

Mr. President, under Senator PRESSLER's leadership the Commerce Committee also produced, and the Congress has now passed and sent to the President, reauthorization legislation for the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Trade Commission. The NTSB is one of our Government's most important agencies. Its mission is to determine the probable cause of transportation accidents and to promote transportation safety. The NTSB is world renown for its timely and expert determinations of accident causation and for issuing realistic and feasible safety recommendations. The FTC is charged with the dual mission of consumer protection and antitrust enforcement. Both agencies are critically important to the safety and well being of American consumers. Both will continue their important work thanks to Chairman PRESSLER's efforts.

Finally, Mr. President, I want to make brief mention of two other bills. Chairman PRESSLER has worked over the last 2 years to achieve a consensus on a National Space Policy Act and authorization legislation for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both of which were also introduced by Senator PRESSLER. The Space Policy Act embodies authorizations for NASA programs such as Mission to Planet Earth and the space station and enjoys broad bipartisan support in both Houses of Congress. The NOAA authorization legislation is another bill vital to the public safety. Among other things, NOAA is charged with forecasting and warning against impending destructive natural events such as hurricanes, thunderstorms, and tornados.

Mr. President, I commend Commerce Committee chairman, Senator LARRY PRESSLER. He is a shining example of how to get things done in the Senate. Just look at the record. Chairman PRESSLER has left his distinguished mark on some of the most important pieces of legislation this Congress produced.

I conclude by also congratulating the members, members on both sides of the aisle, of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for an exceptional legislative record in this Congress. Without a doubt this was one of the most active and productive of all Senate committees.

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#### TIRBUTE TO SENATOR MARK O. HATFIELD

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, when the full Appropriations Committee marked up H.R. 3755, the fiscal year 1997 Labor/HHS appropriations bill, I was pleased that the committee accepted an amendment to name the new NIH clinical research center, the Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center. This center will be of major importance to our Nation's health and will be named for a man who has dedicated his entire public life to enhancing the

quality of all human life. There is no greater tribute to his innumerable contributions in this area than to designate, in his name, a living legacy within whose walls will be state-of-the-art facilities for a combined effort of basic and clinical research—laboratories and clinics side-by-side—to discover interventions and deliver the most effective health care our Nation or any nation has ever known.

In his 30 years of Senate service, Senator HATFIELD brought to this institution, his great intellect, a quiet decency, and a tenacious advocacy for those who have little voice. He is a true and eloquent spokesman for the protection of our people from the forces of ignorance and illiteracy, social injustice, weapons of mass destruction, and diseases that ravage the mind and body. Throughout his career, he consistently fought to direct our Nation's precious fiscal resources to programs that held promise in eradicating society's ills and improving the human condition. At times, he was a lone voice facing a hostile reception by administrations with different priorities but his dedication did not waiver.

Our chairman adheres to no political or ideological boundary but the voice of his own conscience, often placing himself in direct opposition the prevailing winds of the day. Whether fighting major rescissions in social discretionary programs in the early 1980's or in protecting biomedical research funding as recently as in last year's budget resolution, he never lost sight of the importance of maintaining strong national programs for both basic and clinical health research as well as the training of tomorrow's scientists.

Our colleague always believed that we would be acting irresponsibly by shortchanging these and other life sustaining efforts, therefore, any immediate savings achieved would be offset by a weakened human condition for decades to come. "If we fail to provide adequately for the training of future generations of research scientists", I have often heard him say, "then we are effectively eating our seed corn." In failing to provide necessary annual increases in funds for research grants, he insists, we will "lose the momentum" in our capacity to eradicate human suffering at home and world-wide.

When it is completed, the Mark O. Hatfield Clinical Research Center will be a magnificent structure and a world model. With this amendment, we honor a man who, in his retirement from the Senate, should leave secure in the knowledge that his life's work has made a difference. By creating the opportunity for new discoveries in disease prevention and treatment a more healthy future has been insured for all Americans today and for generations to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR COHEN

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the contributions of retiring Senator WILLIAM

COHEN of Maine, as he prepares to take leave of the U.S. Senate.

Mr. President, the Christian Science Monitor once referred to Senator COHEN as a "true Renaissance man." That is an apt compliment, because it describes a person of broad interests who applies his intellect and energy with distinction in many theaters of human activity.

Senator COHEN certainly embodies that description.

In my 3 years here, I have come to appreciate Senator COHEN's intelligence, independence of thought and action, his integrity, his capacity for hard work and his respect for the Senate and for the process of making public policy.

He has also found time to write a pretty good book or two.

Senator COHEN and I have both served on the Senate Special Committee on Aging, and there I have been able to watch, first-hand, his skill and dedication in dealing with issues of particular importance to senior citizens and of relevance to us all. He has, in particular, been a leader in the battle against waste, fraud and abuse in our Medicaid system.

He has also, upon assuming the chair, continued the tradition of bipartisan cooperation on that committee.

I have also appreciated Senator COHEN's insistence on the highest ethical standards for lawmakers. He wrote the law that renewed the Office of Government Ethics and, in fact, made it stronger. He has been a reliable ally in the fight for congressional reform. He played an important role in lobbying reform and was an important supporter of the efforts to restrict gift giving.

Mr. President, several months ago, Senator COHEN delivered a moving tribute to another Maine lawmaker, Senator Edmund Muskie, after Senator Muskie's passing.

Senator COHEN quoted John Kennedy on how to take the measure of people: "First, were we truly people of courage? Second, were we truly people of judgment? Third, were we truly people of integrity? Fourth, were we truly people of dedication?"

Senator COHEN said at the time that the answer to each of those questions in Ed Muskie's case was "yes." The same can be said for Senator COHEN.

Mr. President, the residents of Maine know, I am sure, they have been well-served by Senator COHEN. Let me say, for the record, so have the American people.

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#### FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION REFORM LEGISLATION IN THE 104TH CONGRESS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, as the 104th Congress winds to a close, I wanted take this opportunity to comment on the demise of the Food and Drug Administration Reform legislation.

It has been extremely disappointing to me that efforts to prod the FDA into meaningful reform have not been fruitful. It is doubly disappointing because,