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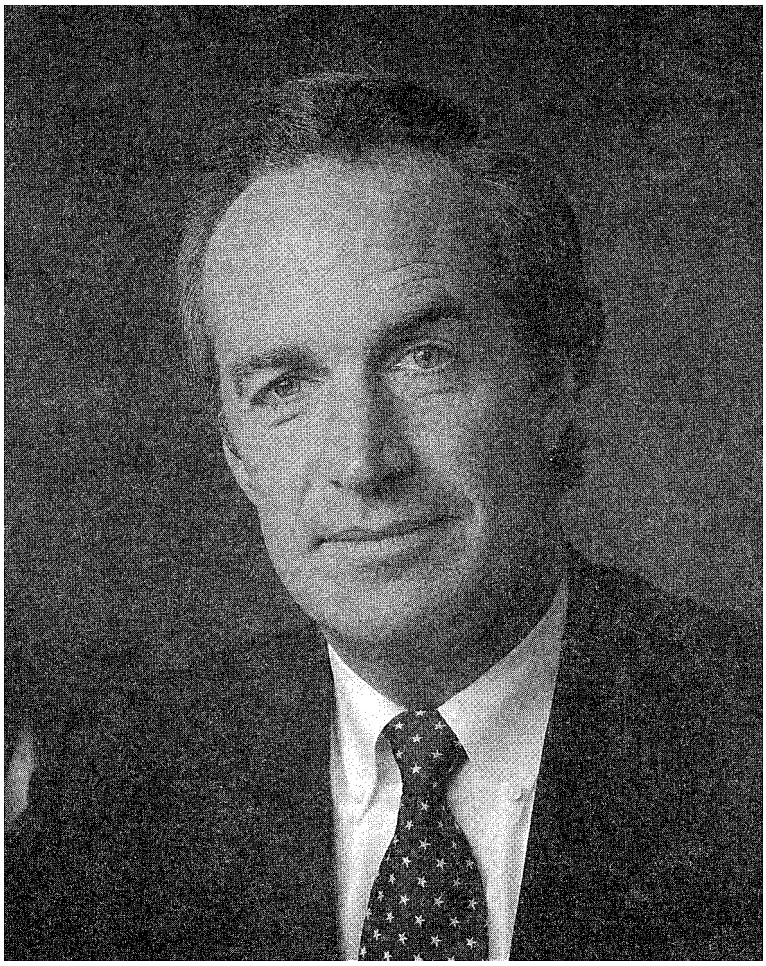

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BIOGRAPHY

Senator DIRK KEMPTHORNE (R–ID) has made his mark as a legislator in his first term in the U.S. Senate. Singled out by former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole as "one of the Senate's rising young stars," KEMPTHORNE has authored and passed two major pieces of legislation in the 104th Congress. First elected in November 1992, the former mayor of Boise, ID, has quickly established himself as a thoughtful, determined and caring legislator.

In the 104th Congress, KEMPTHORNE's bill to end unfunded Federal mandates on State and local governments and his revision of the Safe Drinking Water Act showed how KEMPTHORNE can write, negotiate and win passage of meaningful bipartisan legislation. Both bills were overwhelmingly passed by both Houses of Congress, and both were signed into law.

His first bill, the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, became Senate Bill 1 in the 104th Congress. It became law on March 22, 1995 at a Rose Garden signing ceremony. The success of S. 1 culminated a crusade by KEMPTHORNE to win relief from costly Federal burdens on States, cities, counties, schools and businesses. KEMPTHORNE brought together a coalition of the Nation's Governors, mayors, county officials, school boards, State legislators and hundreds of private sector companies employing millions of people. Despite their common concerns, many of those groups had never worked together. KEMPTHORNE involved them in the legislative process, and the teamwork helped win passage of S. 1 by overwhelming margins in both the Senate and House.

KEMPTHORNE is the most junior Senator to author, manage, and win passage of a bill designated as Senate Bill 1 since World War II. He also is the first Idaho Senator to ever have a bill designated as S. 1, and he not only managed 2 weeks of 12-hours-a-day debate in the Senate, but he chaired the Senate-House conference committee that worked out differences between the Senate and House versions of the bill. His involvement is unprecedented, since he does not serve on either of the Senate committees with jurisdiction for such a measure.

As chairman of the Drinking Water, Fisheries and Wildlife Subcommittee of the Environment and Public Works Committee, Senator KEMPTHORNE authored the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act. The bill was signed at a White House East Room ceremony on August 6, 1996.

KEMPTHORNE's Safe Drinking Water Act utilized many of the coalition members brought together to pass S. 1. He also consulted with water providers, scientists, public health experts and environmental advocates to craft a bipartisan bill that passed unanimously in the Senate. The new law protects public health and safety while giving local communities and water systems the flexibility to meet local needs and conditions.

As chairman, KEMPTHORNE will also be responsible for rewriting and improving the Endangered Species Act.

KEMPTHORNE serves on the Armed Services Committee, where he chairs the Personnel Subcommittee, responsible for quality of life and family issues, promotions and personnel practices of our armed forces. KEMPTHORNE has also been given the responsibility to chair the Strategic Forces Subcommittee dealing with defense-related energy issues. The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory near Idaho Falls is one Department of Energy facility which falls under the subcommittee's duties. KEMPTHORNE's service on Armed Services also allows him to monitor and promote defense readiness issues at Mountain Home Air Force Base. The Senator is a member of the United States Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, the board of trustees which oversees the Academy.

Senator KEMPTHORNE is also a member of the Senate Small Business Committee. Small businesses comprise nearly 60 percent of Idaho's companies, employing almost 90 percent of the workforce.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, DIRK KEMPTHORNE served as Boise's 43rd mayor. He was elected to his first term in 1985, and won reelection without opposition in 1989. It marked the first time in 30 years a Boise mayor ran unopposed in a city election. KEMPTHORNE's 7 years as the chief executive of Idaho's capital city were highlighted by unprecedented employment, prosperity and construction, revitaliza-

tion of both the infrastructure and community spirit, and national recognition for the city's renaissance.

Leadership in consensus building, encouraging citizen involvement and participation, communication and trust were the keystones of the KEMPTHORNE administration. That philosophy continues in his term in the Senate.

The Senator believes in staying close to the people of Idaho, and he maintains eight offices around the State.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE is a 1975 graduate of the University of Idaho, earning a degree in political science. He was elected Student Body President his junior year.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE was born in 1951. He and his wife Patricia are the parents of two teenagers, Heather and Jeff.

TRIBUTES

TO

DIRK KEMPTHORNE

Proceedings in the Senate

Thursday, *May 14, 1998.*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, this is also the final defense authorization bill for three other members of our committee—Senators Glenn, Coats and KEMPTHORNE. They will be leaving us this year, also through their choice. We will miss them keenly. They have all made tremendous contributions to the work of the Armed Services Committee and to the national security of our country. Sometimes their ways were similar and sometimes they were different, but we are grateful for their contributions. I wanted to note that as we get to work on the defense authorization bill.

THURSDAY, *October 8, 1998.*

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, it is almost kind of sad in a way to think that DIRK KEMPTHORNE will be leaving the Senate after only one term in the U.S. Senate. It has been a pleasure to work with DIRK, to be with him, to get to know him, to get to know his family, his wife Pat. But I will just say DIRK KEMPTHORNE is a Senator's Senator. He is a person who comes from the great State of Idaho.

He brought a great deal of, I must say, refreshing energy to the Senate. He served as mayor of Boise City for 7 years. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1992 and proved something unconventional: He could get a lot done in his first term in the Senate. Most people have the idea you have to be in the Senate a long time before you can get anything accomplished, but he proved quite the opposite.

He proved to be a very effective legislator. He proved to be a person who could work on both sides of the aisle, that he could work with Democrats and Republicans and make things happen.

He was the principal sponsor of a bill that most of us have claimed some part to, the unfunded mandates bill that President Clinton signed and it became law. It was strongly sup-

ported by States, Governors, mayors and commissioners and others who said, "Let's quit passing unfunded mandates on to the States, cities and counties."

