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And finally, we all need our communications people and I have one of the best in Bob Stevenson and his excellent assistant, Melissa Longoria.

Trying to keep all these people coordinated has been the job of my staff director—Bill Hoagland.

Thank you all. Now get back to work and implement it.

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Mr. President, even though we are under a time constraint, I want to say

thank you, once again, to one person. There are many, but I have to tell you, we would not be here if it were not for the staff of the majority of the U.S. Senate. Mr. Hoagland, we thank you. Every member of this institution thanks you. Anybody that has dealt with you in this arena thanks you. You know more than anyone around, and your temperament and approach has been marvelous.

Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I echo what has been said. I echo my thanks to Bill Hoagland and the great staff on the Republican side on this matter. They worked very hard. We are also indebted to Bill Dauster, who is over here, and the members of his staff. Both staffs did a tremendous job. I think the chairman of the committee would agree.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the conference report accompanying House Concurrent Resolution 67.

The yeas and nays have been ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 54, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 296 Leg.]

YEAS—54

Abraham	Frist	McCain
Ashcroft	Gorton	McConnell
Bennett	Gramm	Murkowski
Bond	Grams	Nickles
Brown	Grassley	Packwood
Burns	Gregg	Pressler
Campbell	Hatch	Roth
Chafee	Hatfield	Santorum
Coats	Helms	Shelby
Cochran	Hutchison	Simpson
Cohen	Inhofe	Smith
Coverdell	Jeffords	Snowe
Craig	Kassebaum	Specter
D'Amato	Kempthorne	Stevens
DeWine	Kyl	Thomas
Dole	Lott	Thompson
Domenici	Lugar	Thurmond
Faircloth	Mack	Warner

NAYS—46

Akaka	Feinstein	Lieberman
Baucus	Ford	Mikulski
Biden	Glenn	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Graham	Moynihan
Boxer	Harkin	Murray
Bradley	Heflin	Nunn
Breaux	Hollings	Pell
Bryan	Inouye	Pryor
Bumpers	Johnston	Reid
Byrd	Kennedy	Robb
Conrad	Kerrey	Rockefeller
Daschle	Kerry	Sarbanes
Dodd	Kohl	Simon
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Exon	Leahy	
Feingold	Levin	

So the conference report was agreed to.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. BENNETT. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader.

COMMENDING C. ABBOTT SAFFOLD (ABBY) FOR HER LONG, FAITHFUL, AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE U.S. SENATE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, it's my sad duty today to announce to my colleagues the retirement of Abby Saffold, who has served as Secretary to our caucus since her appointment to that post by then-majority leader, Senator BYRD, in 1987.

Together with the majority leader, Senator DOLE, Senator FORD, Senator LOTT, Senator BYRD, Senator THURMOND, and all other Senators, I send a resolution to the desk to express the gratitude of the Senate to Abby Saffold for her years of service to the Senate of the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 143) commending C. Abbott Saffold (Abby) for her long, faithful and exemplary service to the United States Senate.

Whereas Abby Saffold has faithfully served the Congress in many capacities over the past 28 years, 25 of which were spent in service to the Senate;

Whereas Abby Saffold was the first woman in the history of the Senate to serve as Secretary for the Majority and the first to serve as Secretary for the Minority;

Whereas Abby Saffold has at all times discharged the important duties and responsibilities of her office with great efficiency and diligence;

Whereas her dedication, good humor, and exceptional service have earned her the respect and affection of Democratic and Republican Senators as well as their staffs: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate expresses its appreciation to Abby Saffold and commends her for her lengthy, faithful and outstanding service to the Senate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to C. Abbott Saffold.

[Applause, Senators rising.]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, Abby's service to the Senate covers a quarter of a century. Her service to the Congress runs from 1967. When she became Secretary to the majority in 1987, she was the first woman to hold that post in the history of the Senate.

The Democratic caucus has been extraordinarily fortunate to have Abby's services for so long. It is no exaggeration to say that Abby has prevented more than one disaster from becoming a debacle. We, who rely on her, know

that much of the Senate operation depends on her knowledge and skill in making certain that the procedural hurdles do not become roadblocks.

I believe the entire Senate, not just the Democratic caucus, owes Senator BYRD a large debt of gratitude for the fact that it was his excellent judgment that first brought Abby to the floor staff in 1979 and the caucus 8 years later.

I am extremely sorry that it falls to my lot to have to announce Abby's retirement.

It is well known that the great American author, William Faulkner, served as the postmaster in Oxford, MS. What is not as well known is why he decided to quit the job after many years of service, particularly at a time and in a place where good, stable jobs were hard to come by.

Asked why, Faulkner replied: "I couldn't stand for one minute longer being at the beck and call of anyone just because he has three cents in his pocket."

I would not want to think Abby Saffold made the decision to retire because, after 16 years, she could not stand for another minute being at the beck and call of anyone just because they had been elected to the U.S. Senate.

