

all the statements the Secretary made that night on "Nightline" that were not true. I think the American public should know. And I intend to find some way to be sure that cabinet officers that discuss pending legislation speak the truth.

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill 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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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, was leader's time reserved?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

TRIBUTE TO TROOP 7 OF TOPEKA, KS, ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, today I take great pride in recognizing Boy Scout Troop 7 from Topeka, KS, for 75 years of honorable Scouting service.

If ever a troop has exemplified the high ideals of Scouting, Troop 7 has. These young men have not only been of great service to their community since 1920, but 147 of them have risen to a rank few achieve, that of Eagle Scout.

The young men of Troop 7 have dedicated themselves to becoming conscientious and responsible citizens with the help of their adult volunteers. The Scout oath and law instill moral uprightness and the precious selflessness of duty to others, while the motto, "Be Prepared," entreats them to never rest on their laurels. This untiring endeavor to personal fulfillment and service to others is a standard of excellence that will challenge them throughout their lives.

Mr. President, it is only fitting that we honor the young men and the adult leaders of Troop 7 on the occasion of their diamond anniversary. After all, Scouting has only been in the United States for 85 years, which makes Troop 7 one of the oldest in the country.

With their record of excellence, I am confident that Troop 7 will continue to embody the spirit of Scouting for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN JAN MEYERS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, anyone who has been to the Kansas City and Johnson County area during any of the last 6 election years could not go far without seeing campaign signs that said "Jan Can."

The signs were referring to JAN MEYERS, who, since 1985, has represented the Third District of Kansas in the U.S. House of Representatives with great ability.

Congresswoman MEYERS announced this week in Overland Park that this will be her final term in Congress, and

I wanted to take a moment to pay tribute to my friend and colleague.

JAN MEYERS' dedication to public service extends nearly 30 years. Before her election to Congress, she served 5 years as an Overland Park City councilwoman, and 12 years as a Kansas State senator.

Throughout her years in the political arena, JAN MEYERS has earned a reputation as a public servant of great competence, compassion, and common sense.

During her years here in Washington, she has devoted a great deal of time to fighting the scourge of illegal drugs. She successfully fought to ensure that operators of common carriers involved in accidents that cause death and injury while under the influence of drugs and alcohol would face tough criminal penalties.

Congresswoman MEYERS also spoke out on the need to reform welfare and to return power to the States well before those causes gained favor here in Washington.

But perhaps Congresswoman MEYERS' greatest sphere of influence involved issues affecting small business. Kansas is a small business State, and as ranking member, and now chairman of the House Small Business Committee, JAN MEYERS never stopped fighting to reduce the regulatory and tax burdens on America's small businessmen and women.

I look forward to working with Congresswoman MEYERS in the year ahead, and wish her, her husband Dutch, and their family many years of health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR MARK HATFIELD

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, 45 years ago a young political science professor went to Silverton, OR, to announce his candidacy for the Oregon State House of Representatives.

In the years that followed, MARK HATFIELD would return to Silverton to announce his candidacy for the Oregon State Senate, for secretary of state, for Governor, and for U.S. Senator. And each and every time MARK HATFIELD put his name on the ballot, Oregonians responded by voting for him in overwhelming numbers.

Not only did MARK HATFIELD never lose an election, he never lost the total trust and respect of Oregonians.

Last Friday, Senator HATFIELD returned again to Silverton.

Only this time, he did not announce his candidacy for a sixth term in this Chamber—even though he would easily have been reelected.

Instead, Senator HATFIELD announced that he will retire from the Senate at the end of the 104th Congress so that he can return to Oregon. And I might say, I had the pleasure of watching much of his retirement speech on C-SPAN.

And when Senator HATFIELD leaves this Chamber for the final time, he will

leave behind an enduring legacy of statesmanship, leadership, dignity, and integrity.

No matter if any Senator agreed or disagreed with MARK HATFIELD, no one could ever doubt that he was standing up for what he believed was right for Oregon and for America.

And just as Oregonians have grown to count on Senator HATFIELD's leadership, many Senators have also grown to count on his friendship.

Many of us will never forget the day when our late colleague Senator Stennis was shot in a burglary attempt, and how Senator HATFIELD raced to the hospital to be with Senator Stennis, and how he personally manned the telephone lines, responding to inquiries about the condition of Senator Stennis.

Senator HATFIELD also served his country during World War II, where he saw battle at Iwo Jima and Okinawa, and was among the first U.S. servicemen to enter Hiroshima following the atomic explosion.

With Senator HATFIELD's retirement, the Senate will also be losing one of the Nation's leading scholars of the life of Abraham Lincoln. And those colleagues who have not seen Senator HATFIELD's Lincoln collection are now on notice that they have about a year to do so.

In one of the last letters that Lincoln wrote, he said that his goal was not just that America be a Union of States, but also a "Union of hearts and hands."

That goal has also been the life's work of MARK HATFIELD, and the Senate, Oregon, and America, are all better because of him.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR AL SIMPSON

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, finally Saturday night another of our colleagues announced his retirement.

Mr. President, 40 years ago, then-Senator John Kennedy wrote a best-selling book called "Profiles in Courage." It consisted of biographies of a number of U.S. Senators who took courageous positions in their time.

If a similar book was written today, I have no doubt that it would include a biography of our colleague, Senator ALAN SIMPSON.

As my colleagues know, Senator SIMPSON returned to his home town of Cody, WY, this weekend to announce that he would not be a candidate for a fourth term in the U.S. Senate.

Again, I had the pleasure of watching about 45 minutes of his retirement speech to the Cody Chamber of Commerce on C-SPAN.

In his announcement, however, Senator SIMPSON left no doubt that his final year in the Senate would be no different from the first 17—from immigration to entitlement reform, he will continue to courageously tackle the toughest and most controversial of issues, calling them as he sees them, and letting the cards fall where they may.

AL SIMPSON is a man of strong opinions, but he also is someone who knows