He has been instrumental in leading the fight in needed reform in the Endangered Species Act. He has been a tireless worker on the Armed Services Committee.

He has always kept his priorities straight. His family has always been first and foremost. His love for his State is very evident.

Now he will return to the State of Idaho. He is running for Governor. I am very confident he will be elected Governor, and I am quite confident he will be one of the outstanding Governors in the country. I appreciate his service and his friendship. He has been an outstanding Senator. I hate to see him leave the U.S. Senate, but I do wish him, his wife and his family best wishes as he leaves the Senate and returns to his State and continues his public service in a different capacity, and that will be as Governor of the great State of Idaho.

FRIDAY, *October 9, 1998.*

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, while each of us is looking forward to adjournment so that we may go home and spend time with our constituents and being closer to our family and friends, the end of the 105th Congress is a somewhat bittersweet occasion as many of our colleagues are concluding their careers in the Senate. One Member who will not be back with us in January is my friend, Senator DIRK KEMPTHORNE of Idaho.

Senator KEMPTHORNE arrived in Washington 6 years ago and very quickly established a reputation for not only being dedicated to the duties and responsibilities of his office, but for being an individual with a keen mind who approached matters before this body in a very thoughtful and deliberative manner. His opinion on issues was always well regarded and void of partisan rhetoric. Though one will never have every Member of this Body agree with their position, everyone gave considerable weight to the remarks and positions of the Senator from Idaho.

One of Senator KEMPTHORNE's committee assignments was to the Armed Services Committee and I quickly spotted his leadership ability, and in a relatively short period of time, assigned him the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Per-

sonnel. This was a demanding job, especially in this era when we are not only trying to determine what the appropriate size of the military should be, but also because of a number of highly emotional issues related to personnel matters. Regardless of the issue that was before his subcommittee, Senator KEMPTHORNE worked hard to ensure that he discharged his responsibilities impartially, and with the best interests of our men and women in uniform in mind.

Beyond earning a reputation for being an intelligent student of public policy, Senator KEMPTHORNE also earned a well deserved reputation for being a decent man. He was unfailingly polite and cordial to everyone with whom he dealt. Whether it was a witness before the Committee, a debate opponent on the Senate floor, or one of the thousands of support staff that work in the Senate, DIRK KEMPTHORNE was pleasant, respectful, and cordial.

It is truly our loss that Senator KEMPTHORNE has decided to leave the Senate and return to Idaho, but the citizens of that State will indeed benefit when our friend is elected Governor. The ability he demonstrated for leadership and civility will serve both he and his constituents well and I am certain that Idaho will be regarded as one of the most efficiently run States in the Union before the end of his first term. My counsel to the Members of this Chamber is that DIRK KEMPTHORNE is a man to keep your eye on, and frankly, I would not be surprised if he were to return to Washington 1 day, though to take an office that is at the opposite end of Pennsylvania Avenue. Regardless, I wish both he and his lovely wife Patricia health, happiness, and great success in the years to come, we shall miss them both.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a colleague and friend who will be leaving the Senate when the 105th Congress adjourns, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, the junior Senator from Idaho.

I have served with DIRK KEMPTHORNE on both the Armed Services and Small Business Committees where I have come to respect his thoughtfulness, dedication and hard work.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE has been a valuable member of the Armed Services Committee where he has served as the Chairman of the Personnel Subcommittee. As Chairman, he has demonstrated a commitment to the welfare of our men and women in uniform and their families.

Senator KEMPTHORNE joined with Senator Byrd in initiating the congressional Commission on Military Training to examine issues related to basic training of men and women

which will give its best advice to the Congress next year on whether current practices should be changed.

While I didn't agree with DIRK KEMPTHORNE on many of the specifics of his unfunded mandate legislation in 1995, I, like many of my colleagues in the Senate, was greatly impressed with the manner in which he managed the bill and his command of the complex details.

Mr. Chairman, in the U.S. Senate we are called upon to work with colleagues of many differing points of view. While DIRK KEMPTHORNE and I sit on separate sides of the aisle and sometimes disagree on issues before the Senate, it has always been a pleasure to deal with him. He is always an able advocate for his position, and always a gracious gentleman.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, five Senators will move on at the closing of this session of the 105th Congress. And they are Senators that have, with the exception of one, been here ever since I joined this body back in 1989.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE from Idaho was elected after I was. And now after one term he has elected to go back to his home State of Idaho.

It seems like it becomes more and more difficult, as time goes by, to attract men and women to public service, and especially to public service when there are elections.

He brought a certain quality to this Senate. On his work on the Environment and Public Works Committee, he was sensitive to the environment and all the public infrastructure that we enjoy across this country. It just seemed to fit, because he had come here after being the mayor of Boise, ID. And his very first objective was to tackle this business of unfunded mandates. He took that issue on and provided the leadership, and finally we passed a law that unfunded mandates must be adhered to whenever we tell local government, State government that it is going to take some of your money to comply with the laws as passed by the Federal Government.

He, like me, had come out of local government. He knew the stresses and the pains of city councilmen and mayors and county commissioners every time they struggle with their budget in order to provide the services for their people, when it comes to schools and roads and public safety—all the demands that we enjoy down to our neighborhoods.

We shall miss him in this body.

To my friend, John Glenn of Ohio, who has already made his mark in history that shall live forever, he has left his

tracks in this body. And not many know—and maybe not even him—but I was a lowly corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps when he was flying in the Marine Corps. So my memory of John Glenn goes back more than 40 years to El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in Santa Anna, CA.

As he goes into space again at the end of this month, we wish him Godspeed. He gave this country pride as he lifted off and became the first American to orbit the Earth. And he carried with him all of the wishes of the American people.

To Dan Coats of Indiana, a classmate, we came to this body together in 1989. Our routes were a little different, but yet almost the same—he coming from the House of Representatives and me coming from local government.

He is a living example of a person dedicated to public service. But it never affected his solid core values. He has not changed one iota since I first met him back in 1989.

The other principal is on the floor today. It is Wendell Ford of Kentucky. I was fortunate to serve on two of the most fascinating and hard-working committees in the U.S. Senate with Senator Ford: The Commerce Committee and the Energy Committee. Those committees, folks, touch every life in America every day.

We flip on our lights at home or in our businesses. We pick up the telephone, listen to our radio, watch our televisions, move ourselves from point A to point B, no matter what the mode—whether it is auto, train or plane. Yes, all of the great scientific advances this country has made, and research and the improvement of everyday life and, yes, even our venture into space comes under the auspices of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and the Energy Committee. Those two committees play such a major role in the everyday workings of America.

Wendell Ford was one great champion and one of the true principals in formulating policies that we enjoy today. He played a major role in each and every one of them.

Again, it was my good fortune to work with Senator Bumpers on two committees: The Small Business Committee and the Energy Committee. There is no one in this body that has been more true to his deeply held beliefs than Senator Bumpers. Our views did not always mesh—and that is true with Senator Ford. It was their wisdom and the way they dealt with their fellow Senators that we worked our way through difficult issues and hard times with a sense of humor. I always say if you come from Arkansas you have to have a pretty good sense of humor. My roots go back to Mis-

souri; I know we had to develop humor very early. Nonetheless, it was the integrity and the honesty that allowed us to settle our differences, even though we were 180 degrees off plumb.

I think I have taken from them much more than I have given back to them. This body has gained more than it can repay. This Nation is a better Nation for all of them serving in the U.S. Senate.

In our country we don't say goodbye, we just say so long. But we say so long to these Senators from our everyday activities on the floor of the U.S. Senate. I am sure our trails will cross many times in the future. Should they not, I will be the most disappointed of all.

MONDAY, *October 12, 1998.*

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, as the 105th Congress comes to a close, I want to take a moment to say thank you to my fellow colleagues who, like me, will be retiring this year.

I came to the Senate in 1974 with Senators Glenn and Bumpers. It was a different time, when campaigns were still won by going door to door, when the Senate itself was much more open to compromise and bipartisanship.

