

Mr. President, BENNETT JOHNSTON put it best when he announced in January 1995 that he would not run for reelection: There are rhythms and tides and seasons in life. I have been fortunate in my life to sense the rhythm and sail it full tide, and now I believe that season for a new beginning approaches. With that thought in mind, I wish my friend from Louisiana and his wonderful wife, Mary, the best of luck as they set sail from the Senate on what surely will be yet another rewarding journey in an already exciting, fulfilling lifetime voyage of public service.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR MARK HATFIELD

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I am honored to salute one of Oregon's and our nation's finest legislators and statesmen, my colleague Senator MARK HATFIELD, who will soon retire from the U.S. Senate. MARK HATFIELD is one of the Senate's all-time great leaders. His career has been marked by a voting record based upon consistency and a deep commitment to high principles. The Senator from Oregon will leave behind a very distinguished history of public service to his State and country.

As a young serviceman in the Navy, MARK HATFIELD was one of the first Americans to see Hiroshima after the atomic bomb was dropped. When he returned home, he became a political science professor and university dean at his alma mater, Willamette University. In 1951, MARK HATFIELD was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives where he quickly moved up through the ranks and then was appointed Oregon's secretary of state. Soon after, he was elected Governor of Oregon for two terms. Throughout his career of more than four decades in state and national politics, MARK HATFIELD never lost an election. In 1966, he was elected to the U.S. Senate.

During two periods as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator HATFIELD exemplified the perseverance and diligence of an experienced legislator. In his role as chairman, he succeeded in the challenging task of matching the more local needs of his colleagues with the national need to reduce our budget deficits. In the past 2 years, he has kept his committee on track to achieve a balanced budget by the year 2002. For that alone, all Americans should be grateful.

My friend from Oregon has been one of our most articulate champions for arms control and nuclear nonproliferation. These are special issues for me as well. He has stood by me as I've worked to reduce the spread of nuclear weapons in South Asia. He deserves to feel great pride in his untiring efforts to achieve a moratorium on nuclear testing.

MARK HATFIELD also will be remembered as a strong voice for economic growth and development. He has pushed to allow more roads and respon-

sible logging practices in Federal forests. He has fought to protect Columbia River salmon and has demonstrated much concern for the interests of Oregon's Indian tribes.

Senator HATFIELD's determination to stand by his principles, even in the face of severe partisan pressure, has been admired by all his colleagues. MARK HATFIELD has always been a consensus builder on bills that have become bogged down in partisan politics. For example, he voiced his strong concerns about the safe drinking water legislation and the need to establish reasonable standards for contaminants. In this effort he kept in mind the many concerned States and cities that fear the onerous financial burdens the Federal bureaucracy too often impose. I applaud my colleague for his many valiant bipartisan efforts.

The Senate soon will bid farewell to our friend from Oregon, MARK HATFIELD. His colleagues and constituents can look back on his career with great respect and gratitude. Mr. President, as the 104th Congress draws to a close, I wish Senator HATFIELD all the best in his future endeavors. My wife, Harriet, and I wish Senator HATFIELD and his lovely wife Antoinette continued happiness, joy, and more quality time with their grandchildren. I am proud to have served in the Senate with MARK HATFIELD. I am even more proud to call MARK and Antoinette Hatfield my good friends.

TRIBUTE TO BILL COHEN—A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to my dear friend and colleague, Senator WILLIAM COHEN of Maine. Upon his retirement from this body, Senator COHEN will leave behind a legacy of camaraderie, hard work, and dedication to the people of Maine and the United States. His spirit of cooperation will be missed by his friends, constituents and colleagues.

Mr. President, it is fitting that Senator COHEN announced his retirement in the chambers of the Bangor City Council—the place where he began his three decades of public service to the people of Maine. In 1969, he proved to be a gifted leader during his tenure as Bangor City Councilor. In 1971, he was elected mayor. In his role as a local public official, Senator COHEN realized quickly the necessity for strong leadership and representation at the national level. In response, he walked over 600 miles across the State of Maine and knocked on thousands of doors in his campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1972, his grassroots effort paid off and he was elected to Congress.

