

forceful advocacy. That is what this place is all about. And there is no more forceful advocate for children in this Chamber than the Senator from Connecticut, Senator DODD. He cares deeply about this subject. He fights for what he thinks is an appropriate allocation of resources to make the changes that are desirable.

So it is not a matter of irritation. It was a matter of tough negotiation, and he is a darned good negotiator. Anybody who is able to increase an allocation they care about by 100 percent—there is only one person in that category: The Senator from Connecticut. But it was for a good cause, and we very much appreciate his support for the legislation.

(The remarks of Mr. CONRAD, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BAUCUS pertaining to the introduction of S. 1638 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I yield to my very, very good friend, the distinguished senior Senator from West Virginia who is the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee and has held more titles around here than I can think of. It is an honor to yield to him.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Senator. Mr. President, how much time do I have remaining under my reservation?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia has 35 minutes remaining of his reservation.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the Chair. I may or may not use all of that today. Whatever I use at this point, I ask that it be taken off my time that has been reserved.

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

Mr. BYRD. I thank my friend, and I will be about 5 minutes.

#### SENATOR SPECTER'S 68TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, it is an unfortunate fact of life in today's Senate that, as Members go about the business of fulfilling their duties, it is increasingly difficult to find time in our hectic schedules to acknowledge the personal milestones of our colleagues. I intend to rectify this situation in part today by taking just a few minutes to congratulate my friend from Pennsylvania, Senator ARLEN SPECTER, on the occasion of his 68th birthday.

Oh, Mr. President, only to be 68 again. Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Oh, just to be 70 again." Well, I feel very much in that same mode.

Born in the prairie town of Wichita, Kansas, at the start of the Great Depression, ARLEN SPECTER, through the diligent application of his intellect and his tenacity, has become the 1,750th individual to serve this great nation as a United States Senator.

Mr. President, Senators serve with Presidents. I hope Senators will remember that. Senators don't serve under Presidents. Senators serve with Presidents. President is another office, a high office, indeed, in the executive branch. But Senator SPECTER is the 1,750th individual to serve this great Nation as United States Senator, and he has served with Presidents in both parties.

Woodrow Wilson reportedly said, "The profession I chose was politics; the profession I entered was law. I entered the one because I thought it would lead to the other." Mr. President, I do not know if, in Senator SPECTER's case, he came to the same conclusion or if politics was for him a natural calling, but whatever the case, the melding of politics and law in the person of this thoughtful, soft-spoken Pennsylvanian has resulted in an inspired result for the people of the Keystone State.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Yale University Law School, ARLEN SPECTER began his remarkable public career as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, where he won the first conviction in the Nation of labor racketeers, fought consumer fraud, and relentlessly prosecuted corrupt public officials. That willingness to take on the tough fights, no matter where they might lead, has become the hallmark of the senior Senator from Pennsylvania, Mr. SPECTER.

But dogged pursuit of righting criminal wrongs is only one facet of ARLEN SPECTER's many-faceted character. As a Member of the Appropriations Committee in the Senate, Senator ARLEN SPECTER has worked long hours, and with great determination, in an effort to see that Federal dollars are wisely used to combat breast cancer, prostate cancer, heart disease, and Alzheimer's disease. Indeed, I believe it is fair to say that my friend from Pennsylvania takes a second seat to no one when it comes to his commitment to doing all that he can to provide a better, healthier life not only for those whom he represents in Pennsylvania, but also for all Americans.

Mr. President, it is this fortuitous combination of legal acumen, tenacity, and compassion for the difficulties of others that has made ARLEN SPECTER a highly-respected Member of this body, one whose counsel is so valuable to all who know him and work with him. As Henri Frederic Amiel noted in his Journal on April 7, 1851, "man becomes man only by the intelligence, but he is man only by the heart." Senator SPECTER is a superior example of what Henri Frederic Amiel meant by that pronouncement. So I offer my friend and colleague my heartfelt congratulations, and also my thanks to him for his wisdom, his character, and his decency on this day which marks the beginning of his 68th—almost the beginning—I suppose it is the beginning of his 68th year. Oh, but to be 68 again.

So I say to my friend from Pennsylvania:

The hours are like a string of pearls,  
The days like diamonds rare,  
The moments are the threads of gold,  
That bind them for our wear.  
So may the years that come to you  
Such wealth and good contain  
That every moment, hour and day  
Be like a golden chain.

Mr. President, I thank my friend from Montana for his kindness in yielding to me. I yield the floor.

Mr. BAUCUS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BAUCUS. I join my colleague in congratulating our friend, Senator SPECTER from Pennsylvania, on his 68th birthday. I have watched Senator SPECTER over the years, and I can say I do not think there is a Senator with a finer legal mind than the Senator from Pennsylvania, particularly from a criminal law perspective, constitutional law perspective, and a prosecutorial perspective as a former prosecutor in Pennsylvania.

He brings to this body tremendous experience and tremendous judgment. And I join my colleague in wishing our colleague from Pennsylvania the very best returns on his 68th birthday.

#### THE NEED FOR ISTE A

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today, along with my colleagues, to urge the Senate to begin the debate on the ISTE A reauthorization bill.

That is important for a number of reasons, that I will get to in a moment. But first let me comment on why we find ourselves in this position.

As my colleagues know, the current ISTE A legislation expired on September 30th of last year.

The Environment and Public Works Committee, under the leadership of our chairman Senator CHAFEE and our subcommittee chairman Senator WARNER, reported the 6-year reauthorization bill on October 1.

About that same time, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee reported a stop gap 6-month extension. Unfortunately, as we all recall, the Senate bill got caught up in an unrelated debate over campaign finance reform.

So, regrettably, last session ended with the Congress—both House and Senate—unable to complete action on a long-term bill to reauthorize this important legislation. The best we could do was to extend the funding until May 1 of this year.

Now, there is plenty of blame to go around for this unfortunate situation. Whether it was the failure to invoke cloture, or the filling of the amendment tree, which prevented Senators from offering amendments, there were lots of reasons for our failure last year.

But that was then, and this is now. And the plain fact is that pointing fingers at one another about what did, or did not, happen last year will not help us move a reauthorization bill this year.