Despite the changes in the Senate, Senator Bumpers has continued to be a voice for his State, never giving up the fight for something in which he believed. And when the Senate itself began to listen, they began to respond. In fact, after fighting 19 years to reform the National Parks concessions operations, he finally won approval of the legislation on last Thursday.

And while it's true the Senate long ago lost its reputation as a place of eloquent debate, my colleague from Arkansas has proven time and again the power of words with his skillful oratory, whether the issue was arms control, education or balancing the budget. In all my years here in Washington, I was never so moved as I was by a speech he gave on preserving the Manassas, VA, Civil War Battlefield. He not only changed votes, but he reminded his colleagues and the American people that our greatest strength lies in our ability to give voice to our beliefs and to our constituent's concerns.

Like Mark Twain who came into this world with Halley's comet and left this world with the return, Senator Glenn came into the public eye with his historic orbit around the Earth and he will close out his public career with another

historic flight into space. In between, he's demonstrated over and over that he's truly made of the "right stuff."

As the "Almanac of American Politics" wrote, he is "the embodiment of the small town virtues of family, God-fearing religion, duty, patriotism and hard work * * *". And over the years, he has brought the same fight and determination that made him a brilliant fighter pilot to his efforts to expand educational opportunities, increase funding for scientific research, to clean up nuclear waste sites, promote civil rights and to make our government more efficient.

Despite their long list of contributions in the Senate, perhaps their greatest contributions to this Nation are still to come. Senator Bumpers has talked about going back to Arkansas to teach and Senator Glenn has said once he gets back down to Earth, he'll work to steer young people toward public service. I can't think of a greater honor than to say I've served alongside these two men and shared their vision of a better America.

I also want to thank my two retiring colleagues on the other side of the aisle. We may not have always agreed on which road to take, but I believe we always shared a deep commitment to our country and its betterment. Whether you agree or not with Senator Coats' position on the issues, everyone in this Chamber will agree he's willing to roll up his sleeves and do the hard work necessary to accomplish his goals. He's brought the same tenacity to the Senate that found him at 3 percent in the polls when he began his first congressional bid and had him winning by 58 percent on election day. He got that win the old-fashioned way, organizing block by block and pressing his case one-on-one.

Senator KEMPTHORNE has only been a part of this institution for just one term, but he has already proven that he can work with his colleagues to pass laws, like the unfunded mandates bill, in a place where it's often easier to move mountains than a piece of legislation. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996 was a perfect example of his ability to bring together scientists, activists on both sides of the issue, and public health experts to craft legislation that each one had a stake in seeing succeed. So while he may have spent just a short while in these Halls, he demonstrated that it is only through compromise that we can achieve solutions in the best interest of the Nation.

So Mr. President, let me tell my fellow retirees what a privilege it has been to serve with you over the years and

how grateful I am for your commitment to public service and the American people.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, it is with great pride and honor that I rise today to pay tribute to my retiring colleague from Idaho, Senator DIRK KEMPTHORNE. In his 6 years of service to the U.S. Senate, he has proven himself to be a very thoughtful and determined leader and I am honored to have the opportunity to rise and speak on his accomplishments.

It was a pleasure to work with Senator KEMPTHORNE as he crafted one of the most important bills we have passed in the U.S. Senate, the unfunded mandates bill. I was particularly pleased that the private sector was included in the assessment of unfunded mandates and DIRK was generous and extraordinarily helpful to me and my staff throughout the legislative process as we developed and negotiated this legislation. Not only did the junior Senator from Idaho manage 2 weeks of debate on the Senate floor which sometimes lasted 12 hours a day, but his skillful leadership and influence brought affected parties to the table to negotiate and produce legislation which passed both the House and Senate by overwhelming margins. Clearly, without his strong commitment to American small businesses, this objective would not have been achieved.

In addition to his service on the Small Business Committee and Armed Forces Committee, Senator KEMPTHORNE was given the responsibility of chairing the Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife Subcommittee of the Environment and Public Works Committee. He wrote an update of the Safe Drinking Water Act which won bipartisan praise. He worked many long and arduous hours crafting legislation to reauthorize and reform the Endangered Species Act, an issue extremely important New Mexico and other Western States. DIRK's perseverance and hard work was instrumental in laying the groundwork for long overdue reform of this law and I am hopeful that we can be as diligent and compromising as he has been in crafting and passing ESA reform legislation in the future.

The State of Idaho is fortunate to have a statesman of his caliber. During his tenure, he has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle because of his unique ability to negotiate, compromise, and foster positive working relationships not only with his colleagues, but between Federal, State, and local governments. These skills will serve him well as he faces new challenges in the

future. Although we will miss his presence in this body, I know that he will continue to be a valuable asset not only to the State of Idaho but to this Nation.

Finally, I understand the challenges and difficulties associated with raising a family while serving in Congress and I respect and admire his decision to do what is right for his family and their future. Nancy and I wish DIRK, Patricia, and their children all the best.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, on Saturday, I had a chance to talk about our good friend, Dale Bumpers. I'd like to take a few minutes to talk about four other friends who will be leaving us at the end of this Congress.

Shortly after he left the White House, Calvin Coolidge was called on to fill out a standard form. After filling in his name and address, he came to a line marked "occupation." He wrote "retired." When he came to the next line, labeled "remarks," he wrote "Glad of it." I suspect that our colleagues who are retiring at the end of this Congress are also "glad of it"—at least in some small measure. But, in addition to relief, I hope they also feel a sense of pride—both for what they have accomplished here, and the dignity with which they have served.

In a short time here, DIRK KEMPTHORNE has made all of our lives a little better. Thanks in large part to him, the Safe Drinking Water Act is now the law. Senator KEMPTHORNE has also reminded us of the importance of State and local involvement in our decisions. We will all miss him.

I had the good fortune to travel with Senator KEMPTHORNE to the Far East. As most of our colleagues know, as we travel we get to know one another even better. I know him and I admire him and I wish him well in his life after the Senate. I also applaud him for the nature with which he has continued to work with all of us. He has a very conciliatory, very thoughtful, a very civil way with which to deal with colleagues on issues. If we would all follow DIRK KEMPTHORNE's example, in my view, we would be a lot better off in this body. His manner, his leadership, his character, his personality is one that we are going to miss greatly here in the U.S. Senate.

We will also miss Dan Coats. With his thoughtful approach and uncompromising principles, Senator Coats has followed his heart above all else. And, as a result of his support of the Family and Medical Leave Act, millions of Americans are able to follow their hearts, too, and spend more time with their families when they need them most.

When Senator Coats announced his retirement in 1996, he said, "I want to leave (politics) when I am young enough to contribute somewhere else * * * I want to leave when there is still a chance to follow God's leading to something new." Wherever Senator Coats and Senator KEMPTHORNE are led, we wish them both the best. I am confident that they will continue to contribute much to their country and to their fellow citizens.

And we will surely miss our own three departing Senators.

Dale Bumpers, Wendell Ford and John Glenn are three of the sturdiest pillars in this institution. They have much in common. They came here—all three of them—in 1974. For nearly a quarter-century, they have worked to restore Americans' faith in their government.

Their names have been called with the roll of every important question of our time. And they have answered that call with integrity and dignity.

They are sons of small town America who still believe in the values they learned back in Charlestown, AR; Owensboro, KY; and New Concord, OH. They are also modest men.

Perhaps because they had already accomplished so much before they came to the Senate, they have never worried about grabbing headlines here. Instead, they have been content to work quietly, but diligently—often with colleagues from across the aisle—to solve problems as comprehensively as they can. They have been willing to take on the "nuts and bolts" work of the Senate—what John Glenn once called "the grunt work" of making the Government run more efficiently.

They were all elected to the Senate by wide margins, and reelected by even wider margins. And they all would have been reelected this year, I have no doubt, had they chosen to run again.

What I will remember most about each of them, though, is not how much like each other they are, but how unlike anyone else they are. Each of them is an American original.

As I said, I've already shared my thoughts about Dale Bumpers. No Senator has ever had more courage than Dale Bumpers.

And no Senate leader has ever had the benefit of a better teacher than Wendell Ford.

No leader has ever enjoyed such a loyal partnership as I have. No leader has ever had a better friend and counselor.

