

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