

to meet the needs of a rapidly growing portion of the population that cannot partially or entirely meet the cost. There is still a consensus that reform is needed; still, after all the debate and controversy, we don't yet know what policy to pursue. The Kennedy-Kassebaum bill is a good first step, but only a first step.

The rising costs of higher education must be reevaluated. As college-level study and training become increasingly necessary to succeed in today's and tomorrow's complex world, what can be done about the rising cost? A huge percentage of a family's income goes toward educating its children, even at public institutions. How much can families realistically afford before talented, bright young people start falling through the cracks? Will it be the responsibility of the government to provide a safety net? How will government assistance programs have to be changed to meet increased demand?

Our success at meeting these many challenges and the many others that face us depends upon how serious we are in our evaluation of them. Perhaps as much as any time in history, our future success will depend on how hard we work, how thoughtful we analyze these challenges, and how serious we are in building partnerships for moving the country forward.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana is recognized.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—
S. 2187

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 2187, which was introduced earlier today by Senator BROWN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ABRAHAM). Is there objection?

Mrs. BOXER. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. ASHCROFT addressed the Chair.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent—

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana has the floor. Does the Senator yield the floor?

Mr. BURNS. We withdraw it.

Mr. ASHCROFT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. ASHCROFT. I want to make it clear that I have no objections to proceeding, and I regret that objection has been heard on this matter. I have released all holds that I had on legislation and regret that this matter cannot move forward.

Mrs. BOXER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST—
H.R. 3560

Mrs. BOXER. I ask unanimous consent that the Environment and Public Works Committee be discharged from

further consideration of H.R. 3560 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. BURNS. On behalf of some Members on this side of the aisle, we object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, if I might say, H.R. 3560 would designate the Ronald H. Brown Federal Building in New York, and we are very hopeful we can do this in his memory today.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the quorum call be dispensed with and that I may address the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ASHCROFT). Is there objection to the suspension of the quorum call? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, in deference to the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, I would be happy to yield if he wished to address the Senate prior to my comments, which will take about 10 to 15 minutes. I will be delighted to step aside and allow him to speak if that is his wish.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR MARK
HATFIELD

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, the U.S. Senate is an institution that has benefited greatly from the service of a number of individuals who have dedicated their adult lives to government. Among that group, one person in particular stands apart as a man of great intelligence, conscience, and contemplation, MARK O. HATFIELD of Oregon.

MARK HATFIELD arrived in Washington in 1966 well prepared to not only take his seat in the world's greatest deliberative body, but to almost immediately begin helping to shape and influence debate in this Chamber. Ever since his 1943 graduation from Willamette University, MARK HATFIELD has either studied, taught, or served government. During World War II, MARK donned the khaki uniform of a naval officer and participated in some of the most brutal campaigns we fought against the Japanese. After the war, MARK returned to school and earned a master's degree in political science from prestigious Stanford University. Following his time in Palo Alto, the young veteran and scholar returned to Willamette University where he taught political science and held the position of dean of students.

It was during his time at Willamette that MARK became active in politics, running for, and being elected to the

Oregon House of Representatives in 1950. This was to be the beginning of a career in elected office that would take him to the Oregon State Senate, the Governor's Office, and ultimately to the U.S. Senate, where he has served for three decades and is Oregon's longest serving Senator.

During his tenure in this body, Senator HATFIELD has worked hard for his constituents, has fought for his beliefs, and has worked to make our Nation an even better place. He has been the architect of any number of legislative initiatives that sought to protect and expand wilderness areas in the Pacific Northwest, ensuring that this and future generations will forever know the majesty and beauty of that region. Additionally, he worked hard to help promote business in his State, and his efforts undoubtedly helped to make Oregon an important part of the dynamic international economy known as the Pacific rim.

Mr. President, I have always had the utmost respect for my colleague from Oregon. In his 30 years in the Senate, he has always voted his conscience and has done what he felt was in the best interests of the United States of America. One can only admire a man who places such a value on integrity. Indeed, MARK HATFIELD is a man of integrity, ability, and dedication, and we commend him for the great service he has rendered this Nation. I know that Senator HATFIELD will be greatly missed by all those who have served with him, and his successor will have to work hard to match the commitment made by this scholar and Senator. I know that all the Members of the Senate wish our friend MARK good health and great happiness in the years to come, and I am certain that he will excel at whatever endeavor he undertakes upon his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR NANCY
KASSEBAUM

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Senator NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM, a leading lady of the Senate and one of the finest to ever represent the State of Kansas in the U.S. Congress.

Senator KASSEBAUM learned politics the old fashioned way at the knee of her distinguished father, Alf Landon, Republican Presidential nominee and Kansas Governor. She eventually followed in his footsteps to serve the State of Kansas in an exemplary and excellent manner.

In the early years she was a wife and mother, rearing four fine children, and then serving as a Senate staffer, before being elected to the U.S. Senate on the Republican ticket in 1978.

Senator KASSEBAUM brought to this body a keen interest in social issues, focusing on areas near and dear to her—the family, children, and education. Today, as chairman of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources,

she has been able to affect greatly legislation in connection with her agenda in these and other important arenas.

On a broader scope, her work on the Committee on Foreign Affairs has been noteworthy and knowledgeable, especially her work on foreign aid and African issues.

Not only is she an able legislator, but she is a person of character, intellect, and dedication. She is truly a lady in every sense of the word, and what I believe we would say today "A Class Act."

Her sense and sensibility will be missed in the Senate, and her wit, grace, and style will long be remembered.