It was in the House that my colleague first made his mark as an advocate of a stalwart national defense, effective intelligence system, and the highest ethical standards for Members of Congress and intelligence agency employees. As a member of the Armed

Services Committee, he consistently has sought to keep our national security a top priority. He fought to ensure that America's defense readiness did not fall by the wayside in the face of budgetary constraints. He has been a true guardian of our Nation's security. His efforts have earned the gratitude and respect of all Members of this body and the people of Maine and our Nation.

A legislator, author, father, husband, and attorney, BILL COHEN often is referred to as a "Renaissance Man." Over the years, he has shared his literary talents through books such as "Of Sons and Seasons," "Murder in the Senate," and "A Baker's Nickel." His poetry first impressed us 20 years ago during a congressional prayer breakfast when he read several of his poems aloud. He acquired many of his literary fans then and has kept us entertained and inspired ever since. Since then, his literary gift has provided us a fascinating glimpse into his thoughtful and insightful mind. He is a multi-talented leader whose knowledge and genius are certain to guide him through a fulfilling post-Senatorial career.

My friend from Maine has said that writing takes solitude—a rare commodity in the busy life he now leads. As he moves on from this hurried lifestyle, I wish him years of solitude, peace, and happiness with his children and wife Janet. Godspeed to my dear friend from Maine.

TRIBUTE TO JIM EXON: A DEDICATED MIDWESTERN SENATOR

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a friend and fellow midwestern Senator—Jim EXON. Senator EXON and I entered the Senate together in 1978. I have enjoyed working with him on issues important to our states: South Dakota and Nebraska. We are not just fellow Senators, but fellow South Dakotans. He was born in Geddes, South Dakota, and once a South Dakotan, always a South Dakotan. When he retires at the end of the 104th Congress, I will miss him personally, as well as his dedication to rural America.

I have a great deal of respect for Senator EXON. He has served his fellow Nebraskans well. As ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, he has been a driving force to get a balanced budget amendment passed in Congress. He understands well the importance of balancing the Federal budget. He knows that Federal spending must be reined in and that we owe it to our children to control our Government's "out-of-control" spending habits. He has a vision for our economic future—a vision that embraces the interests of rural America.

Senator EXON and I have served together for many years on the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. He has worked hard on the Commerce Committee, as he has

on the Armed Services and Budget Committees. As our Nation evolves into the information age, JIM EXON has worked diligently to ensure that the information superhighway maintains high decency standards and that telecommunications reform includes the interests of rural states. Additionally, JIM EXON has worked to keep our transportation network safe. Whether the issue is high speed rail safety or the transportation of hazardous materials, JIM EXON has been committed to improving our current transportation infrastructure.

JIM EXON's expertise on commerce and budget issues will not be easily replaced in Congress following his retirement. His care and concern for the people of Nebraska and the midwest will be missed. I will not forget JIM's dedication and commitment to his State and nation. As a World War II veteran, he has brought a level of patriotism, pride, and tenacity to this congressional body that cannot be matched. As I bid my friend farewell, I am saddened by his departure, but am happy for him as he embarks on a new facet of his life. I wish JIM and his wife, Patricia Ann, all the best in their post-Senate days. Their presence in Washington will be missed, but never forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING SENATORS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, we hope this will be the last day of the 104th Congress, and I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to remark about several of my colleagues—friends from both sides of the aisle—for whom today will be their last day as a member of this distinguished institution.

Let me first acknowledge my colleague from Alabama, Senator HOWELL HEFLIN. He came to the Senate the same year I came to the House of Representatives: 1979. He had a distinguished record as a lawyer and then as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. As Chief Justice, Senator HEFLIN led the modernization of the judicial system in Alabama.

Throughout his three terms as a member of the Senate, he has served with distinction and honor. His integrity and dedication made him an exemplary Chairman of the Ethics Committee. We also should not forget his service on both the Judiciary and Agricultural Committees. He was very active, as he has been throughout his career, on both of these committees, where he showed his concern for the welfare of the country. Senator HEFLIN's retirement is indeed a great loss to this body.

There are a number of other colleagues, in addition to Senator HEFLIN, whom we will miss.

Senator SIMPSON of Wyoming, who served this side of the aisle as our assistant minority leader, is a man of untold ability, wit and intelligence.

Senator SIMON of Illinois is a man of unquestioned integrity.

