience—both of us having served as Governor, leading New Hampshire—has given us a much more similar mindset than most people would expect. I think it contributes to our concern about controlling the debt and ensuring that this government is functioning in the best interests of all of its citizens. I, again, appreciated his commitment to addressing that debt for future generations in his remarks this afternoon.

While we have not always agreed on the best approach to solve those problems, Senator GREGG's civility has never wavered. Since coming to the Senate, I have noticed that he extends that same civility and courtesy to colleagues on both sides of the aisle. In a town that is not always known for its good manners, Senator GREGG reminds us we can disagree without being disagreeable.

Senator GREGG, of course, is known for his expertise on budgetary matters and his dedication to one of the gravest issues that faces this country; that is, its rapidly ballooning deficit. His expertise will not be easily replaced, especially at a time when our Nation so urgently needs a New Hampshire-style approach—strong, bipartisan, and no-nonsense. It is a concern about the deficit that we share, and I hope in some small way I can continue his search for solutions to this challenge.

What might be less known to people in Washington—although Senator McConnell mentioned it—is Senator GREGG's passion for the preservation of open lands. He is a conservationist in the fine Republican tradition of Teddy Roosevelt, and he has helped preserve New Hampshire's wonderful legacy of forests and lakes.

For those of you who may some day visit the New Hampshire statehouse, you will be surprised to see that Senator GREGG appears in his formal gubernatorial portrait in the mountains of New Hampshire, as I think is fitting for somebody who cares so much about the environment.

In 2001, when I was Governor and Senator GREGG was here, we worked together to preserve the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters. At more than 171,000 acres, it was the largest contiguous block of land in New Hampshire in private ownership, and with his leadership we were able to ensure that

future generations could enjoy the beauty of this beautiful working forest and part of New Hampshire.

As another well-known Senator—again, one that JUDD alluded to when he spoke—Daniel Webster once said, “We have been taught to regard a representative of the people as a sentinel on the watch-tower of liberty.”

In Congress and the Governor’s office, in Washington and in New Hampshire, Senator GREGG has served as that sentinel. He will be missed. I join my colleagues and the people of New Hampshire in wishing him and Kathy and their whole family well in all of their future endeavors.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, as I listened this afternoon to Senator GREGG’s farewell address, I thought about how much all of us who have been privileged to serve with him will miss his wisdom. But for me, the loss will be even more intense, for there is no one to whom I have turned more often for advice during the past 14 years than my neighbor from New Hampshire—unless, of course, it was his wife Kathy, who also gave very good advice.

JUDD’s extraordinary knowledge of so many issues, his keen insights into policy and politics, and his abiding friendship have meant so much to me. I truly cannot imagine a debate in this Chamber about the budget, spending, entitlement programs, or taxes without his leading it. Given his strong work ethic, his commitment to the prosperity of future generations, and his unwavering dedication to doing what is right, I am confident his clear call for action on our fiscal crisis will continue to be heard and to be influential in the debates ahead of us.

Raised in a family devoted to public service, Congressman, Governor, and now Senator GREGG has always been guided by the principle that the public interest is paramount and the public’s trust is essential. As a strong voice for fiscal discipline and a champion of bipartisan solutions, Senator GREGG has always upheld those principles.

Senator GREGG faced up to the looming entitlement crisis and our inequitable tax system by introducing comprehensive, bipartisan bills to address both concerns. His sponsorship of legislation early this year to establish a bipartisan commission on fiscal responsibility brought to the forefront of the national debate our debt—a debt that America can no longer ignore.

Senator GREGG's service on the President's commission demonstrated his determination to present to the American people an analysis of the tough choices we must face and the means to return to fiscal sanity. As always, JUDD has been dedicated to one goal: ensuring that our country's children and grandchildren inherit a just and prosperous nation where the American dream can still be a reality for millions of hard-working families. The idea of saddling future generations with trillions in unpaid bills has always been anathema to Senator GREGG.

