

SENATE—Wednesday, March 17, 1999

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Today, we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. It seems appropriate to have a Gaelic blessing and then one of Patrick's prayers.

May the road rise up to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun lie warmly upon Your face,
 May the rain fall softly on your fields,
 And until we meet again,
 May the Lord hold you
 In the hollow of His hand.

Let us pray: Gracious Lord, we remember the words with which St. Patrick began his days. "I arise today, through God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, and God's shield to protect me." In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 11 o'clock. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of Senate bill 257, the national missile defense bill. Under the consent agreement reached yesterday, that agreement includes a limited number of amendments that may be offered to the bill and also limits debate time on each amendment.

In light of this agreement, the leader is hopeful the Senate will complete action on this legislation by early this afternoon. Following disposition of the bill, the leader has indicated the Senate may begin consideration of a Kosovo resolution and/or the supplemental appropriations bill. Therefore, Members should expect votes throughout today's session and during the remainder of this week. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will now proceed to a period for morning business.

Mr. VOINOVICH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Ohio is recognized.

THE BIRTH OF VERONICA KAY VOINOVICH

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I want to bring to the Senate's attention the fact that we welcomed a new citizen into Ohio last night at 11:57, and that new citizen is my second grandchild, Veronica Kay Voinovich. Veronica is our second grandchild. Her grandmother and I welcome her and so do her other grandparents, Warren and Alice Fish. I apologize for not being in Cleveland last night for her birth, but it was necessary for me to be here to do the work of the Senate and to represent the people of Ohio and, hopefully, through those votes do something for her and the rest of the citizens of our great State.

DAVID B. COOPER

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, America's journalism pool got a little smaller last week as David B. Cooper, one of Ohio's most respected journalists, hung up his typewriter.

For almost 22 years, Dave was a powerful voice in Ohio, in charge of editorials and op-eds as the associate editor for the Akron Beacon Journal. Over the length of his career, Dave was never known to mince words or pull punches. He was brutally honest when he didn't think someone—usually a politician—was living up to expectations. And usually you didn't have to be reminded twice—you got the message. I will say that many politicians from the State of Ohio, including yours truly, worked very, very hard to live up to Dave's high expectations of us.

Dave's principles always shone through in the topics he wrote about. His analysis was precise and he showed genuine care about the issues in and subjects of his columns. And he worked hard to make sure that he was easily understood.

Dave's legacy is his journalistic leadership at the national, state and local level. He was outstanding. He began his career 44 years ago, writing for the Raleigh News and Observer and the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel during the 1950's and 1960's. In 1968, he started his association with Knight-Ridder newspapers by accepting a position with the Detroit Free Press.

It wasn't until 1977 that Dave saw the light and realized his calling was in the State of Ohio with the Akron Beacon Journal. The Ohio journalism corps has truly been enhanced with his presence.

I have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with Dave. He didn't always agree with me—and I certainly never expected him to—but he was always fair. In fact, I always looked forward to reading Dave's editorials just to find out how he thought my administration was doing.

For the last 2 years, Dave and I have shared something in common—we're both grandfathers, although I'm a little newer at being one than he is. There is sort of an unspoken bond between grandfathers that is readily apparent in the smiles we wear and the glint in our eye, as we regale others with the exploits of our precious little ones. Dave has four grandchildren and I know that he is more proud of them than any editorial or column he has written. In fact, Dave's best writing has been about his grandchildren!

One of the great things about the relationship Dave and I have is our mutual love of fishing. Many times when we've been talking about topics of the day, we've gone off the subject talking about fly-fishing techniques, favorite streams, or the one that got away.

Dave and I have done some fishing together, but not nearly enough. And even though Dave and his lovely wife Joanne are moving to California, I look forward to doing more fishing with him in the years to come.

And while I prefer polka, Dave loves jazz. Dave knows more about jazz—jazz records, jazz singers, and jazz history—than anybody I know. I suspect that his knowledge of jazz surpasses all but a few journalists in America. He even has a jazz radio show in Akron! He has written about jazz extensively and he never tires of speaking about it.

Mr. President, I want to close by saying I have immense respect for Dave. He is and always has been a true professional. And although I am sorry to see him retire, I am confident that the citizens of Akron have not heard the last from him.

Dave and I will always be friends. I wish him well as he and his wife Joanne embark on their new life together.

I notice that my colleague, Senator DEWINE, is on the Senate floor, and I yield the floor to him.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Ohio, Senator DEWINE, is recognized.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I join my colleague and friend, Senator VOINOVICH, in paying tribute to one of the leading figures in the history of journalism in the State of Ohio. My good friend Dave Cooper is retiring after 22 years as editor of the editorial

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