For the past 4 years, Senator Ford has been my right hand and much more. He is as skilled a political mind, and as warm a human being, as this Senate has ever known.

Carved inside the drawer of the desk in which Wendell sits is the name of another Kentucky Senator, "the Great Compromisor," Henry Clay. It is a fitting match.

Like Henry Clay, Wendell Ford believes that compromise is honorable and necessary in a democracy. But he also understands that compromise is, as Clay said, "negotiated hurt."

I suspect that is why he has always preferred to try to work out disagreements behind the scenes. It allows both sides to bend, and still keep their dignity.

In 1991, Wendell's quiet, bipartisan style convinced a Senator from across the aisle, Mark Hatfield, to join him in sponsoring the "Motor Voter" bill. Working together, they convinced the Senate to pass that legislation. To this day, it remains the most ambitious effort Congress has made since the Voting Rights Act to open up the voting booth to more Americans.

Wendell Ford has served the Bluegrass State as a State senator, Lieutenant Governor, Governor and U.S. Senator. His love for his fellow Kentuckians is obvious, and it is reciprocated.

In his 1980 Senate race, Wendell Ford became the first opposed candidate in Kentucky history to carry all 120 counties. In 1992, he received the highest number of votes ever cast for any candidate in his State.

Throughout his years in the Senate, Senator Ford has also been a tenacious fighter for the people of Kentucky. He has also been a leader on aviation issues, a determined foe of government waste and duplication, a champion of campaign finance reform, and—something we are especially grateful for on this side of the aisle—a tireless leader for the Democratic Party.

He chaired the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee for three Congresses, from 1976 through 1982. And, in 1990, Democratic Senators elected him unanimously to be our party whip, our second-in-command, in the Senate—a position he still holds today.

We will miss his raspy and unmistakable voice, his good humor and wise counsel.

Finally, there is John Glenn. What can one say about John Glenn that has not already been said?

In all these 24 years, as hard as he tried to blend in with the rest of us, as hard as he tried to be just a colleague among colleagues, it never quite worked, did it?

I used to think that maybe I was the only one here who still felt awed in his presence. Two years ago, on a flight from China with John and a handful of other Senators and our spouses, I learned that wasn't so.

During the flight, we were able to persuade John to recollect that incredible mission aboard Friendship 7, when he became the first American to orbit the Earth. He told us about losing all radio communication during re-entry, about having to guide his spacecraft manually during the most critical point in re-entry, about seeing pieces of his fiberglass heat panel bursting into flames and flying off his space capsule, knowing that at any moment, he could be incinerated.

We all huddled around him with our eyes wide open. No one moved. No one said a word.

Listening to him, I felt the same awe I had felt when I was 14 years old, sitting in a classroom in Aberdeen, SD, watching TV accounts of that flight. Then I looked around me, and realized everyone else there was feeling the same thing.

I saw that same sense of awe in other Senators' faces in June, when we had a dinner for John at the National Air and Space Museum. Before dinner, we were invited to have our photographs taken with John in front of the Friendship 7 capsule. I don't think I've ever seen so many Senators waiting so patiently for anything as we did for that one picture.

A lot of people tend to think of two John Glenns: Colonel John Glenn, the astronaut-hero; and Senator John Glenn. The truth is, there is only John Glenn—the patriot.

Love for his country is what sent John into space. It's what brought him to Washington, and compelled him to work so diligently all these years in the Senate.

People who have been there say you see the world differently from space. You see the "big picture." You see how small and interconnected our planet is.

Perhaps it's because he came to the Senate with that perspective that John has fought so hard against nuclear proliferation and other weapons of mass destruction.

Maybe because he'd had enough glamour and tickertape parades by the time he came here, John chose to immerse himself in some decidedly unglamorous causes.

He immersed himself in the scientific and the technical. He looked at government with the eyes of an engineer, and

tried to imagine ways it could work better and more efficiently.

As early as 1978, he called for Congress to live by the same workplace rules it sets for everyone else. More recently, he spearheaded the overhaul of the Federal Government procurement system, enabling the Government to buy products faster, and save money at the same time.

In 1974, the year he was elected to the Senate, John Glenn carried all 88 counties in Ohio. In 1980, he was re-elected with the largest margin in his State's history. The last time he ran, in 1992, he became the first Ohio Senator ever to win four terms.

As I said, I'm sure he would have been reelected had he chosen to run again. But, as we all know, he has other plans.

For 36 years, John Glenn has wanted to go back into space. On October 29, he will finally get his chance. At 77 years old, he will become the oldest human being ever to orbit the Earth—by 16 years.

Many of us will be in Houston to see John and his Discovery crew mates blast off. If history is any indication, I suspect we will be wide-eyed once again.

In closing, let me say, Godspeed, John Glenn and Dale Bumpers, Wendell Ford, DIRK KEMPTHORNE and Dan Coats. You have served this Senate well. You are all "Senators' Senators," and we will miss you dearly.

WEDNESDAY, *October 14, 1998.*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, 6 years seems too short a time for a man of DIRK KEMPTHORNE's character to serve in the U.S. Senate. In the 2 years that I have been privileged to work with the Senator from Idaho, I have been impressed by both his considerable integrity and also his unwavering dedication to the citizens of Idaho and to his fellow countrymen. When I reflect upon Senator KEMPTHORNE's tenure in the Senate, I will remember the traits that made him such a successful legislator. I will especially remember the thoughtful approach the Senator used when addressing the pressing issues of the day. When Senator KEMPTHORNE chose a course of action, every Senator could be certain that his decisions were guided by careful deliberation, broad consultation, and sincere prayer. Now, Senator KEMPTHORNE has decided to return to his people of Idaho, offering to serve their interests closer to home. Selfishly, I and others will miss his

quiet strength, his leadership in a pinch, his good judgment, and his deep faith. It has enriched all who have had the privilege of serving with him and, I must say, it has been a special source of strength to me. DIRK not only talks the talk, he walks the walk. His concern is for the least among us and his insights are superior. Whether he is in a small group meeting, a committee hearing, a leadership conference, a Bible study, or on the floor of the U.S. Senate, DIRK KEMPTHORNE always reveals himself to be a man of integrity. This is so because he is one solid whole. He does not compartmentalize. What you see is what you get, from the surface to the center.

DIRK has called us to higher things than mere public policy. He wants our government to make us better, not just richer and more powerful. His service in the Senate has been to that goal. He is both a humble servant of a higher calling, and an effective leader. We will miss that leadership and strength on issue after issue. We will miss even more his good example, his living proof that one can serve in public life and posses the richest qualities of a Christian gentleman. DIRK, we will miss you. You have made us better by your word, your manner, and your life. Our best wishes go with you. Godspeed DIRK KEMPTHORNE.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I want to wish all the best to Senator KEMPTHORNE as he leaves the Senate. Senator KEMPTHORNE and I both joined the Senate in 1992, and both, as very junior Senators, initially found ourselves with offices in the basement of the Dirksen building.

Senator KEMPTHORNE has always demonstrated a strong grasp of policy issues, including his work on unfunded mandates, and has always conducted himself with the highest degree of professionalism in the Senate. I thank him for his service, and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Now he returns to Idaho to seek the office of Governor. Whatever happens in that race, the people of Idaho will know that he is a thoughtful man of grace and civility.

TUESDAY, *October 20, 1998.*

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to the Junior Senator from Idaho, Mr. KEMPTHORNE. My wife, Jane, and I got to know DIRK and his wife, Pat, soon after I came to Washington, and they have been good friends. Pat and

DIRK are simply wonderful people, whose warmth and civility make the Senate a better place.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE has brought his energy and goodwill with him to the Senate every day, making it a better place in which to work and, I am sure, improving our ability to work together to pass constructive legislation. In addition, he has brought tremendous insight and common sense to the legislative process. I am proud to have worked with him in passing unfunded mandates legislation in 1995. This bill, which Senator KEMPTHORNE managed on the floor, is an important step forward for American small business and its passage could not have been secured without his able leadership.

