

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A Resolution (S. Res. 623) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 623) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 623

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy as President of the Senate pro tempore.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. TESTER). Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR LEAHY

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I first wish to congratulate my friend, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator LEAHY, who has been honored to receive one of the Senate's highest honors, President pro tempore of the Senate. I congratulate him and join with him in expressing my sadness over the passing of Senator DAN INOUE.

REMEMBERING DANIEL K. INOUE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I wish to express my sadness over the passing of Senator DAN INOUE.

DAN INOUE came to this government, started his government service, at least, 60 years ago in the territorial legislature of Hawaii. He came to Congress when Hawaii became a State in 1959, to the Senate in 1963, and was second only, I guess, in service to Robert Byrd. He was a serious man, a solid man, a patriot, and one who always had a good spirit about how he conducted his affairs and how he related to other Members of the Senate, to his constituents, and to the American people.

DAN had served in the most violent combat and was grievously wounded himself. He was part of the 442d Regimental Combat Team, a 4,000-man unit that served in brutal combat. They were replaced 3½ times in personnel to maintain their strength, with 14,000 having served in that combat team during the brutal combat in Italy. There were 9,500 who received Purple Hearts and 21 Medal of Honors, including Senator INOUE's Medal of Honor.

It was a remarkable time and a remarkable commitment DAN INOUE demonstrated to the country he loved.

I know we will talk about his record, and I may do that later myself, but I want to say what I think about DAN INOUE at his core. He shared with us a few weeks ago at the prayer breakfast—and we don't quote what people say at that meeting—his feelings about war and his participation in it. It was one of the most moving presentations I think any of us had heard, and it was so well received by the people there. The truth is, Senator INOUE did not like war. He hated war. He knew the destructive power of war and how people suffered as a result of it, and he voted against a number of resolutions that would commit the United States to military action.

But at the same time, there was no doubt, based on his ranking and chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Defense of the Appropriations Committee over a period of years—decades—he was the person who always, at bottom, could be counted on to ensure this Nation was well defended; that we did not make mistakes.

He and Senator Ted Stevens had a unique relationship. When something developed that was important for the Defense Department, and it involved a danger to our government or could do damage to the Department or they seriously needed something—and often-times in this government, we can't respond and we don't respond effectively—DAN INOUE and Ted Stevens would go in and it would be fixed. They understood that peace through strength was the best way to avoid war, and they felt a sense of great responsibility to ensure the Defense Department was not damaged on their watch. Their experience and their judgment was such they could tell the difference between whines and complaints and real danger to America's defense capability.

I would say that DAN INOUE has established a record that places him among the finest Senators ever to serve here, one of the finest human beings to serve here, and I want to say, as a member of the Armed Services Committee, how much I appreciated his particular commitment to ensuring that America's defense capability remains second to none and his willingness to take the steps necessary to maintain our defense at the level we would want it to be.

Mr. President, I thank the Chair, and I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT TRAGEDY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, to begin, I want to take a few minutes to express my deepest sorrow for the events of last Friday. As a parent, grandparent, and great-grandparent, I was horrified to hear the news of the tragedy in New-

town, CT. My sadness remains for those who have lost their children and loved ones and for the quiet community that saw its sense of peace and well-being shattered through such a terrible act of violence.

I, like almost everyone I know, am at a loss when it comes to making sense of such a horrible tragedy, and I won't try to do so today. All I can do is offer my prayers and sympathies for those who lost their children, friends, and family members, and to the people of Newtown.

In my faith, we believe families are eternal; that those who have lost loved ones will one day be reunited with them. That belief has helped me to cope with losses I have experienced over the years. And while I know nothing can relieve the pain of losing a child, I hope this notion will bring the parents of those sweet innocent children some measure of comfort.

Once again, I offer my heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathy to those in Newtown and throughout the country who have cause to mourn this day.

REMEMBERING DANIEL K. INOUE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to pay tribute to a person I loved, appreciated, and worked with for all these years—all of my 36 years in the Senate—and to bid a fond farewell to our dearly departed friend, the senior Senator from Hawaii, DAN INOUE.

In addition to being a distinguished United States Senator, Senator INOUE was many things: a Pearl Harbor survivor, a Medal of Honor recipient, a father, a grandfather, and a loving husband to his wife Irene.

As a volunteer with the Red Cross, young DANIEL INOUE tended to the wounded in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

During World War II, when the Federal Government was placing thousands of his fellow Japanese Americans in internment camps, Senator INOUE was one of many Asian Americans who petitioned the government for the right to serve their country in the military. His petition was successful, and he served heroically. In fact, the story of Senator INOUE's military service has become the stuff of legend here in the Senate and throughout the country.

In 2000, Senator INOUE, along with 21 of his fellow Japanese-American World War II veterans, was awarded the Medal of Honor, our Nation's highest honor for valor.

In 1959, when Hawaii achieved statehood, he was elected the State's first full member of the House of Representatives. Three years later, in 1962, he was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he would serve for five decades, the second longest tenure in this Chamber's history. I am honored to have served with Senator INOUE throughout my entire Senate service.

While he and I often found ourselves on different sides when it came to

issues, I always knew him to be a man of principle and decency, and I never doubted his commitment to the people of his State and to doing what he believed was right.

One of the few times we found ourselves on the same side came when our mutual friend, the late Senator Ted Stevens, asked us both for help when his character was called into question. Politically speaking, participating in Senator Stevens' trial held no benefit for Senator INOUE. It would have been easy for Senator INOUE to deny his friend's request, and few would have blamed him for it. But that wasn't how Senator INOUE operated. Rather than letting a friend fend for himself, Senator INOUE showed great loyalty and characteristic integrity in his willingness to testify to his friend's good character, and put his own reputation on the line in service of a friend. And I had a similar privilege.

