

these efforts are either a failure or, at least, ineffective, and we have some further evidence that this view is shared by the administration.

In the last several months of an election year, the administration has changed its course very dramatically on drug policy. The President has named a new high-profile drug czar. He has agreed to restore the personnel, that 80 percent cut I spoke about that came in 1993 in the drug office, to restore that personnel. We have given the money to do that. He has agreed to beef up spending on interdiction and enforcement, and he has made himself more visible on the drug issue.

These changes may smack of an election-year conversion, but they correspond exactly to the problems in the policies that I noted earlier. They seem to indicate an awareness of a problem. I leave it to others to determine whether this shift is too little, too late. I leave it to others to decide whether the shift is as a result of political convenience in an election year. But what we all need to know and remember is that when it comes to drugs, we find ourselves back in a familiar and dangerous neighborhood. We took a wrong turn and have ended up on a dead-end street. We have been here before, and we cannot afford to stick around a dead-end street.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. EXON. Madam President, if I understand the parliamentary situation, we went, temporarily, off the budget resolution so the Senator could speak as in morning business. Is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. EXON. I have cleared this on both sides of the aisle. Following the remarks by the Senator from New Hampshire, I ask unanimous consent that we return to the budget resolution, and I yield 15 minutes at that juncture to the Senator from New Jersey.

Following the completion of the 15 minutes of the Senator from New Jersey, I ask unanimous consent that the remainder of time on both sides on the budget resolution be retained and set over until tomorrow, and that there be no further action following the remarks to be offered by the Senator from New Jersey.

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

Mr. EXON. I thank the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

TRIBUTE TO MY FRIEND, SENATOR BOB DOLE

Mr. SMITH. Madam President, today I rise to join so many of my colleagues in a tribute to my friend and my lead-

er, Senator Bob DOLE, who, as we all know, is leaving the Senate today, June 11, 1996.

As a former history teacher, I could not help but sense the historical significance of this day. It really was a flashback to the old days of the great oratory that took place on the Senate floor, with the likes of Calhoun and Clay and others, when Bob DOLE took the podium that he so many times has stood at and addressed the U.S. Senate. You could hear a pin drop in the Chamber and in the gallery, not always the case here on the Senate floor, with a lot of hustling and bustling and talking and people not paying attention.

That was not the case today. Senator BOB DOLE took that podium, addressed the country, the Chair, his colleagues and friends, many, many staff in the galleries, and the Chamber was hushed and quiet and everybody was listening—as well they should, Madam President, because when the history books are written, they will write about the great Senators who have occupied this Chamber: Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Bob La Follette, Robert Taft and, yes, Daniel Webster. Daniel Webster used this very desk, Madam President, that I now have the privilege of speaking from.

It reminds me that we are just a brief blip on the radar screen of time; here for only an instant. But BOB DOLE is one of the great ones, and he will be remembered as one of the great ones.

As a history student, I tried to catch a sense of what was happening. I looked at faces, watched people in this Chamber, as I watched, at the same time, Senator DOLE. Without singling anybody out by name, I could not help but notice one page, a young lady, standing here on the floor of the Chamber during that speech and after the speech with tears running down her cheeks. It really was a very moving tribute to the kind of person BOB DOLE is, because he commands the respect of not only his colleagues but every single man, woman, youngster, page. He could talk to a page as easily as he could talk to a President or world leader. That is what makes him such a great man.

Today, he left the Senate to move on to other things. I remember many emotional private goodbyes that he shared with his colleagues. I remember when we had the meeting when he told us he was leaving. Most of us did not expect him to do it. If we were honest, we would say we did not expect him to say that. We thought he might leave the leadership post but not the Senate. But when he did it, and the way he told us, we knew it was the right thing. We knew it was right, because he needed to be out there debating, not other Senators on the floor of the Senate, but the President of the United States for the Presidency. We all knew that.

Today, I think you saw with the type of speech that BOB DOLE gave the kind of person he is: humble, gracious, and humorous, that great sense of humor.

In all the tough battles we have here, he still finds that humor, which has always been a remarkable characteristic.

So he is leaving the Senate. But he left today after that speech with the longest applause that I have ever seen given anyone in this Chamber or in the House Chamber. I have seen Presidents when we have gone to the State of the Union—great Presidents—receive a lot of ovations. I have never seen anybody receive a longer ovation than BOB DOLE received here today, and that is a tribute to this great man who was elected to the House of Representatives where, Madam President, you and I both served together. He was elected in 1960 and served four terms in the House before he was elected to the U.S. Senate, which really has come to be, the past 27 years, his home.

But he gave nearly 36 years of service to the State of Kansas and to the people of the United States of America. When you think about that many years of public service and reflect on the fact there is not one word or taint of scandal in any way, shape, or form, an unblemished, perfect political record, it is remarkable.

He served his country and the Senate and the people with humor, with humility, and we will never forget him.

His wife, Elizabeth, who has been by his side for so many years, is such a gracious woman and such an asset to BOB DOLE. Those who serve here know how important the support of your family is as you put in the long, long hours that we have to endure in the Senate.

BOB DOLE said today in his remarks, "My word is my bond." That is what it is all about. It is character. It is integrity and character. If you leave here, the legacy you leave, if no one says anything about you other than when he gave his word he kept it, you cannot do any better than that.

I tried to think about what I might say here as my tribute in my own way, because so many people have so many wonderful things to say about this great man. I just want to share a couple of personal things, because they are important to me and I think it captures my feeling about BOB DOLE.

I come from a military family. My father served in World War II as a naval aviator and was killed at the end of the war, leaving my mother as a widow to raise my brother and me. She did that alone. I lost my dad, as I say, in World War II, and BOB DOLE nearly lost his life in that same war. Severely injured, he had to fight his way back, not only from the brink of death but after that, paralysis, and became a U.S. Senator.

But we, the sons and daughters of that generation, those of us who had parents who were in that war, World War II, we know, we are grateful. Perhaps we know and are a little bit more grateful than others for what they did and the sacrifices they made and how important they were to save the world from tyranny. It took heroes like BOB