Whether as a key member of the Small Business Committee, as Chairman of the Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife Subcommittee of the Environment and Public Works Committee, or as Chairman of the Personnel Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee, DIRK has brought strong leadership and reasoned argument to our public policy debates. He was instrumental in initiating the congressional Commission on Military Training. He laid the groundwork for long overdue reforms to the Endangered Species Act; reforms that will protect our wildlife without unduly tampering with America's traditional commitment to private property rights.

DIRK has decided, in the interests of his family, to leave Washington and return to Idaho. While I am certain all of us here will miss him, he leaves a weighty record of achievement and will continue to serve as a model of Senatorial conduct for years to come. I know the people of Idaho will benefit greatly from his coming service as Governor and wish him, his wife and children, all the best in their return home.

Wednesday, *October 21, 1998.*

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, in this last day of the 105th Congress, I think it is appropriate that we take a little more time to express our appreciation and our admiration for our retiring Senators. I look down the list: Senator Bumpers of Arkansas; Senator Coats of Indiana; Senator Ford, the Democratic whip, of Kentucky; Senator Glenn, who will soon be taking another historic flight into space; and Senator KEMPTHORNE, who I believe is also going to be taking flight into a new position of leadership and honor. This is a distin-

guished group of men who have been outstanding Senators, who have left their mark on this institution. I believe you could say in each case they have left the Senate a better place than it was when they came.

Have we had our disagreements along the way? Sure, within parties and across party aisles. I have to take a moment to express my appreciation to each of these Senators. I especially want to thank Senator Ford for his cooperation in his position as whip. We worked together for a year and a half as the whip on our respective side of the aisle and we always had a very good relationship. Of course, I have already expressed my very close relationship for Senator Coats and for Senator KEMPTHORNE.

To all of these Senators, I want to extend my fondest farewell.

As majority leader, I feel a responsibility to speak for all of us in bidding an official farewell to our five colleagues who are retiring this year.

It was 1974 when Dale Bumpers left the Governorship of Arkansas to take the Senate seat that had long been held by Senator Fulbright. There are several Senators in this Chamber today who, in 1974, were still in high school.

Four terms in the Senate of the United States can be a very long time—but that span of nearly a quarter-century has not in the least diminished Senator Bumpers' enthusiasm for his issues and energy in advancing them.

He has been a formidable debater, fighting for his causes with a tenacity and vigor that deserves the title of Razorback.

It is a memorable experience to be on the receiving end of his opposition—whether the subject was the space station or, year after year, mining on public lands.

Arkansas and Mississippi are neighbors, sharing many of the same problems. From personal experience, I know how Senator Bumpers has been an assiduous and effective advocate for his State and region.

No one expects retirement from the Senate to mean inactivity for Senator Bumpers, whose convictions run too deep to be set aside with his formal legislative duties.

All of us who know the sacrifices an entire family makes when a spouse or parent is in the Congress can rejoice for him, for Betty, and for their family, in the prospect of more time together in a well earned future.

Senator Dan Coats and I have a bond in common which most Members of the Senate do not share. We both began our careers on Capitol Hill, not as Members, but as staffers.

I worked for the venerable William Colmer of Mississippi, chairman of the House Rules Committee, who left office in 1972 at the age of 82. Senator Coats worked for Dan Quayle, who came to Congress at the age of 27.

Despite the differences in our situations back then, we both learned the congressional ropes from the bottom up.

Which may be why we both have such respect for the twists and turns of the legislative process, not to mention an attentive ear to the views and concerns of our constituents.

Now and then, a Senator becomes nationally known for his leadership on a major issue. Senator Coats has had several such issues.

One was the constitutional amendment for a balanced budget. Another was New Jersey's garbage, and whether it would be dumped along the banks of the Wabash.

The garbage issue is still unresolved, but on other matters, his success has been the Nation's profit.

He has championed the American family, improved Head Start, kept child care free of government control, and helped prevent a Federal takeover of health care.

His crusade to give low-income families school choice has made him the most important education reformer since Horace Mann. His passionate defense of children before birth has been, to use an overworked phrase, a profile in courage.

Senator Coats does have a secret vice. He is a baseball addict. On their honeymoon, he took Marcia to a Cubs game. And when he was a Member of the House, he missed the vote on flag-burning to keep a promise to his son to see the Cubs in the playoffs.

To Dan, a commitment is a commitment. That is why he is national president of Big Brothers. And why, a few years ago, he kept a very important audience waiting for his arrival at a meeting here on the Hill.

He had, en route, come across a homeless man, and spent a half-hour urging him to come with him to the Gospel Rescue Mission.

Here in the Congress, we must always be in a hurry. But Senator Coats and his wife, Marcia, have known what is worth waiting for.

They have been a blessing to our Senate family, and they will always remain a part of it.

Senator Wendell Ford stands twelfth in seniority in the Senate, with the resignation of his predecessor, Senator Marlow Cook, giving him a 6-day advantage over his departing colleague, Senator Bumpers.

He came to Washington with a full decade of hands-on governmental experience in his native Kentucky. He had been a State senator, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor. With that background, he needed little time to make his mark in the Senate.

In that regard, he reminds me of another Kentuckian who make a lasting mark on the Senate.

Last month, I traveled to Ashland, the home of Henry Clay, to receive a medallion named after the man once known as Harry of the West. Senator Ford was a prior recipient of that award, and appropriately so.

Henry Clay was a shrewd legislator, a tough bargainer, who did not suffer fools lightly. That description sounds familiar to anyone who has worked with Senator Ford.

He can be a remarkably effective partisan. I can attest to that. There is a good reason why he has long been his party's second-in-command in the Senate.

At the same time, he has maintained a personal autonomy that is the mark of a true Senator. He has been outspoken about his wish that his party follow the more moderate path to which he has long adhered.

Senator Ford's influence has been enormous in areas like energy policy and commerce. Contemporary politics may be dependent upon quotable sound-bites and telegenic posturing, but he has held to an older and, in my opinion, a higher standard.

One of the least sought-after responsibilities in the Senate is service on the Rules Committee.

It can be a real headache. But it is crucial to the stature of the Senate. We all owe Senator Ford our personal gratitude for his long years of work on that Committee.

His decisions there would not always have been my decisions; that is the nature of our system. But his work there has set a standard for meticulousness and gravity.

All of us who treasure the traditions, the decorum, and the comity of the Senate will miss him.

We wish him and Jean the happiness of finally being able to set their own hours, enjoy their grandchildren, and never again missing dinner at home because of a late-night session on the Senate floor.

There are many ways to depart the Senate. Our colleague from Ohio, Senator John Glenn, will be leaving us in a unique fashion, renewing the mission to space which he helped to begin in 1962.

In the weeks ahead, he will probably be the focus of more publicity, here and around the world, than the entire Senate has been all year long.

It will be well deserved attention, and I know he accepts it, not for himself, but for America's space program.

For decades now, he has been, not only its champion, but in a way, its embodiment.

That is understandable, but to a certain extent, unfair. For his astronaut image tends to overshadow the accomplishments of a long legislative career.

In particular, his work on the Armed Services Committee, the Commerce Committee, and our Special Committee on Aging has been a more far-reaching achievement than orbiting the Earth.

With the proper support and training, others might have done that, but Senator Glenn's accomplishments here in the Senate are not so easily replicated.

This year's hit film, "Saving Private Ryan," has had a tremendous impact on young audiences by bringing home to them the sacrifice and the suffering of those who fought America's wars.

I think Senator Glenn has another lesson to teach them. For the man who will soon blast off from Cape Canaveral, as part of America's peaceful conquest of space—is the same Marine who, more than a half century ago, saw combat in World War II, and again in Korea.

His mission may have changed, but courage and idealism endure.

In a few days, along with Annie and the rest of his family, we will be cheering him again, as he again makes us proud of our country, proud of our space program, and proud to call him our friend and colleague.

Senator DIRK KEMPTHORNE came to us from Idaho only 6 years ago. He now returns amid the nearly universal expectation that he will be his State's next Governor. It will be a wise choice.

None of us are surprised by his enormous popularity back home. We have come to know him, not just as a consummate politician, but as a thoughtful, decent, and caring man.