Although fiscal issues have been JUDD's passion, the soaring and unsustainable debt has not been his only focus. For example, 2 years ago, Senator GREGG helped lead a coalition that called for a bipartisan national summit to develop an energy strategy for our country. He recognized and warned against our overreliance on foreign oil as a threat to our Nation that forces one energy crisis after another on the businesses and families of our great country. Senator GREGG has been a powerful advocate for a common-sense, achievable energy policy that balances increased domestic production, conservation, and the development of alternative and renewable fuels. As his colleague from New Hampshire mentioned, JUDD's work to preserve open space in New Hampshire has led to the conservation and protection of more than 330,000 acres of sensitive land, leaving a tangible legacy for future generations to enjoy.

Senator GREGG is also committed to strengthening our national security. In 2005, I was honored to join with him and thousands of people throughout Maine and New Hampshire in saving the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, which is, by the way, in Kittery, ME, not Portsmouth, NH, but it was indeed a joint effort. Standing together under Senator GREGG's leadership, our two delegations, working with the people of our two States, prevailed. In addition to saving the shipyard, JUDD has been in the forefront in strengthening and modernizing it. Thanks to his efforts, the U.S. Navy submarine fleet remains unsurpassed as our Nation's shield and our sword.

As chairman for years of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator GREGG recognized the threat we faced from radical Islamic terrorism, and he ensured that the resources were provided to help protect our homeland, while eliminating funding that was ineffective or extravagant.

This is quite a career. Throughout his long and distinguished life in public service, JUDD GREGG has been a cham-

pion of good government, an independent and creative thinker, and a bipartisan problem solver. He has fought for the public interests and has earned the public's trust. I know that not only the people of New Hampshire and Maine, who know him well, but people all across this great country join me today in thanking Senator JUDD GREGG for his exceptional leadership, countless accomplishments, and fierce dedication to our country and the State he loves so much. We wish both JUDD and Kathy all the best.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, during the 1980s, somehow the Senate took a survey among themselves about who was the most admired Member of the Senate, and according to press reports, Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee was the most admired Senator by both Republicans and by Democrats. If such a survey were to be taken today, JUDD GREGG would certainly be at the top of that list for most of us. There is not a better Member of the Senate.

Much has been said about him, so I will say three things quickly because there are other Senators who wish to speak. First, JUDD GREGG is of New Hampshire, not from New Hampshire. Sometimes we say, Senator so-and-so is from Tennessee or from New York or from South Dakota or from Maine, but the Senator whose roots are where roots are supposed to be is "of" his State. JUDD GREGG sounds as though he is from New Hampshire. He acts as though he is from New Hampshire. He is from New Hampshire. He votes as though he is from New Hampshire. The Old Man of the Mountain, which was a rock up in New Hampshire, could be seen by those who drove by it. The rock fell down a few years ago and I thought: Well, maybe the best way to replace it is to put JUDD GREGG back up there because he is of New Hampshire.

Second, JUDD GREGG is a very good politician. I know that from direct experience. There is such a thing as the "Gregg machine" in New Hampshire. Those who have the temerity to run for President find that out. It was on the other side of my efforts when I was there, and to give an example, one day a reporter asked me, "Well, Mr. Alexander, what is the price of a gallon of milk?" Of course, I knew what a gallon of milk costs, but I made the mistake of turning around to someone and asking, just to make sure what it was. A press person overheard it, and the next thing I knew, the "Gregg

machine” had spread that story all over the State that this fellow in a red and black shirt didn’t know what the price of milk was. So they are a very intimidating, effective crowd in New Hampshire.

The third thing, the final thing I will say about JUDD is one reason I admire and like him so much is that I so often agree with him. I agree with him on conservation issues, on education issues, on fiscal issues, but especially on his view of this body, which he expressed so eloquently many times but especially in his remarks today. JUDD GREGG knows and understands that this body is the citadel of the protection of liberty in our government. He said that today. It is the place where we avoid the tyranny of the majority. It is a place where the voices of the American people are heard, where we have open amendment and open debate. He has been an effective advocate for that. He understands we are not just a debating society, but that in the end, we are a governing body; that the purpose of our 60-vote majority is to force consensus and a compromise so we can act, so we can do our job.

