

COMMENDING SCOTT BATES ON 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SENATE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair. I rise to commend Scott Bates, our legislative clerk, on his outstanding 25 years of service to the U.S. Senate.

Scott Bates began his career in Washington as a summer intern in the bill clerk's office under Senator John L. McClellan's patronage in 1970. It was the beginning of a most auspicious match for both Scott and the Senate.

From the beginning, politics was in Scott's blood. His father, Paul Bates, served as a member of the Arkansas Legislature. Scott loved politics in school, and he served as a page in both the house and the senate of the Arkansas Legislature.

In 1975, Scott first began working at the Senate desk where he has continued working ever since. His contributions to this body and to its workings have been many and notable.

As the bill clerk of the Senate, Scott was instrumental in developing the first automated recordkeeping system in the Senate, later known as LEGIS. Scott Bates established the current method used here in the Senate for numbering amendments, and he has left his innovative mark on much of the printed material used on the Senate floor to aid us in our work, from rollcall tally sheets to the Senate calendar.

Although public service in general and careers in Washington have fallen out of favor, I believe that Scott Bates' life and work experience present a compelling case against the current cynicism about the many fine people who serve here in the Congress in various capacities. Their names are never in the papers. They experience few public kudos, and yet they work as long hours, probably longer, than we do. They are dedicated, capable, patriotic individuals who represent the best that America produces from all over this Nation.

Scott Bates is a fine example of what I am talking about. He was born and grew up in Pine Bluff, AR, where his parents, Paul and Mae Bates, still reside. As a lad, he participated in the Boy Scouts, achieving the high honor of Eagle Scout. He went farther than I went in the Scouts.

Scott personifies what we politicians like to refer to as "family values." He has always been active in his church and has been married to his wife, Ricki, for 20 years this July. Scott and Ricki have three wonderful children—Lisa, Lori and Paul.

As all of us know, one of Scott's official duties as legislative clerk is to call the roll of the Senate during votes and during quorum calls. To his young son, Paul, this is obviously the most fascinating part of his dad's work. When once asked what his father did for a living, young Paul responded: "My dad calls other people names."

And he gets by with it. Nobody quarrels about it. Nobody criticizes this man for calling other people names.

Of course, the calling of the roll is only one small part of Scott's many duties and responsibilities, and he handles them all with aplomb and dignity.

To one of the very best of the many fine individuals who serve their country with distinction as dedicated employees of this body, I extend my heartiest congratulations on 25 years of outstanding service.

Along with the Members of the Senate and the legislative floor staff of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, among whom Scott Bates is perceived as a leader and as a teacher, I express my hope that he will continue his fine work with the Senate for many more years to come.

Mr. President,

It isn't enough to say in our hearts
That we like a man for his ways;
Nor is it enough that we fill our minds
With psalms of silent praise;
Nor is it enough that we honor a man
As our confidence upward mounts;
As going right up to the man himself
And telling him so that counts.

Then when a man does a deed that you really admire,

Don't leave a kind word unsaid.
For fear to do so might make him vain
And cause him to lose his head.
But reach out your hand and tell him,
"Well done."

And see how his confidence swells.
It isn't the flowers that we strew on the grave,

It's the word to the living that tells.

Mr. President, I yield the floor. 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. 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.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I have a series of short statements that I would like to make. I know the hour is late.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT W. MCCORMICK

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I rise today with great pleasure to honor a dedicated public servant on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Robert W. McCormick, Director of the U.S. Senate Telecommunications Department, has more than 38 years' experience in the field of telecommunications. He served 26 years active duty in the U.S. Army, including 13 years with the White House Communications Agency under four Presidents. During his more than 12 years as Director of the Senate Telecommunications Department, serving under seven Sergeants at Arms, Bob McCormick has been responsible for the planning, research, testing, and delivery of telecommunications equipment and services for all Washington, DC, Senate offices, and the approximately 400 State offices.

While Bob McCormick's accomplishments are too numerous to specifically mention all of them, I would like to highlight a few of his major achievements. He directed the installation of a state-of-the-art digital telephone switch and sets for Washington, DC, offices in 1986-87. Soon thereafter, he oversaw installation of the FaxXchange system; the Senate Voice Mail System; and the Cloakroom and Sergeant at Arms Group Alert systems that are integrated into the telephone system. In 1993, he was given responsibility for the U.S. Capitol Police Radio System and for the Senate's data communications network. Under his leadership, the Capitol Police radio system has been upgraded. Senate data communications are being transmitted by the faster, reliable, and less expensive frame relay service.

During his directorship, he has negotiated approximately a 50-percent reduction in Senate long-distance per-minute rates—for both Washington, DC, and State offices. He has also achieved substantial savings in the cost of data communications by converting to the frame relay network.

There is a saying that when goodness and skill work together, expect a masterpiece. Bob McCormick is a masterpiece. Not only has he been a model public servant, but also he is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is an active member of church and community organizations in Queen Anne's County, MD, where he and his wife, Mary Ann, live on a farm.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Bob McCormick for his years of public service and wishing him well on his retirement.

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, victory was declared on Wednesday in the trade negotiations with Japan. But I think a lot of Americans are wondering "in favor of which side?"

A lot of Americans are wondering exactly what did the United States get after years of tough talk and threats?

A closer look reveals that after 2½ years of negotiations, the final agreement is vague, unenforceable, non-binding—in short, it is virtually empty.

Mr. President, Japanese car manufacturers apparently promised to increase production at their transplant operations in the United States. But for the most part, the promised increases may be no more than what was already planned. It is hard to see why the threat of a major trade war was necessary to persuade the Japanese to do what they already had announced.

Mr. President, the U.S. negotiators claimed to have reached landmark agreements in the areas of auto parts and dealerships. But the Japanese immediately issued disclaimers, emphasizing that any commitments were not government commitments, carry no