This is a man who took the time to learn the names of the men and women who work here in the Capitol and in the Senate office buildings.

In fact, his staff allots extra time for him to get to the Senate floor to vote because they know he will stop and talk to people on the way.

During the memorial ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda for our two officers who lost their lives protecting this building, Senator KEMPTHORNE noticed that the son of one of the officers, overwhelmed by emotion, suddenly left the room.

DIRK followed him, and spent a half-hour alone with him, away from the cameras. The public doesn't see those things, but that's the kind of concern we expect from him.

His willingness to share credit gave us our Unfunded Mandates Act and reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Law. And his eye for detail and pride in his own home State led to the transformation of that long, sterile corridor between the Capitol and the DIRKsen and Hart office buildings.

Now, as tourists ride the space-age mechanized subway, they enjoy the display of State flags and seals that form a patriotic parade. It delights the eye and lifts the spirit.

If you've ever visited Idaho, known its people, and seen its scenic wonders, you don't have to wonder why he's leaving us early.

You wonder, instead, why he ever left.

Years ago, he explained his future this way: That he would know when it was time to leave the Senate when he stopped asking "why" and started saying "because."

We're going to miss him and Patricia, and no one needs to ask "why." Even so, we know the Governor will be a forceful spokesman on the Hill for all the Governors.

They could not have a better representative. The Senate could not have a better exemplar. We could not have a better friend.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, when one speaks of the State of Idaho, we think of her glorious and rugged landscape, her fertile valleys, her waters ideal for fishing, her world-class ski resorts, her national parks and forests, with land fit for hiking, or biking, and, of course, her reputation as the potato capital of the world. Following the end of the 105th Congress, I daresay that our associations to the State of Idaho will also include the name of DIRK KEMPTHORNE, the State's junior Senator and one of this body's most respected Members. Although our friend from the West is leaving the Sen-

ate after only one 6-year term, I, for one, will remember him fondly for years to come.

Senator KEMPTHORNE and I formerly served together as chairman and ranking member, respectively, of the Personnel Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee. We worked together to introduce legislation requiring the study of gender integrated training in the military. That association has been pleasant, and, I believe, productive. To be sure, I have not always agreed with his policy proposals, or he with mine. On many issues, including the balanced budget constitutional amendment and the unfunded mandates legislation, we have held opposing views.

Throughout the lengthy debate on the unfunded mandates bill in early 1995, the Senator was conscientious, thorough, and fair. His grace and courtesy in managing that bill were impressive, particularly for someone so new to the Senate. And, as we all know, his efforts paid off after deliberate consideration and compromise. Moreover, with passage of the unfunded mandates bill, Senator KEMPTHORNE holds the honor of being the most junior Member of the Senate since World War II to author, manage, and win passage of a bill numbered Senate Bill 1.

When he leaves these hallowed halls, Senator KEMPTHORNE will return to his home State. Boise, of course, is familiar ground for Senator KEMPTHORNE, serving as that city's 43rd mayor, from 1985 until 1992, when the people of Idaho elected him to his present seat in the Senate. Incidentally, he became so popular during his first term as mayor that he faced no opposition in his bid for a second term! How many of our colleagues would like to be in that situation? How many of us would like to be so universally popular, and be held in such high respect by our constituents, that such popularity and respect would foreclose potential challengers?

I congratulate Senator KEMPTHORNE on his fine service here, and I wish him and his nice family happiness in future years.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, as the Senate completes its work and the 105th Congress comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to say farewell to one of my colleagues who has decided to leave this body and pursue other activities.

The junior Senator from Idaho, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, and I were both elected to the Senate in 1992. We have served together for the past 6 years on the Environment and Public Works Committee. While we have disagreed on many envi-

ronmental issues, I have always enjoyed working with him and appreciated his personal kindness. He is a gentleman of impeccable manners and good humor. And he is known to all his colleagues as one of the "workhorses" of the Senate: a Senator who does his work quietly and responsibly, and does not insist on getting all the credit for the results.

My very best wishes to Senator KEMPTHORNE as he leaves Washington to return to his home in Idaho, and the best of luck in all that he does in the years to come.

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF SENATOR DIRK KEMPTHORNE

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, I appreciate you presiding as you do in such a class fashion. I would like to make a few comments here. I have been touched and impressed by the fact of colleagues coming to the floor and paying tribute to those Members who are departing. I have listened because, as one of those Members who are departing, I know personally how much it means to hear those kind comments that are made.

Senator Ford, who just spoke, is leaving after a very illustrious career. I remember when the Republican Party took over the majority 4 years ago and I was new to the position of Presiding Officer, it was not unusual for Wendell Ford, who knows many of the ropes around here, to come and pull me aside and give me a few of the tips of how I could be effective as a Presiding Officer. I think probably one of the highest tributes you can pay to an individual is the fact that you see their family and the success they have had. I remember when Wendell Ford's grandson, Clay, was a page here. I think Clay is probably one of the greatest tributes paid to a grandfather.

Dale Bumpers, often mentioned here on the floor about his great sense of humor, is an outstanding gentlemen. He is someone whom I remember before I ever became involved in politics. I watched him as a Governor of Arkansas and thought, there is a man who has great integrity, someone you can look up to. And then to have the opportunity to serve with him has been a great honor.

John Glenn. Whenever any of the astronauts—the original seven—would blast off into space, my mother would get all the boys up so we could watch them. I remember when John Glenn blasted off into space. Again, the idea that somehow a kid would end up here and would serve with John Glenn is just something I never could dream of at the time. In fact,

John Glenn became a partner in our efforts to stop unfunded Federal mandates. You could not ask for a better partner.

Speaking of partners, he could not have a better partner than Annie. I had the great joy of traveling with them approximately a year ago when we went to Asia. That is when you get to know these people as couples. I remember that we happened to be flying over an ocean when it was the Marine Corps' birthday. On the airplane we had a cake and brought it out, to the surprise of John Glenn. But you could see the emotion in his eyes. I know the Presiding Officer is a former U.S. Marine, so he knows what we are talking about.

Dan Coats. There is no more genuine a person than Dan—not only in the Senate but on the face of the Earth. He is a man of great sincerity, a man who can articulate his position so extremely well. He is a man who, when you look into his eyes, you know he is listening to you and he is going to do right by you and by the people of his State of Indiana, and he has done right by the people of the United States. He is a man who has great faith, a man to whom I think a number of us have looked for guidance.

When you look at the Senate through the eyes of a camera, you see just one dimension. But on the floor of the Senate we are just people. A lot of times we don't get home to our wives and kids and sometimes to the ball games or back-to-school nights. There are times when some of the issues don't go as we would like, and it gets tough. At these times, we hurt. There are people like Dan Coats to whom you can turn, who has said, "Buddy, I have been there and I am with you now." So, again, he is an outstanding individual.

Also, Mr. President, I have been really fortunate with the quality of the staff I have had here in the U.S. Senate during the 6 years I have been here. As I have listened so many times to the Senate clerk call the roll of those Senators, they have answered that roll. I would like to just acknowledge this roll of those staff members whom I have had. This is probably the first and only time their names will be called in this august Chamber:

Cindy Agidius, Marcia Bain, Jeremy Chou, Camy Mills Cox, Laurette Davies, Michelle Dunn, Becky English, Gretchen Estess, Ryan Fitzgerald, Lance Giles.

Charles Grant, Ernie Guerra, Julie Harwood, Laura Hyneman, Meg Hunt, Catherine Josling, Ann Klee, Amy Manwaring, John McGee, Liz Mitchell.

Heather Muchow, Jay Parkinson, Phil Reberger, Rachel Riggs, Shawna Seiber Ward, Orrie Sinclair, Mark Snider, Glen Tait, Jim Tate, Kelly Teske.

Salle Uberuaga, Jennifer Wallace, Brian Whitlock, Suzanne Bacon, Becky Bale, Stan Clark, Tom Dayley, Tyler Dougherty, Carolyn Durant, George Enneking.