JUDD leaves a wonderful legacy. He has many friends here. He will continue to have many friends here, this Senator who is of New Hampshire, who is a pretty good politician and with whom I so often agree. My special best wishes to his wife Kathy, with whom I also agree. Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. CORKER. Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the Senator from South Dakota allowing me to speak for about 60 seconds. I don’t give long speeches on the floor. I seldom use notes. I know Senator GREGG knows this, but I have been here 4 years, and I can honestly say one of the greatest highlights of my 4 years has been being able to serve with Senator GREGG. I know of no one in the Senate whom I hope to be remembered even close to as far as my service. I know of no one whom I think creates a better example for those of us in the Senate. I know of no one whom I respect more than Senator GREGG. I know he knows that. I know his wonderful wife Kathy knows that.

I think, upon his departure, there will be a tremendous vacuum. I think all of us understand what each of us is going to have to do to try to fill a component of the shoes of the Senator from New Hampshire or the example he has set.

So I just want the Senator to know he certainly has raised my thinking as to what it means to be a Senator in the Senate. Each of us have frailties and each of us have strengths. There are always going to be occasions when Senators cause us to rise because they inspire us. They do things that are inspirational. There are always going to be times when Senators disappoint us because we are human beings, and that is the way human beings are. But I can say that you, more than anybody in the Senate, have caused me to want to be better more times than anyone and have disappointed me fewer times than anybody in the Senate. I will miss you. I wish you well, and I thank you for being my friend.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I also wish to join with my colleagues today before I speak to the issue of the day and express my appreciation to Senator GREGG for his great service to this institution and to our country. I think it is fair to say there is nobody quite like JUDD GREGG. He truly is one of a kind.

I remember when I first got here, I thought he didn't like me, and maybe he didn't like me, but I concluded that part of that was just his serious demeanor. He is a guy who means business. Once you get to know him, you not only appreciate that side of his personality, but you also gain an appreciation for the incredible wit and sense of humor he also possesses. I have had the opportunity to experience that on many occasions.

I think what the institution is going to miss the most—he is certainly someone who cares a lot about this country's future and the policies we put in place—is his abilities, his great skill and his great talent. It will be a real loss to the Senate because JUDD GREGG has a mind like a steel trap. He is able to analyze with great effectiveness the issues of the day and to explain them clearly. He is someone in whom I have tremendous respect. He has been a great mentor, a great leader, and someone, as I said before, we are going to miss around here.

I can't say enough about how much I appreciate his service and the service and the sacrifice his family has made. He has served in public life for many years, both as a Congressman, Governor, and a Senator. His wife Kathy, similar to many of our wives, puts up with a lot of things. JUDD, similar to me and many of my colleagues, I think, I would say

probably married over his head or, as one of my friends said, outpunted his coverage. We are grateful to his family.

We are going to miss the many contributions he has made, but probably none more than the passion with which he approaches this job and the passion with which he approaches building a brighter and better and stronger and more prosperous future for future generations. There has been no clearer voice on the issue of fiscal responsibility, no clearer voice when it comes to the important task we have in front of us, to insist that we take steps and we put policies in place that will make the country stronger and better for future generations.

So I wish to compliment as well my colleague from New Hampshire. I have heard from folks from other parts of the country. As someone who comes from the Midwest, I wish to say how much I appreciate JUDD GREGG, the incredible contribution he has made, and I, similar to so many others, will miss him greatly.

Mr. DURBIN. I want to join my colleagues in wishing our friend, Senator JUDD GREGG, the best of luck as he prepares for his new life beyond the U.S. Senate.

I don't think it is any exaggeration to say that, without the leadership and dogged insistence of JUDD GREGG and Kent Conrad, there would have been no Presidential Deficit Commission.

As a member of that commission, I want to say to Senator GREGG, "I will get you back for that one."

In all seriousness, serving on the Deficit Commission was not an easy assignment. But I believe the commission's work, and the way we went about our work, shows that Democrats and Republicans can still reason together and act together for the good of our Nation. I thank Senator GREGG for helping to remind us of that important truth.

You might remember a few years back when Senator GREGG won about \$850,000 in a Powerball payoff. A bunch of us on our side of the aisle tried to convince him that he ought to do what all big lottery winners do—quit his job. He said no—there was more he wanted to do in the Senate.

JUDD and I served together in the House and the Senate and, as I said, on the Deficit Commission. We're one of the Odd Couples of Capitol Hill. He's Felix and I'm Oscar.

