

with her and our other members of that committee in a great number of areas. We have been appreciative of the way that this debate and discussion has taken place.

We await the announcements of the majority leader as to the Senate business.

Again, I am grateful to both the Senator and her supporters as well as all of those who have spoken on this measure over the period of the past days, and for the courtesies and the attentiveness which they have given to this issue. I am also grateful to the leadership Senator DASCHLE and many of my other colleagues have personally demonstrated on this measure.

I thank all the Members. I yield the floor with the expectation that we will be on other matters after the majority leader speaks.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SNOWE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEATH OF WILLIAM ARTHUR WINSTEAD

Mr. COCHRAN. Madam President, it is my sad duty to advise the Senate that Arthur Winstead, former Congressman of Mississippi, died last night at the age of 91.

William Arthur Winstead represented the 3d Congressional District of Mississippi from 1943 to 1965. During his 22 years of service in Congress, he was firmly loyal to his constituents and his principles. In an ironic twist of history, in spite of his conservatism, he was the first Mississippi Congressman in this century to be defeated by a Republican. Reflecting the changing nature of politics in the South, he subsequently became a strong supporter of several Republican candidates.

I was flattered and honored that I had the privilege to become his friend. It was only about 2 weeks ago that he called to talk about his impressions of our efforts to bring about changes in the Washington Government. He was very proud of the role the members of our State's delegation were playing in this period of transition.

Prior to entering Congress, Arthur Winstead served his community as a teacher and subsequently as county superintendent of schools for Neshoba County. During the administration of the late Gov. John Bell Williams, he served as commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Public Welfare.

Arthur Winstead was a personal friend of mine and a friend of many throughout Mississippi. I offer my personal condolences to his wife and family. In honoring his memory, we honor a good and dedicated man who served with distinction in Congress with a deep sense of public duty and principle.

Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCIS- SIONS ACT

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Mr. DOLE. I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote scheduled for Thursday on the Kassebaum amendment be vitiated.

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

Mr. DOLE. And with the consent of Senator KASSEBAUM, I would ask that her amendment be withdrawn.

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

So the amendment (No. 331) was withdrawn.

Mr. DOLE. I further ask unanimous consent that H.R. 889 no longer be the pending business and the bill be returned to the calendar.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak not to exceed 5 minutes each.

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

A FAITHFUL SERVANT PASSES

Mr. BYRD. Madam President, Cecil Romine, the former president of the West Virginia American Postal Workers Union and long time national business agent for the American Postal Workers Union, passed away earlier this year at age 67. He was born and raised in West Virginia, and served in the Navy at a very young age in World War II. He came home to reside in Parkersburg, where he went to work in the post office. When postal workers were given the right to bargain collectively by Congress in 1971 he established his home Local in Parkersburg—the Mountaineer Area Local—and then the West Virginia State organization.

Cecil Romine was then elected as national business agent for the Clerk

Craft for the three-State region of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia in 1976. It is a mark of his extraordinary skill as an advocate and a negotiator that someone from a small Local like Parkersburg would be elected—and consistently reelected—in a region in which most voters come from much larger Locals such as Baltimore, Richmond, or Washington, DC. He was equally respected by postal management not only as one of the union's most resourceful and talented representatives, but also as a man of his word. He loved the union and the Postal Service and fought tirelessly to better both. Even after retirement, he worked hard and effectively with my office to preserve service in West Virginia.

Mr. Romine turned down many chances to take better paying and more secure jobs in management. Perhaps if he had, he would have enjoyed a longer and more normal retirement. But he knew his place was in the front line fighting for working people, and he was never interested in doing anything else.

He had 7 children, 13 grandchildren, and recently 2 great grandchildren. The pillars of his life were his family, his church, and his Union. He was a man of traditional values in the true sense of those words.

I know that Cecil Romine is deeply missed by both his personal family and his larger family of postal workers. In submitting this statement, I want to let his wife Betty and all of his family know that his memory is respected here.

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES!

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, the enormous Federal debt which has already soared into the stratosphere is in about the same category as the weather—everybody likes to talk about it but almost nobody had undertaken the responsibility of trying to do anything about it until immediately following the elections last November.

When the 104th Congress convened in January, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a balanced budget amendment. In the Senate, however, while all but one of the 54 Republicans supported the balanced budget amendment, only 13 Democrats supported it. The balanced budget constitutional amendment, needing 67 votes, failed by just 1 vote. There will be another vote later this year or next year.

This episode—the one-vote loss in the Senate—emphasizes the fact that a lot of politicians talks a good game when they are back home about bringing Federal deficits and the Federal debt under control. But so many of them come back to Washington and vote in support of bloated spending bills rolling through the Senate.

As of the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, March 14, the Federal debt stood—down to the penny—at exactly