Caray has been a part of a great tradition, a great legacy, and to all of those people who might be in Harry Caray's, back in the Seventh District in Illinois at this moment, reminiscing, having a sandwich, remembering the life and the legacy, we say all of us are going to miss Harry Caray. But all of us will always know that he has been here and was a part of the great American tradition. And so we say ''Holy cow,'' another great broadcaster gone.

IN TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. HOGAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to pay tribute to a sturdy Irishman, a fine farmer, a distinguished lawyer, a committed naval officer, a devoted family man, a solid churchman who has served the farmers and ranchers of America, the United States House of Representatives, and indeed all of his countrymen for better than a quarter of a century. I am, of course, speaking of the recently retired Chief Counsel of the House Committee on Agriculture and, Janesville, Minnesota's favorite son, John E. Hogan.

It is tough for any of us to measure the loss to this body that will result from John's departure. This is not because we cannot quantify his many contributions to the United States House, not the least among them are five farm bills. Rather, we cannot predict the loss this body will sustain because few Members of this Congress can imagine a day without John Hogan. To be exact, only seven Members of this body, seven Members were around when John committed himself to public service back in 1969.

John Hogan grew up in rural Waseca County on the family farmstead. He and his sister, Agnes, still own that farm today. Those years growing up on a farm in southern Minnesota left an indelible impression on John and he never, ever, in style or substance, lost his roots.

Even today far from home, John Hogan farms in southern Maryland and drives an old Dodge truck when negotiating the streets of this capital. It was not at all unusual to see John wearing work boots at the office when Congress was not in session. And occasionally you could even find denim overalls folded behind John's desk.

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But this is not mere window dressing. Passion for agriculture and those who provide Americans with the most abundant, affordable and safest food supply in the world courses through John Hogan's veins. For nearly 29 years John Hogan gladly and dutifully put in a farmer's workday on behalf of America's farmers and ranchers.

Mr. Speaker, John Hogan is living proof that you can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy. Having lost his father at a very early age, the young and determined John Hogan pulled himself up by his own bootstraps.

Equipped with little besides his intellect, work ethic and the strong values instilled in him by his devoted Irish Catholic mother, John headed off to the University of Minnesota, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. John Hogan became first in his family to graduate from college.

Upon his graduation, John was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy and served aboard the USS *Hood*. During his active military duty, the Navy ultimately transferred John to the Nation's capital, whereupon the young and industrious naval officer took advantage of any spare time and the GI bill to enroll at George Washington University School of Law.

In 1957, John Hogan left the U.S. Navy to practice law and further pursue higher learning. In that tradition, in the tradition of an Irishman, John Hogan did so with a happy vengeance. Between 1967 and 1969, John Hogan would work as a legal assistant for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, as a law clerk for a Federal judge, as an assistant U.S. Attorney, as senior trial attorney for the Small Business Administration, and as a director of the Commission of the Organization of the Government of the District of Columbia.

Meanwhile, John would earn his Master's in Law at Georgetown School of Law, a Master's in Business at American University and would do graduate work in government and politics at the University of Maryland.

Through all of this, John somehow managed to find time to search for a bride. He courted and caught Edith Howard. Together for 36 years, they would raise two children, Christi and Terry, and nurture along three grandchildren, Cassie, T.J., and Abigale.

John Hogan made his way to Capitol Hill in 1969, where he began his 29 year career for the House of Representatives. In that year, John took a position with Minnesota Congressman Anchor Nelson, the ranking member on the House Committee on the District of Columbia. But it was not until 1975 when John Hogan finally arrived at the place where he has since become an institution in his own right, the House Committee on Agriculture.

In that year, Congressman Bill Wampler, the ranking Republican, added John Hogan to his committee staff as associate counsel and 4 years later promoted him to minority chief counsel. John Hogan remained minority counsel until January, 1995, when the GOP took control of the House; and to the incoming chairman of the committee, PAT ROBERTS, it was a foregone conclusion that John Hogan would be elevated to committee chief counsel.

John Hogan has served in 15 consecutive Congresses, outlasted all but seven Members of this House, outran four Committee on Agriculture chairmen and six ranking members and worked on five farm bills, effectively shepherding U.S. agriculture law for the past 23 years. He did it all with a keen wit and sense of humor, which is characteristic of the Irish but perfected by John.

In short, in two lifetimes' worth of achievement, John Hogan never compromised principle, never forsook his family and never shrunk from his duty to God and country. We can all be thankful that John served us.

To John Hogan I wish to say good luck and may God bless you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WICKER). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. LEWIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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ATTACKS ON THE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL AND EFFORTS TO AVOID ACCOUNTABILITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 10 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make some observations about the White House efforts to avoid accountability to the American people. It is very apparent that there has been a concerted White House attack on independent counsel Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel who has been investigating a number of serious allegations against the Clinton administration.

First, regarding all these attacks on Ken Starr: Attorney General Janet Reno approved the expansion of Starr's investigation into the Lewinsky-related matters as well as the Travelgate and Filegate matters of 1996.

Three Federal judges approved expansions of Mr. Starr's jurisdiction each time serious allegations arose. There was overwhelming approval of these actions from the Justice Department, according to reports.

In the past, the President said he was in the cooperation business with investigators. That simply has not been the experience of anyone investigating anything to do with this administration. What we have here is an orchestrated attack on Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, in order to change the subject and avoid answering the real questions.

The Clinton White House has a history of engaging in smear campaigns