We haven't agreed on a whole lot. But we have been allies on some big, important fights. JUDD was an indispensable leader in the effort to finally give the FDA the authority to regulate tobacco. His work on that bill will save thousands

of lives in America and around the world and I am proud to have been his partner on it.

I understand that JUDD GREGG is the only person in New Hampshire history ever elected Senator, Congressman, Governor, and Councilor. Little-known fact: I think he was also the model for the Old Man in the Mountain.

When JUDD claimed his Powerball winnings, he told reporters, "Even Senators get lucky sometime." I am lucky to have worked with JUDD GREGG in both the House and the Senate for almost 15 years. We have had some spirited differences—always will. But I respect him as an independent-minded Conservative, a tough negotiator, and a man who believes in public service.

I wish JUDD, Kathy, and their family the very best in the next chapters of their lives.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, through three terms in this Chamber, Senator JUDD GREGG has been a consistent, principled voice for responsible stewardship of the taxpayers' hard-earned money. Though he and I have not always agreed on the roles and responsibilities of government, that has not diminished my admiration for his principled stand on fiscal responsibility, a stand that has at times brought him into conflict with Members from both parties.

Senator GREGG has been willing to cross party lines on important issues throughout his tenure in the Senate. At times that has been the result of his belief in limiting deficits, as when he opposed the creation of the Medicare drug benefit in 2003 without identifying ways to pay for it. But he also supported last year the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court. He has voted to allow FDA regulation of tobacco. And he has voted to give U.S. workers a higher minimum wage.

Still, Senator GREGG will rightly be remembered primarily for his advocacy of prudent spending. He consistently has pressed for a detailed, bipartisan effort to address the Nation's troubling fiscal situation. The bill he worked on with Senator Conrad ultimately became the model for the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. While the success of the commission is still unclear, it already is clear that Senator GREGG's efforts have helped move the discussion forward.

I congratulate Senator GREGG on his distinguished service, and I wish him the best of luck in wherever his new endeavors take him.

WEDNESDAY, *December 15, 2010*

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the printing of tributes be modified to provide that Members have until sine die of the 111th Congress, 2d session, to submit tributes and that the order for printing remain in effect.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THURSDAY, *December 16, 2010*

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to my colleague, a fellow New Englander and Banking Committee member, the senior Senator from New Hampshire, JUDD GREGG.

It has been an honor and a pleasure serving with him in this body for the past 18 years. As we both prepare to leave the Senate this year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish him and his family the very best in the future.

Throughout his tenure in the Senate, Senator GREGG has been an ardent advocate for his home State of New Hampshire, and a knowledgeable legislator. Time and again, during floor debate and committee proceedings, he has demonstrated his sharp intellect and deep knowledge of a broad range of issues—particularly on economic and budget policy.

He is a deeply committed public servant, who has been elected by the people of New Hampshire to serve them for 8 years in the House of Representatives, 4 years as Governor, and as their U.S. Senator for the last 18 years. In fact, they returned him to the Senate in 2004 with the highest number of votes in New Hampshire history. It is clear that his constituents have a great deal of faith in this man, and during his time in Congress, he has represented them and their values extremely well.

As one would expect from a man of New Hampshire, Senator GREGG has always demonstrated his independence, commitment to hard work, and self-sufficiency. Yet he has also

been someone that has sought compromise and has been ready to collaborate with those willing to tackle the difficult problems facing our Nation.

In 2001, he was one of the lead Republicans working on the No Child Left Behind law to improve education across the Nation for generations of Americans. In 2003, he and I worked together with Senator Ted Kennedy, Senator Lamar Alexander, and Senator Susan Collins to craft the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act, which updated our Nation's laws to meet the serious problem of child abuse.

Of course, improving education and ending child abuse are issues on which both Liberals and Conservatives broadly agree, so bipartisanship and collaboration on these matters is easy.

Of course, in the fall of 2008, our Nation was faced with a nearly unprecedented economic collapse—and the views of Liberals and Conservatives on how to respond could charitably be described as divergent, at best.

It was at that moment, when our Nation faced a calamity of historical proportions, that Senator GREGG grit his teeth and set to work, negotiating with me, Treasury Secretary Geithner, Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke, and others, to fashion a legislative response to the crisis.