Senator David PRYOR of Arkansas, who was on the floor just a few mo-

ments ago, is ending his third term as a Member of the U.S. Senate where he, too, has distinguished himself. A former Congressman and Governor of Arkansas, he concludes a laudable political career.

One of our most senior Senators, CLAIBORNE PELL of Rhode Island, the longtime chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is recognized as a leader in the area of international relations. He also has made his mark in the field of education. All of us are familiar with the Pell grant and other programs that he has inspired.

We will certainly miss Senator NUNN who brought a very reasoned position to all issues relating to foreign relations and national security. This goes without saying, but I thought he was an outstanding chairman of the Armed Services Committee. I feel fortunate to have had the privilege to serve with him on that committee for 8 years.

Senator NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM, a Republican from Kansas who currently chairs the Labor and Human Resources Committee, is a distinguished Senator in her own right. Just look at her recent leadership to bring about long overdue reforms in the field of health insurance.

Senator BENNETT JOHNSTON of Louisiana is the former chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. We are certainly going to miss him. He has had a distinguished career here during his 24 years in the U.S. Senate.

Senator MARK HATFIELD of Oregon, the current chairman of the Appropriations Committee on which I now serve, has served with his characteristic civility and integrity. In recent days, he has worked through the night in the negotiations with the White House on the omnibus appropriations bill that we are getting ready to consider in a few hours.

Senator JIM EXON of Nebraska, a former Governor of Nebraska, is a three-term Senator from that state. I had the privilege of serving with him on the Armed Services Committee.

Senator WILLIAM S. COHEN, a Republican from Maine, a former outstanding Member of the U.S. House of Representatives before he was elected to the Senate. We will miss not only his wit, his intelligence, and his thoughtfulness, but also his writing ability, which at one time or another helped us all.

It has been an honor to serve with Senator HANK BROWN, a Republican from Colorado as it was to serve together in the U.S. House of Representatives. What has saddened me, and a number of my colleagues, is he will leave this body with such a bright and promising career after only 6 years.

Senator BILL BRADLEY of New Jersey has served 18 years in the Senate. He has spent days and nights, weeks and months up here, and I think, not in vain, in dealing with a common sense income tax program for all Americans.

Mr. President, we will miss all these people because individually and collec-

tively they have enriched this body. I wish them well in their future endeavors. I yield the floor.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR NANCY KASSEBAUM

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. For the past 17 years, the people of Kansas and of the United States have had the great honor of being represented by Senator NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM. For the past 4 years, I have had the privilege of serving with her.

I am here today because of I admire what she has accomplished in the Senate, what she has modeled for women and because I am pleased to be able to call her my friend.

I have disagreed with Senator KASSEBAUM on some legislative issues, but on many occasions there were common ground and agreement. Nonetheless, I always knew that she considered issues fully and made independent judgments on the merit of a specific piece of legislation. I know that she always considered the competing interests and judged them against her own beliefs.

Senator KASSEBAUM has championed causes that I hold dear, including reproductive choice, responsible gun control, and the 1994 crime bill that, among other things, sent police back to the neighborhoods to walk the beat. But even when I don't agree with her, I respect her intellect, her integrity, and her votes, for they are always votes of conscience.

Her leadership of the Labor, Education, and Human Resources Committee exemplifies her desire and ability to work across party lines on issues such as health insurance portability which is vital to working families and to the Nation.

She is the first woman in the Senate ever to chair a full committee. In this, as in all her accomplishments, Senator KASSEBAUM is a role model for women. She showed women active in community issues or serving in local and State governments, that they could aspire to more.

She served from 1978 to 1980 as the only female member of this illustrious body. I remember when I got here, elected with three other female freshman, and they handed me a spouse's I. D. badge. I know that mistakes like this must have been plentiful when Senator KASSEBAUM arrived. From all the women Senators, I thank her for making things easier for us, in the little and the big ways.

I'd like to note that it is not just her colleagues who hold Senator KASSEBAUM in such high esteem. There is a quote in an A.P. story from a University of Kansas political science professor that I'd like to share because it illustrates the enormous respect and affection felt by Kansans for the Senator. "[Senator] KASSEBAUM sometimes deferred to [Senator] Dole as a leader. But [Senator] Dole knew, every day he went to work, that he was the second-most popular politician in Kansas."