But it is a fact Abby has served Senators—and been at their beck and call—for a long time. I believe I state the sentiments of Senators on the Republican side as well as Members of the Democratic caucus when I say that Abby has been unfailingly cheerful and helpful to Senators regardless of party.

Abby Saffold's departure is a sad day for everyone in the Senate, most particularly for Senators, who have come to rely on Abby's advice, seek her counsel, and listen to her jokes. Somehow, because Abby served the Senate so well and for so long, we had come to think she would always be here for us.

Although many of the men and women with whom she worked elected, and unelected alike, may be better known to the American people than Abby, not many will be more well-loved by those who know her. Few will have a record of service and integrity to match hers.

I have been an admirer of Abby's since my first days in the Senate. She has been a good and tireless friend to me and other Members of the Senate. It is with great regret that I say goodbye to Abby Saffold today.

Mr. DOLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, there's a story told about an incident that occurred here on the floor several years ago, when Howard Baker was Senate majority leader.

Senator Baker was leading a floor debate, while Republican and Democrat Senators worked out a timetable in back of the Chamber.

Finally, Senator Baker could proceed no further until negotiations were finished.

He looked to the back of the room, sized up who was involved in the negotiations, and who was key to their successful conclusion, and said for the record, "We're just here waiting for Abby."

He was, of course, referring to Abby Saffold, who has served as Secretary for the Democrat side of the aisle for more than 8 years, and who served as manager of the Democrat floor staff for the 8 years prior to that.

As has been indicated by my good friend, Senator DASCHLE, Abby is retiring this Friday afternoon, after nearly three decades of service on Capitol Hill—a career that saw her rise from serving as a caseworker to a Congressman to becoming the first woman in the history of the Senate to occupy the post of Secretary for the majority.

I know I speak for all Members of the Senate in saying that she will be greatly missed.

We spend a great deal of time here on the Senate floor. And frequently, negotiations and discussions can get a bit tense. Abby has been involved in hundreds of those negotiations and discussions.

Even though Abby's duties here on the floor require her to look after the interests of the Democrats, there has never—there has never been a moment where I questioned her professionalism, fairness, or honesty.

And through all the discussions and debates, Abby has always exhibited a great deal of courtesy, and an unfailing good humor. In short, as my good friend, George Mitchell, once said, "Abby helps to make our long days on the Senate floor more tolerable."

I share the view expressed by my colleague, Senator DASCHLE, and I know that all Senators join with me in wishing Abby good luck, and in thanking her for her service to the Senate and to America.

Thank you.

[Applause, Senators rising.]

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to Abby Saffold on her retirement from the Senate. Knowing Abby, I can only imagine that when she leaves us, she is planning a full life of travel and continued learning and challenge. Anyone familiar with her energy, sharp intelligence, political commitment and love of the Senate knows she will continue to follow our activities with close attention. I know all of us are going to miss her advice, incredible attention to our needs, her knowledge of the Senate and her ability to help make this institution work.

On the eve of her retirement from the Senate I want to wish Abby the very best and hope that her next 25 years will be as satisfying as those she spent in the Senate, and filled with challenge, satisfaction, love, and contentment. She has made an enormous contribution to this institution and the many Senators who have occupied these desks since she began here many years ago, sitting in the staff gallery

following the Senate floor for her Senator. It is a pleasure to simply say, in return, "Thank you, Abby."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

Without objection, the preamble is agreed to.

TRIBUTE TO CHICK REYNOLDS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Chick Reynolds, the former Chief Reporter of Debates for the Senate. As my colleagues know, Chick passed away earlier this month. He will be sorely missed by each and every one of us.

The Reporter of Debates is one of those unheralded jobs without which this institution could not run. The Reporter is the bridge between the Senator and his constituents and between this institution and history. By faithfully transcribing the proceedings of the Senate, the Recorder ensures that ordinary Americans can follow the work of their elected representatives and that historians will have an accurate record of the great debates of our time.

Chick Reynolds was considered one of the fastest and most accurate reporters in the United States. As a result, he recorded many of the most momentous political events of the latter half of the twentieth century, including the McCarthy and Jimmy Hoffa hearings and President Kennedy's famous speech in Berlin.

In 1974, Chick Reynolds was appointed an official reporter for the Senate, and he went on to become chief reporter in 1988. He served in that job with distinction, and he was scheduled to retire, in fact, next month.

I join my colleagues in extending my sympathies to Chick's wife, Lucille, on her loss.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, parliamentary inquiry: What is the order of business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The regular order is that the regulatory reform bill will be laid down.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I might proceed as if in morning business for no more than 2 minutes for the purpose of introducing a bill.

Mr. GLENN. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I will not object; may I ask, is it going to be a couple of minutes? That will be fine. I know Senator John KERRY has some remarks he would like to make. We will put the bill in and yield to him for some remarks, if that is OK. And then we will go on with remarks on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BURNS. I thank my friend from Ohio.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana is recognized.

Mr. BURNS. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. BURNS pertaining to the introduction of S. 1000 are