Despite the heavy criticism that came with being a party to those discussions, he remained a key negotiator, and in the end, the House and Senate approved the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act. Today, our economy, though far from recovered, is far better off than it would have been without this bill and many of the institutions which received assistance have repaid the Treasury with interest.

Let me be clear that was a bill that none of us ever, in our wildest dreams thought we would have to write, or vote to pass. However distasteful, it would have been wrong to allow our financial system to go into full cardiac arrest, with little chance of survival.

The politically expedient route to take would have been to walk away, vote against the bill, and join the pundits, commentators, and bloggers who've said "It never should have passed, and we would have been fine without it anyway."

But that wouldn't be leadership. That wouldn't be statesmanship. And that isn't the type of legislator that JUDD GREGG is.

I would also like to thank Senator GREGG for his work as a member of the Banking Committee. He joined the committee late in his tenure, but his deep knowledge of the econ-

omy and expertise in financial matters was greatly appreciated. He played an important role in helping to craft what became the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Though he was a staunch opponent of some of the bill's provisions, he didn't see that opposition as an impediment to continuing to offer ideas and thoughtful debate in order to shape the legislation into what he thought was a better product.

Yet, as fierce a partisan as Senator GREGG is, he is also a consummate legislator. He knows that the people of New Hampshire sent him here to work hard, and work with the other Members of this body. He has shown that at the end of the day, even if you work hard on something, you may not be able to support it—but you will know that you have done your best to advocate for your positions and shape the debate.

The Senate will miss his knowledge and work ethic, and I hope that newly elected Members—of both parties—will follow his example.

I wish him, his wife Kathleen, his children, and granddaughter, the very best.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I have come to the floor today to pay tribute to Senator JUDD GREGG of New Hampshire, who will be leaving the Senate at the end of this session.

Although I am happy for JUDD and his wife Kathy, as they set off on the next stage of their lives, JUDD's retirement represents a great loss for the U.S. Senate, for the people of New Hampshire, for the entire Nation, and for me personally.

Simply put, JUDD has been an outstanding public servant. He has worked tirelessly and effectively on behalf of his State, first as a Congressman, then as Governor, and then as a Senator. The people of New Hampshire rewarded his faithful service by repeatedly electing him by wide margins. When he was reelected to the Senate in 2004, JUDD received the highest number of votes in New Hampshire history.

JUDD has been a true leader in the Senate. Few Members have the breadth of knowledge and insight that he holds on the key issues that come before this body. Whether it be the budget, education policy, or banking reform, he has been at the center of the debate, and Members on both sides of the aisle seek out and respect his judgment.

I have come to know JUDD best for his work on the Budget Committee. He has been on the committee for all of the 18 years he has been in the Senate. He served as chairman in 2005 and 2006, after Senator Nickles retired, and has been the ranking member ever since.

I could not have asked for a better partner on the committee. It has been a pleasure to work closely with him. Our staffs have also worked very well together, which is a testament to the leadership of JUDD and the example he set in his work with me.

JUDD has tremendous integrity. His word is his bond.

Although we haven't always agreed on policy, JUDD has always upheld the highest standards of the Senate by knowing how to disagree without being disagreeable. We have had fierce debates over the years, but we have never let that affect our ability to work together.

Of course, the highlight of our work together came in our legislative effort to adopt a bipartisan fiscal task force to address the country's long-term debt crisis. That joint effort was truly one of the most rewarding experiences of my career in the Senate. I will never forget the days we spent discussing the proposal during a trip in 2006.

While we were not able to pass our legislation in the Senate, our effort resulted in the creation of the President's fiscal commission. It has been an honor to work alongside JUDD in this fight. Like me, JUDD cares deeply about our Nation's fiscal future and understands the danger of rising Federal debt. He has been a tenacious advocate of fiscal discipline and putting the budget on a sustainable long-term path.

JUDD is a true-blue fiscal Conservative. But that has never stopped him from reaching across the aisle to work with Democrats. In addition to working with me, JUDD teamed up with Senator Ted Kennedy in 2001 to coauthor the No Child Left Behind Act. More recently, he teamed up with Senator Wyden to write the first major bipartisan tax reform legislation in decades, the Bipartisan Tax Fairness and Simplification Act.