On a personal note, we are proud to claim NANCY KASSEBAUM as an honorary citizen of South Carolina. Her outstanding son, John, an attorney, is a resident of Charleston, and he had the good fortune and good taste to marry a lovely South Carolinian, Elizabeth Williams Kassebaum. They have two handsome children. Now that NANCY is retiring, we hope she will spend even more time in our State, where she is greatly admired.

The U.S. Senate is a better place because of NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM, and her shoes will be hard to fill. She spoke softly, but wielded a big stick when standing up for her beliefs and principles. Her character was sterling and she has left a rich heritage for the future worth its weight in gold.

We shall miss her, and in the words of the Bard, "We shall not see her likes again."

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR HOWELL HEFLIN

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Senator HOWELL HEFLIN, known by many of his colleagues and friends as "the Judge," who, regrettably, is retiring from the Senate.

On November 2, 1978, the U.S. Senate gained one of the most respected, intelligent and able Senators in HOWELL HEFLIN. HOWELL grew up as a son of a Methodist minister, and was educated at Birmingham Southern and the University of Alabama Law School. With a J.D. Degree in hand, he practiced law with wide recognition as a noted trial attorney, gaining numerous honors and awards among law societies and associations.

During his career, HOWELL has made many important contributions to our great Nation. In addition to being an attorney, HOWELL served as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court prior to his election to the Senate, and he brought to the Senate an extensive knowledge of the judicial process. During his tenure as Chief Justice, "the Judge" brought about an unprecedented judicial reform package for his State, which has been hailed as a model for the Nation and has been studied by numerous other courts throughout the United States. This ex-

tensive knowledge and background made HOWELL HEFLIN a natural candidate to serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee. For years we have served together on this committee, and have worked closely on a number of judicial reform initiatives and measures to fight crime and drug abuse. The members of the Judiciary Committee who have worked with HOWELL have undoubtedly benefited from his insight on judicial matters.

As with many southern States, agriculture plays an important part in Alabama's economy, and in addition to his commitment to judicial issues, HOWELL has an equally strong interest in agricultural concerns. He has been called the spokesman for southern agriculture by the Associated Press, and makes his fight for farmers a national priority.

Senator HEFLIN, a former Marine who served in World War II, has a special interest in a strong national defense. His work with President Reagan on the Strategic Defense Initiative, and cooperation with President Bush on defense matters demonstrates his non-partisan spirit and his commitment to the security of this great Nation.

Throughout his Senate service, HOWELL has maintained his Alabama roots and applied his down home, southern values of common sense and level headedness to his work in the Senate.

I have great respect for Senator HEFLIN's commitment to his work, his integrity, as well as his dedication to his constituents and to the United States of America. As he heads home to Alabama, I wish him well in his retirement, and trust that he will enjoy many years of health, happiness, and spending more time with his growing family.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR WILLIAM S. COHEN

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Senator WILLIAM S. COHEN, who is retiring at the end of the present year.

When one thinks of New England, many images come to mind. Light-houses on rocky points, lobster and clam bakes on beaches, and men and women of few words but great wisdom. Our colleague from Maine, WILLIAM S. COHEN, is just one such person, a well-educated, well-read man with an impressive background in government who has done much to benefit our Nation.

Senator COHEN began his life in public service as an assistant county attorney for Penobscot County, and later went on to serve on the staff of the Governor of Maine's State Credit Research Committee. This experience in the public sector sparked BILL's interest in a career in elected office, and it was not long before he held a succession of local positions beginning with city councilor for Bangor, followed by mayor of that same locale. Soon BILL turned his attention from the respon-

sibilities of a local official to the challenges that a seat in the House of Representatives presents, and in 1972, he was elected to Congress. For three terms, BILL represented the people of his district faithfully, but in 1978, he felt that he could better serve his State and Nation by being a U.S. Senator, and he was elected to the first of what would be three terms.

During his tenure in this body, Senator COHEN has served on both the Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Intelligence, working hard on a number of issues of great importance to the defense of the Nation. As the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, I can say without question that BILL approaches his responsibilities with great seriousness and purposefulness of mind. We have all benefited from the contributions he has made to the security of the United States and are grateful for his efforts.

I hope that BILL leaves the Senate with fond memories of his time here and a sense of accomplishment for his efforts. Knowing BILL, upon his retirement, he is going to pursue endeavors that will be interesting and challenging, and no matter what he undertakes, I am sure that he will enjoy great success. I have been pleased to serve with my good friend from Maine, and I wish him all the best in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HANK BROWN

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise to pay a tribute to Senator HANK BROWN since he is retiring at the end of the current year.

If there is one image that people around the world have of a Westerner, it is that of an independent man or woman who rides tall in the saddle, stands up for what he or she believes is right, and is a person of great practicality and common sense. Without question, these are the type of attributes that one finds in our friend and colleague, HANK BROWN of Colorado, who is bringing his career in Congress to a close.

Though a Member of this body for only one term, Senator BROWN is no stranger to Capitol Hill as he served for 10 years in the House of Representatives. Throughout his tenure in both Houses of Congress, he demonstrated a commonsense approach to the issues before the Nation. As a conservative, he took a hard line against Government waste, an excessive Federal budget, and efforts by bureaucrats and environmentalists to impede the rights of land owners, ranchers, and those who seek to harness the riches of the West.

I had the good fortune to serve with HANK on both the Committee on the Judiciary and the Veterans' Affairs Committee over the past 6 years, and his commitment to his work and to serving the Nation impressed me greatly. Without question, my colleague from Colorado approached his duties seriously and sought to represent his