Both Senator INOUE and I were mystified by what happened in that trial, and we were justified in our mystification when, finally, they had to admit it was a trial that should never have been brought. All I can say is I remember him testifying and I testified after he did, and I would mention that Colin Powell also testified as to Ted Stevens' character. All three of us felt this was a besmirchment of a truly honorable and decent man.

Once again, I am proud to have been Senator INOUE's colleague, but I am more proud and more pleased to have been his friend over all these years. He actually showed me a great deal of concern, showed me a great deal of friendship, and spent time with me when I needed particular help, and was there in many ways for not just me but for others as well, one of the kindest, most decent, and honorable people I have ever met. I express my deepest sympathies to his wife and family and their many, many friends.

DANIEL INOUE left an indelible mark on the Nation he loved so much and he will surely be missed. Aloha, my friend.

SENATOR PAT LEAHY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I wanted to compliment Senator LEAHY, who now is the President pro tempore of the Senate.

I have served with PAT LEAHY all my 35 years. He is a strong, intelligent, hard-working Senator, and I am sure he will fill this position in every way it can possibly be filled.

I know he, like I, is sad that we lost Senator INOUE, but Senator LEAHY will be a worthy successor and he will have my support. I hope everything goes well for him in this transition and in this new opportunity he has.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

REMEMBERING SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I too rise to pay tribute to the great Senator DANIEL INOUE.

First, I want to express my deep and most heartfelt condolences to Senator INOUE's family, his wife Irene, his daughter Jennifer, his son Ken, Ken's wife Jessica, and their lovely little granddaughter Maggie. And to the people of Hawaii, also our condolences, because he loved them dearly, and they reciprocated by sending him time and time back to the Senate. I also want to express condolences to his very able and capable staff, the other INOUE family, many of whom were among the longest serving staff in the Senate, who were devoted to helping him help the people of Hawaii and helping the people of America. Hawaii and the Nation have lost a great hero and a true patriot, and I have lost a real good friend.

Senator INOUE was one of the great men of the Senate who welcomed me and helped me get started when I first came to the Senate. It is well known that I was the first Democratic woman elected in her own right. When I came to the Senate there was only one other woman, Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas. But I said this, and I say today, though I was the only Democratic woman, though I was all by myself: I was never alone because I had great men in the U.S. Senate who helped me get started and mentored me and taught me how to be an effective Senator.

Senator INOUE was in a group of those men who in the warmest, most generous, most helpful way welcomed me to the U.S. Senate. He helped me get on the powerful Appropriations Committee. He was my teacher. He was my mentor.

He also had a wonderful way of communicating with all of us. And as each new class of Senators—and each new class of women Senators arrived—he welcomed each and every one of us with the same warmth and generosity he showed to me.

We have a saying among us, the women of the Senate, which is that men of quality always stand up for us women fighting for equality. And DAN INOUE was there every step of the way. When we wanted equal pay for equal work, he was there. When we wanted to be included in the protocols at NIH and establish an Office of Women's Health, he was there, issue after issue.

Last year, I had the wonderful honor of traveling to the Middle East with Senator INOUE, and he admired the pin that I have on today. It is an eagle that many of the women in the Senate wear. There are those of various styles, of which we have a little collection. This one is from the Smithsonian. He said, I love it. It is so pretty. I want to get one for my wife.

Well, I don't know if Senator INOUE ever got it for his wife Irene, but I say to my colleagues today, at an appro-

priate time, on behalf of the women of the U.S. Senate, I will present this pin to Mrs. Inoue in honor of her husband, our gift to her, because he gave so many gifts to us.

He was a lion in the Senate, a real American hero. Although gentle in style, he was a fierce warrior when it came to fighting for his Nation or standing up for Hawaii.

When he received his Medal of Honor, he was rising to the call of the sirens of Pearl Harbor, volunteering to serve his country, putting aside his own dreams to be a physician. But he went on to be a healer of many wounds. He was decorated in World War II for saving his fellow soldiers.

My experience with Senator INOUE as a friend was that he was a devoted, dedicated public servant. He was Hawaii's first representative of the Nation's newest State. He was the first person of Japanese heritage ever to be elected to the Senate. Imagine, he himself knew what it was like to break barriers and to break boundaries. When he came to the Senate, he cherished his love for Hawaii and its people. He fought tirelessly to improve their lives.

His style was one of absolute civility. He was the one who believed that the decorum of the Senate enabled the Senate to do the people's business. He was the essence of civility, and he showed that often good manners was good politics, and that led to good politics. He did not argue the loudest; instead, he worked diligently. He marshaled his arguments and with quiet determination won the day.

As a fellow appropriator, I saw that he loved his earmarks. He liked earmarks. And what did he do with those earmarks? I can tell you. He made sure that we looked out for Indian tribes. He made sure we looked out for the poorest of the poor in Hawaii. He cleaned up a superfund site that had been left by an old agricultural legacy. And he made sure that children who needed help were able to get the education they needed in a small community setting who might not have been able to do it.

Yes, he was the old school. And it was the old school that should teach us a lesson or two.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee for 41 years, he led us by example. He came in 1971 and became the chairman in 2009. Leading by example, he showed how we can accomplish great things by working together. He saw we could have a stronger country, a stronger economy, and yet have a sense of frugality. He treated the minority party with great respect.

All have spoken about his legendary friendship with Senator Ted Stevens, another World War II hero. But now, as Senator COCHRAN, serving as the ranking member—he called him his vice chairman, and I know he was ready to reach out to Senator SHELBY who assumed the role. He knew we needed the input of all Senators to not only enact our bills but to craft our bills.