Notably, JUDD also played a key role in the bipartisan negotiations that led to the creation of the TARP legislation. TARP was widely criticized during this past election season, but the results are now in, and it is clear that the TARP Program was successful in stabilizing the financial sector and helping to prevent the economy from dipping into a full-blown depression. The success of the program and the repayments now coming into the Treasury can be attributed, at

least in part, to JUDD's insistence on including provisions in the legislation to protect American taxpayers.

Finally, JUDD's retirement means more to me than just losing a great partner on the Budget Committee. I am also losing a great friend. At a time when Washington is filled with so much partisan rancor and disagreement, we need more individuals from across the aisle to form friendships like ours.

JUDD, I wish you all the best in your retirement. You will truly be missed.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, today I would like to join with my colleagues in appreciation and admiration of Senator JUDD GREGG of New Hampshire.

JUDD is a native of New Hampshire and after practicing as an attorney in Nashua, where he was born, he began a devoted career of public service to his State. Before coming to the Senate, JUDD served as a member of his State's executive council, as a representative, and then on to become, as his father Hugh Gregg had been before him, Governor of the Granite State.

JUDD was a successful and accomplished Governor. When he left Concord to join the Senate, he left his State with not only a balanced budget but a surplus as well. His leadership and record of fiscal responsibility has served as an example for our entire Nation to follow.

His expertise on budgetary and fiscal issues has benefited all his fellow Senators on the Budget Committee. As both chairman and ranking member of the committee, JUDD put together both excellent staff and the resources necessary to advance our goals of cutting spending, balancing the budget, and reducing our Nation's debt. With steps such as his successful sponsorship of the fiscal year 2006 budget resolution, which reduced mandatory spending for the first time in years, hard-working American taxpayers have saved billions thanks to Senator GREGG's efforts.

Senator GREGG and I worked hard together in fighting to reduce our government's burden on taxpayers and the excessive spending that fuels it. We have both fought hard for our government to take our financial future seriously and to make the tough decisions necessary for it to be secured for our generation and for many more to come.

I would like to thank Senator GREGG again for his leadership on these important issues, and his extensive service to

the people of New Hampshire. My wife Sandy and I wish Senator GREGG, his wife Kathy, and their family all the best.

SUNDAY, *December 19, 2010*

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise to speak today to recognize the departure of my good friend Senator JUDD GREGG. Senator GREGG has been a tireless advocate for the people of his State and a devoted public servant. He will most certainly be missed.

Senator GREGG is a New Hampshire man through and through. He was born in Nashua, NH, in 1947. His father, Hugh Gregg, served as Governor of New Hampshire when JUDD was just 5 years old. JUDD graduated from Phillips Exeter in 1965 before going on to earn his baccalaureate from Columbia University and his law degree from Boston University School of Law.

After finishing law school in 1972, JUDD returned to Nashua to commence his law practice, though it wouldn't be long before he would answer the call into public service. From 1978 to 1980, JUDD served on the New Hampshire Governor's Executive Council. Then, in 1980, he was elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served for four terms. In 1988, he followed in his father's footsteps and was elected Governor of New Hampshire and was re-elected in 1990.

In 1992, after two successful terms as Governor, in which he was able to balance the budget and leave the State with a surplus, JUDD was elected to represent New Hampshire here in the U.S. Senate. And, after serving for three terms, he is stepping down at the end of this session.

If one were to describe JUDD's political philosophy, I think they would have to say that he was for fiscal discipline even when fiscal discipline wasn't cool. As chairman and ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee and senior member of the Banking Committee, his has always been a voice of warning and restraint, even when restraint wasn't the status quo around Washington. His knowledge and expertise on these issues made him one of the most respected voices in our debates over health care, economic and fiscal policy, and financial regulatory reform.

While JUDD has always been a Conservative, he's never let go of his independence, refusing to put party before his principles. Everyone in Washington claims that they are that

way, but Senator GREGG is one of the few that has walked the walk. That, more than anything, is why he has won the respect and admiration of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

The State of New Hampshire has been well represented here in the Senate and I know the people of his State are grateful for JUDD's service. It has been both an honor and a privilege to have served alongside Senator GREGG. While I am certain that JUDD will be successful in whatever endeavor he chooses next, I am even more certain that the Senate will be a lesser place without him here.

