

thank him for his service, and send him best wishes, as he would assume new responsibilities at the Federal Election Commission.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished senior Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. THURMOND. I am sure I speak on behalf of all Senators when I commend Kelly Johnston for the fine job he has done. He has worked here for a number of years in many capacities. He has proven himself to be diligent, efficient, capable. And we are all pleased with the way he has handled matters. We wish him a bright future in the years ahead.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks recognition?

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The absence of a quorum has been suggested. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO GARY SISCO

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I had another engagement. I apologize for not being here a couple minutes earlier, but I also want to join with our colleagues in saluting Gary Sisco as our new Secretary of the Senate. We are delighted with his appointment, and we look forward to working with him.

I have had the opportunity to talk to the majority leader on a number of occasions about his qualifications, and the great respect and admiration that is held for him. I must say, it is with great enthusiasm that I welcome him to the Senate, and look forward to working with him.

We will have many opportunities to work together, and I look forward to those. I know that all of my colleagues share in our welcome and our enthusiasm for him this morning, and our congratulations. I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The absence of a quorum has been suggested. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GORTON. 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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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. GORTON. Mr. President, is the Senate in morning business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is in morning business until 12:30.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR NANCY KASSEBAUM

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, this gives me an opportunity to speak briefly at least about those of my colleagues, particularly my colleagues on this side of the aisle, who are voluntarily retiring from the U.S. Senate this year. I know of no such occasion during my career here in which so many Members whom I regard as my close friends and whom I regard as wonderful contributors to the deliberations in this body, have chosen to move on to another phase in their lives at exactly the same time.

In one sense, of course, first among those must be my seatmate in the very next desk to me on my left here, the wonderful, charming and distinguished Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM]. Senator KASSEBAUM, to the best of my knowledge, during my time with her here has never once raised her voice, but at the same time I have often been able to describe her as having a will of iron. I cannot tell you, Mr. President, how often, even though we are closely allied philosophically, I have had a particular matter on which some other Senator has told me Mrs. KASSEBAUM has made a decision and I have attempted to talk to her about, perhaps, reconsidering that decision. I cannot count the number of occasions on which that has happened, but I can easily count the number of occasions on which I have been successful, because it is none.

When the Senator from Kansas has thought out an issue and has determined a course of action, that is the course of action she is going to take. It didn't matter whether it was her seatmate here or the Republican leadership or the President of the United States who attempted to change that course of action. It would not change.

For that reason, I found it particularly flattering to have at least a few occasions on which she has asked me for my own views on a subject before she has made up her mind. On occasion, at least, it seems to have given my arguments or my position some weight. But it is that strength of character coming from her family and the place in which she lives, and her unerring sense of right and wrong, what is proper and improper, that has caused her to make such a profound contribution to this body. She has made better each of the Senators with whom she has come in contact. I believe I can say that she has influenced us all and influenced us all toward our better natures.

During these final 2 years of her career here in the U.S. Senate, she has, of course, been the chairman on the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, and I have had the privilege of serving on that third major committee as a junior member. I have observed her patience in dealing with a large number of members on that committee who are quite willing to speak out on almost every issue, and to do so at length, and I have seen, almost without exception,

how the patience of Senator KASSEBAUM has ultimately triumphed, together with her willingness to listen to the views of others and to accommodate them in building a majority for important pieces of legislation originating in that committee.

Her success in the Kassebaum-Kennedy health care bill is perhaps the single finest example of that form of cooperation and will remain a very real tribute to a person such as the Senator, but is only one of a legion of such accomplishments during the period of her three terms in this body.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR WILLIAM COHEN

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, another close friend who is retiring is the wonderful, talented, thoughtful, and intellectual senior Senator from Maine, BILL COHEN, whose career in the two Houses of Congress began in 1973. One level climaxed during his first term in the House of Representatives when, as a member on the Committee on the Judiciary, he sat through the impeachment hearings relating to President Nixon. I was not a Member of this body, or indeed in Washington, DC, during that vitally important and profound national debate. But I can remember, from afar I gained admiration for that very junior minority member of the House Judiciary Committee in connection with his public agonizing over an appropriate answer, the way in which he asked questions, and the way in which he justified his ultimately extremely difficult but, I think, correct decision on that matter.

He has, of course, been a Member of this body during my entire career here, as a thoughtful, highly independent mind, with a brilliant tongue and ability to state his position that is almost entirely unmatched. But, Mr. President, I think I will remember Senator COHEN most for his relationship with another former colleague of ours, Senator Warren Rudman of New Hampshire. The Presiding Officer remembers Senator Rudman very well. I often describe him as the only person I have known in my life who was always right, was never shy about sharing his absolutely correct views with everyone else, and who, even in a crowd of eight Senators, could occupy 75 percent of the talking time. Yet, with all of those qualities, he was greatly beloved by all who came in contact with him and was a wonderfully effective Senator.

The only Member of this body, however, who could ever prick Senator Rudman's balloon was Senator COHEN. He did so constantly, occasionally on the floor of the Senate, but literally every day in private relationships. To listen to the conversations between the two of them and the way in which Senator COHEN could deal with Senator Rudman was a wonderful privilege. While I know Senator COHEN looks forward to another wonderful career, I cannot but suspect that at least one of