Buzz Fawcett, Margo Gaetz, Erin Givens, Jim Grant, Wendy Guisto, Jennifer Hayes, Al Henderson, Heather Irby, Steve Judy, Jeff Loveng.

Brian McCormack, Darrell McRoberts, Peter Moloney, Scott Muchow, Dan Ramirez, Dixie Richardson, Stephanie Schisler, Carrie Stach, Gary Smith, Michael Stinson, Sally Taniguchi, Julie Tensen, Mitchell Toryanski, Brian Waidmann, Vaughn Ward.

That is a lot of staff. But over 6 years, some of those have come and gone.

I have also received valuable assistance from interns who have worked in my State and Washington offices. I ask unanimous consent that the following list of interns for the past 6 years be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the list was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

INTERNS

Angie Adams, Tara Anderson, Jennifer Beck, Matthew Blackburn, Emily Burton, Emilie Caron, Michelle Crapo, Matt Freeman, Amy Hall, Rick Hansen.

Michelle Hyde, Paul Jackson, Beth Ann Kerrick, Heather Lauer, Jennifer Ludders, Karen Marchant, Kendal McDevitt, Jan Nielsen, Bryan James Palmer, Tracy Pellechi.

Tyler Prout, James Rolig, Dallas Scholes, Robin Staker, Meghan Sullivan, Omar Valverde, Franciose Whitlock, James Williams, Curt Wozniak, Tim Young.

Kim Albers, Chris Bailey, Kevin Belew, David Booth, Matt Campbell, Stephen Cataldo, Pandi Ellison, Andrew Grutkowski, Chad Hansen, Sarah Heckel.

Laura Hyneman, Michael Jordan, Lisa Lance, Keith Lonergan, Lori Manzaneres, Wade Miller, Kate Montgomery, Rocky Owens, Kurt Pipal, Alan Poff.

Nichole Reinke, Don Schanz, Nathan Sierra, Jacob Steele, David Thomas, Curtis Wheeler, Brian Williams, Angie Willie, Darryl Wrights.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, this will probably be the last time officially on this floor as a U.S. Senator that I look at the faces of these people that you and I have worked with—the clerks, and Parliamentarians, the staff. It is family. The young pages that we see here with that sparkle in their eye and the enthusiasm that they have for this process—it is fun to talk to you and to see your sense of en-

thusiasm for this. As I said, you are going to have a sense of the U.S. Senate like few citizens, because you have been here, you have experienced it, and you have been up close in person.

But to those of you that I see now as I look to the desk, those who have sat in your places that I have worked with through these years, I thank you. America is well served by you, by your professionalism and your dedication.

So I thank you. I thank the Cloakroom again; all of the family; the staff, from the police officers and the waiters and waitresses, and the folks who make this place work; the Senate Chaplain; and, Mr. President, again I thank you for your courtesy, and I bid you farewell.

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF INDIVIDUAL SENATE DOCUMENTS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be printed as individual Senate documents a compilation of materials from the Congressional Record in tribute to Senators Dan Coats of Indiana, DIRK KEMPTHORNE of Idaho, Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Wendell Ford of Kentucky, and John Glenn of Ohio.

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

Mr. LOTT. These clearly are five great Senators who have served their States and their country so well. And I am sure they will continue to do so, albeit in a different arena. Of course, I have said here, Dan Coats has been one of my closest friends for the past 20 years. I will miss him here but I will be with him in other areas.

And, of course, John Glenn makes history once again flying off into space. And many Senators and their spouses will be there to see that event.

ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS

[From the Spokesman-Review, May 22, 1998]

SENATOR WANTS TO COME HOME; KEMPTHORNE STANDS BY RECORD IN GOVERNOR QUEST

(By Betsy Z. Russell)

DIRK KEMPTHORNE bristles a little when he's criticized as too careful, too cautious to take a stand.

"What's most important are the results," he said, ticking off his successes in the U.S. Senate on unfunded mandates, safe drinking water, and highway funding. "I think both as mayor of Boise and as a U.S. Senator, I have provided Idahoans with the results they have hoped for.

"I think they will appreciate someone who will take the job seriously enough to carefully examine the issue." KEMPTHORNE was such a popular mayor in Idaho's capital city that when he ran for a second term, no one ran against him—unheard of in Boise city politics. With quiet consensus-building, he had melted away the lines dividing angry factions that had clashed over how to redevelop the city's downtown and attract new retailers.

While in the Senate, he tried that approach to come up with compromise legislation to reform the Endangered Species Act, but hasn't found an answer that works for all sides. He's also expressed frustration with the glacial pace of progress in Washington, DC. It was much different from the rollicking change of course he presided over in Boise.

Now KEMPTHORNE has given up an easy shot at a second term in the Senate to run for Governor of Idaho. He faces Lewiston property manager David Shepherd in Tuesday's Republican primary election.

KEMPTHORNE said if he's elected, he'll be a "hands-on" Governor. He'd be "very visible in the conduct of the affairs of State government, and not just in Boise."

The chance to get out around the State and really be involved in making things happen is exciting to KEMPTHORNE, particularly after the plodding decorum of the Senate.

"I'll be very inclusive, by asking citizens to be involved like they've never been involved before," he said. "I am convinced of the significant talent of the people of Idaho."

KEMPTHORNE was born in San Diego, but grew up in Spokane. He has happy memories of sledding and ice skating in winter, and watching the seasons change. But when he was in the fourth grade, his family moved to San Bernardino, CA, where KEMPTHORNE said he never felt at home.

Nevertheless, he won his first political office: Ninth grade president. By his senior year of high school, he was student body president. He also started his own business, selling produce in city neighborhoods from a green-painted converted mail truck.

As soon as he could, KEMPTHORNE returned to the Inland Northwest, enrolling at the University of Idaho with the hope of becoming a doctor. But that transformed into a political science major. After college, KEMPTHORNE went to work at the Idaho Department of Lands.

A few years later, he was lobbying as head of the Idaho Homebuilders and, later, on behalf of FMC Corp. He also took on his first formal political role: campaign manager for Phil Batt's unsuccessful 1982 run for Governor.

Now, Batt is the retiring Governor, and he's made no secret of his pleasure that the polished, blue-eyed, 46-year-old KEMPTHORNE is among those vying to succeed him.

"We all have different management styles and personalities," KEMPTHORNE said, "but there's a great deal I can draw on, initiatives he's started that I think ought to continue."

He's pledging to continue Batt's Hispanic Initiative, which works toward improving economic opportunities for Idaho's largest minority, and Batt's regular meetings with Idaho's Indian tribes. Batt has been praised by tribal leaders for bringing a new high to State-tribal relations.

"If I have the honor of being elected, I would fully intend to continue that," KEMPTHORNE said.

KEMPTHORNE has taken a few baby steps out onto a limb this year by proposing to lower the supermajority requirement for school bond elections from two-thirds to 60 percent. He wants that change only for votes in statewide elections.

The idea hasn't been welcomed by some leading Republicans, who like the stricter safeguard against property tax increases. KEMPTHORNE said he thinks it would be an important step toward dealing with Idaho's difficulties in providing adequate school buildings for children.

But KEMPTHORNE isn't signing on to any of the proposals made in recent years to commit the State to sharing in the costs of building schools.

"The responsibility must be at the local level for the funding of the bricks and mortar for our schools. It goes hand in hand with the opportunity for them to determine how the children in those communities are raised, the responsibility of the local school board, the involvement of the parents."

KEMPTHORNE doesn't want any new "State entitlement" or expectation that the State will come up with funds for any new school building. But he leaves the door open for some kind of program to help economically disadvantaged districts that are having trouble getting schools built.

KEMPTHORNE also said he'd like to follow Batt's welfare reform model—which involved a citizen task force and hearings around the State on recommended changes—to come up with ways to make sure Idahoans can afford health care.

"That's a very important issue," he said.

He also hopes to work with anti-abortion groups to develop legislation requiring parental consent for minors' abortions. "From this last session, the unfinished business would be the parental consent, which I do believe and support," he said.

KEMPTHORNE said he thinks "we can coolly and calmly determine the right language" to do that.