I want to wish JUDD and his wife Kathleen and their family the very best.

MONDAY, *December 20, 2010*

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I wish to honor my colleague from New Hampshire, Senator GREGG, who is retiring from the U.S. Senate after serving 18 years in this Chamber and serving 8 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Born and bred in New Hampshire, JUDD has dedicated his life to public service. JUDD served on the Executive Council of New Hampshire in 1978 before running for national office. In 1980, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and was elected to three additional terms before returning to New Hampshire. In 1988, JUDD became the Governor of New Hampshire, a seat formerly held by his father Hugh. During his two terms as Governor, JUDD managed to balance the State's budget and left Concord with a surplus. Following his tenure as Governor, JUDD returned to Washington in 1993 and has represented New Hampshire in the Senate ever since.

While working in the Senate, I have had the opportunity to serve with JUDD on the Banking Committee and the Budget Committee, where he currently serves as the ranking member. I have respect for the manner in which JUDD has conducted himself in the role of ranking member and the Republican leader on the Budget Committee. I also admire the fact that he always keeps our national deficit in mind when making tough decisions, whether or not these decisions are going to be popular.

JUDD has a long list of accomplishments to show for the people of New Hampshire and the United States. His leader-

ship in the Senate will be missed, and it has truly been an honor serving with him.

I would like to thank JUDD for his contributions to the Senate and wish him well as he closes a chapter in his life and begins another.

WEDNESDAY, *December 22, 2010*

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in paying a well-earned tribute to Senator JUDD GREGG, a fellow New Englander and one of New Hampshire's much-admired icons of public service over the last three decades.

Senator GREGG has been immersed in public service his entire life, beginning with his father's election as Governor of New Hampshire in 1952 when JUDD was only 5 years old. And through the years, he has amassed a record of leadership at every level of government that is truly remarkable. It comes as no surprise that JUDD is the first public servant from the Granite State ever to realize the political trifecta of being elected to the three offices of Congressman, Governor, and Senator. Serving others goes to the very core of JUDD GREGG's persona and DNA. It always has and always will.

Let me just say, at every step along the way, it has been a privilege for me to witness Senator GREGG's impressive trajectory in public life first hand. In fact, it was during JUDD's years in the U.S. House of Representatives, where my husband, Jock McKernan, and I, first got to know him as well as his wonderful wife Kathy. And that friendship grew further during JUDD's time as Governor as both he and Jock were chief executives of their respective States during the same period.

Having served with JUDD for nearly his entire tenure in the Senate, I have been proud to work side by side with an individual whose organizing principle behind public service has always been driven by common sense, pragmatism, and the imperative to forge solutions across the aisle. Time and again, JUDD has sought to bridge the political divide to garner results, whether by tackling our Nation's fiscal challenges, promoting land conservation, or most notably, co-authoring the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 with the late Senator Edward Kennedy.

Indeed, Senator GREGG's rigorous intellect, financial acumen, and budgetary expertise have earned him the respect

and admiration of his Senate colleagues from both parties and made him one of the Nation's most well-regarded, leading champions of fiscal discipline and accountability, and one of the most knowledgeable voices and authorities in addressing our Nation's deficits and debt.

In fact, the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, created by President Obama, is modeled after legislation first introduced by Senator GREGG, the former chair and current ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, and the current chair, Senator Kent Conrad of North Dakota—both of whom are commissioners. What a fitting coda for one of this generation's stalwart guardians of our Nation's budget.

Senator GREGG's service could not be more emblematic of his overall approach to public service which has always hewed to principle with a genuine desire to forge solutions across the aisle. No wonder that earlier this month, *Washington Post* columnist Ruth Marcus wrote that in "both parties, there are too few GREGGS, and too many of them ... are leaving public office." I couldn't agree more!

Just as Senator GREGG has rightly earned national acclaim as a fiscal steward and sentinel on behalf of the American taxpayer, the heart of his leadership has always remained with his beloved Granite State as well as our region of New England. I well recall the ironclad solidarity our two delegations have shared, particularly in defending against efforts to close the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Through each of the five Base Realignment and Closure, BRAC, rounds from 1988 through 2005, we have left no stone unturned to champion the cause of the U.S. Navy's oldest and best shipyard—and to ensure that the BRAC Commission recognized the legendary work ethic and world-class craftsmanship of a workforce that is second to none.

Former Senate majority and minority leader, Senator Robert Dole, with whom Senator GREGG and I both served, once observed:

As long as there are only 3 to 4 people on the floor, the country is in good hands. It's only when you have 50 to 60 in the Senate that you want to be concerned.

When JUDD GREGG was on the floor the people of New Hampshire and, indeed, the Nation knew that our country was in tremendously capable and conscientious hands, and we could not be more grateful!

In thanking Senator GREGG for his immeasurable contributions to this storied Chamber, I know I join all of my

colleagues in wishing him and his beloved wife Kathy, Godspeed, as they embark on the well-earned, next chapter of their lives.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, it has been a great pleasure and honor to serve in this body with JUDD GREGG. He and his wife Kathy have enriched our lives with their friendship and their contributions to the work and responsibilities of the U.S. Senate.

JUDD's leadership on the Budget and Appropriations Committees have been especially important and worthy of high praise.

His sense of humor has helped make our service in the Senate an enjoyable experience.

I wish for him and his family all the best in the years ahead.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I would like to take a few minutes to pay tribute to the 16 Senators who will be departing this body at the end of the year.

I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve alongside each of these Senators as colleagues and as friends. All served their States with distinction and gave their constituents strong voices in the world's greatest deliberative body. Senators Evan Bayh, Robert Bennett, Kit Bond, Sam Brownback, Jim Bunning, Roland Burris, Chris Dodd, Byron Dorgan, Russ Feingold, Carte Goodwin, JUDD GREGG, Ted Kaufman, George LeMieux, Blanche Lincoln, Arlen Specter, and George Voinovich each left an indelible mark on the Senate, and I wish them well as they take on new challenges and opportunities into the future.

I would like to speak briefly about a few of the Senators I knew best and served with in committees to recognize their contributions and accomplishments and share my fond memories of them and the legacies they will leave behind. . . .

As a leading voice for fiscal responsibility, Senator JUDD GREGG will be deeply missed in the Senate.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, with unparalleled commitment to fiscal discipline, Senator GREGG worked to address many pressing issues.

Senator GREGG is a well-known budget expert and national leader on the most critical issues facing our country in recent years, notably health care, economic issues, and financial regulation.

His efforts to address the looming entitlement crisis, the rising cost of health care, and the inefficient and complex tax

system are commendable and serve as an example to all elected officials.

In the Senate, Senator GREGG has also focused his efforts on helping the United States maintain its position as the leading destination for capital and investment in the world.

I appreciate the job Senator GREGG has done in his position as the former chairman and current ranking member of the Budget Committee.

In 2006, JUDD sponsored an amendment that strengthened border security by providing resources to integrate biometric databases as well as construction of new stations and check points and tactical infrastructure for immigration and customs enforcement.

Unlike other similar proposals at the time, his amendment was offset and did not add to the deficit.

I will miss working with him in this Chamber, and I will miss his friendship and support on the issues that matter most to America.

In conclusion, the departing Senators' contributions, their dedicated service, and the issues they championed will be remembered long after their final days in the Senate.

I believe I can speak for my fellow Senators when I say that we will all miss our departing friends.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, when the 111th Congress draws to a close, we will bid farewell to 16 colleagues who have collectively given more than 200 years of service to our Nation through their service in the Senate. These include seven of the Senate's most experienced Members. People like Chris Dodd and Arlen Specter who have each served five terms in the Senate; Kit Bond who has served four terms; and Bob Bennett, Byron Dorgan, Russ Feingold, and JUDD GREGG, who have each served three terms in this Chamber. . . .

JUDD GREGG, one of our Nation's foremost experts on the Federal budget leaves us at the end of the year. As this Senate comes to grips with the challenges of a rising deficit and economic stagnation we will miss his firm hand and thoughtful guidance. . . .

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with each of the people who will leave this Chamber when we adjourn sine die. Each has made substantial contributions to their States, to the Nation, and to the Senate during their time here.

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