"This is an important issue, I think we can resolve it, but it is not the only issue. There are a variety of things that are going to be requiring vigorous effort by everyone involved in government and citizen input."

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QUIET AMBITION; FROM BOISE TO WASHINGTON, DC, DIRK KEMPTHORNE'S EASYGOING STYLE HAS SERVED HIM WELL IN POLITICAL CONTESTS

(By Betsy Z. Russell)

Two young men from Idaho stood in front of the White House, gawked at the sights and imagined themselves making things happen there.

"You know how kids dream?" said Greg Casey. "We were young men, posing for a picture in front of the White House, talking about how someday we'd like to be in the business of helping to make good government."

Nearly two decades later, Casey is sergeant-at-arms of the U.S. Senate. The other man, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, is leaving the Senate to run for Governor of Idaho. As a Senator, KEMPTHORNE was considered a possible vice presidential candidate, and some of his fans think he'll run for president someday.

KEMPTHORNE doesn't talk so big. He's made a mark as a politician whose quiet ambition, patient listening, and strong personal appeal have propelled him to success at everything from ninth grade president to University of Idaho student body president, Boise mayor to U.S. Senate.

If KEMPTHORNE is elected Governor, and he's strongly favored, he could serve two terms and still be just 54 years old. He'd be in prime position to continue his political career.

He says only that he "could take a look at any variety of options," from private-sector work to teaching.

It was as a college student that KEMPTHORNE came to Idaho. Born in San Diego, he'd spent much of his childhood in Spokane.

He was a politically aware third-grader who backed Richard Nixon for President in 1960, and liked to take the bus to meet his mom when she got off work at her secretarial job.

When KEMPTHORNE was in the fourth grade, his father bought a hospital-supply and home-care business in San Bernardino, CA. KEMPTHORNE missed the Inland Northwest, and returned for college at the University of Idaho.

He already had two political victories under his belt. There was the ninth grade class presidency. And he won his high school student body presidency, even though he wasn't part of the group at the top of the school's social hierarchy.

That kind of personal persuasion was KEMPTHORNE's style. He even used it when he worked his way up, as a teenager, from hospital janitor to surgical orderly to scrub-tech, which was the height of achievement for teens working at his local hospital.

He figured on being a doctor when he headed to college, but politics beckoned instead.

Although he wasn't well-known on campus, KEMPTHORNE campaigned persistently and won a four-way race to become UI student body president his senior year.

"I knew that he was politically ambitious from the very beginning, because he told me he wanted to be the Governor that summer, right after graduation," recalled John Andreason. Andreason, the State's legislative budget director, first met KEMPTHORNE when he was a student lobbyist.

KEMPTHORNE met blond, popular Patricia Merrill at the University, but the two didn't start dating until after both had graduated and moved to Boise. They returned to Moscow to be married atop Moscow Mountain at sunrise.

"I don't know, I don't think there's a more beautiful cathedral than the outdoors, under that canopy," KEMPTHORNE said.

At his Senate office, behind his desk, hangs a large oil painting of the Palouse, showing the view from the mountaintop wedding site.

KEMPTHORNE's first job out of college was for the State Department of Lands, where he was impressed by the late director, Gordon Trombley.

KEMPTHORNE called Trombley "as fine a public servant as you would find."

Particularly impressive to him was the surprising discovery that behind closed doors with the agency's top brass, Trombley sounded just the same

as he did when talking to the public. "His tone was always one of a gentleman and a servant—a great role model."

KEMPTHORNE moved next into the private sector, serving as executive director and lobbyist for a homebuilders association.

The reputation he polished as a lobbyist, supplemented by volunteer work on the campaigns of such Republican politicians as Steve Symms and Larry Craig, got around. When then-Lieutenant Governor Phil Batt was looking for a campaign manager for his run for Governor in 1982, several people recommended KEMPTHORNE.

"I said I'd be honored," KEMPTHORNE said. "I didn't want to let Phil Batt down."

That turned out to be the only election Batt ever lost, but Batt, who now is Idaho's retiring Governor, has no regrets.

"DIRK KEMPTHORNE was obviously a highly intelligent and well-organized person," Batt recalled. "He worked night and day, and we did our best to win—almost did."

After the campaign, KEMPTHORNE went back into lobbying, signing on with FMC Corp. to start a new government affairs office in Boise.

From his downtown office in the old Hotel Boise, KEMPTHORNE regularly had to walk through the wreckage of what once had been Boise's thriving downtown.

"We had a wonderful community, but * * * for too many years it wasn't reaching its potential."

Whole blocks of downtown had been leveled nearly two decades earlier for a planned shopping mall that never materialized. City officials who clung to the plan forbade any large mall from being built unless it was downtown, and the city ended up with neither downtown nor mall.

The job of Boise mayor was seen as a political dead end, but Casey and then-Congressman Larry Craig thought that was about to change.

"Larry and I had sort of thought about what a mayoral campaign could be run like in the new era," Casey said. "We thought, hey, DIRK!"

At the annual Western Idaho Fair, Casey and Craig got a few buttons made up saying "KEMPTHORNE for Mayor," and then wore them to visit KEMPTHORNE.

"Boise needed a real uplift, really needed a mayor with some vision and charisma," said Casey, who then was Craig's chief of staff.

KEMPTHORNE ran and won, and presided over the end of the downtown deadlock. Boise now has a large shopping mall at the end of a new crosstown freeway, and downtown is filled with office buildings, shops, restaurants, and a convention center.

Said KEMPTHORNE, "The first key was building relationships, not bricks and mortar, because that town was divided."

KEMPTHORNE became one of Boise's most popular mayors, running unopposed for his second term. Then he took on a tough contest for U.S. Senate, facing sitting Congressman Richard Stallings. The young, polished KEMPTHORNE defeated the older politician and went to Washington.

There, he pushed his "crazy idea of stopping unfunded mandates"—a chief complaint of mayors across the country. The idea is that the Federal Government shouldn't require local governments to do something unless it provides the money to do it.

The bill not only passed, it became a celebrated cause. Bob Dole, then Senate majority leader, made the bill Senate Bill No. 1, and it was passed and signed into law.

KEMPTHORNE was particularly proud that at the Rose Garden signing ceremony, his wife and two children sat in the front row. "I could tell * * * that they were proud of what we'd done."

Boise State University political scientist Jim Weatherby said KEMPTHORNE's record of successfully enacting major legislation is unusual for a first-term Senator. In addition to the unfunded mandates law, he pushed through amendments to safe drinking water laws and worked for a compromise on reform of the Endangered Species Act.

KEMPTHORNE is popular in the Senate, largely because of the way he deals with people.

Casey recalls a time when a tourist suffered a sudden heart problem. KEMPTHORNE took off his coat and folded it into a pillow, helped the man lie down and took his pulse while waiting for doctors to arrive.

"My elevator operators say, 'Ya' know, Greg, he is the nicest Senator we ever had here.' He knows their names."

KEMPTHORNE's critics say he relies on personal charm and vague generalities to win political success. The Lewiston Tribune recently accused him of running for "student body president of Idaho," and former longtime Coeur d'Alene Senator Mary Lou Reed said, "Voters don't know what they're getting."

Weatherby said KEMPTHORNE's advocacy of lowering the school bond supermajority last spring upset some Republican party faithful, "and we haven't heard much of his specific stands on issues since."

"KEMPTHORNE is in a position to state general principles and not offend or alienate any of his supporters," Weatherby said. The risk is that he'll end up with "little to say about why he was elected, or that he has a mandate to govern in certain areas."

Political observers say KEMPTHORNE has a knack for conversing one-on-one with people, making them feel as if they matter. His preference for listening to people's views before he makes his decisions sometimes makes him appear indecisive or overly careful.

KEMPTHORNE said he doesn't think Idahoans see him that way. "I think they will appreciate someone who will take the job seriously enough to carefully examine the issue," he said. "What's most important are the results."

Casey said KEMPTHORNE's style is sincere. "The reason people say they think he's listening is because he is."

"I don't think he could have done anything else in life, he's always going to be a leader," Casey said. "And in our society, leaders hold public office."

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