

posted to the Battleship North Carolina where he began what was to be a long and illustrious career. Though many would point to his achieving the rank of Rear Admiral as a demonstration of his abilities as an officer, I would counter that it was his command of the aircraft carrier USS *Forrestal* that serves as the best illustration of his professionalism and abilities as a sailor and leader. Simply put, there are few more coveted or more selectively assigned duties than that of captain of a carrier.

I am sure that when Bud stowed his seabag at the end of his final tour and retired from the Navy, he thought his days of hard work, low pay, and government service were behind him. Nothing could be further from the truth. As is common with all those who enter public service, even more so with the World War II generation, devotion to duty and a desire to make a difference was at the core of what made Bud Nance "tick". I doubt that he hesitated for a moment when Senator HELMS called him in 1991 and asked him to become the "skipper" of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

For the past eight years, Bud Nance has worked tirelessly to promote American foreign policy and he made many important and significant contributions to international relations during his tenure as the staff director of the Foreign Relations Committee. Bud, more than most, understood that the policy and directives that emanate from Congress can have a powerful impact on the world beyond the Beltway. He knew from firsthand experience that there is a tremendous difference in how the world looks from the Senate Chamber and a foxhole in some remote part of the world. The advice and guidance that Bud gave Senator HELMS and other members of the Foreign Relations Committee was based on a lifetime of experience and a world view that was unique and insightful.

Bud leaves behind many who cared for and admired this man, not the least of whom is his widow, Mary. I know that each of us sends our deepest condolences to her, as well as the children and grandchildren of the Nances, for their loss.

Mr. President, with the passing of Admiral Bud Nance, the Senate has lost a dedicated and selfless staffer, the nation has lost a true patriot, and many of us—especially JESSE HELMS—have lost a good friend. I join my friend from North Carolina in mourning this man, and I wish Admiral James "Bud" Nance fair winds and following seas on his final voyage.

IN MEMORY OF MEG GREENFIELD

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, Meg Greenfield has just passed away.

On behalf of all colleagues in the Senate, our hearts go out to the fam-

ily, to all of those who were so close to Meg over these years. There are few giants in journalism who have the standing stature and the extraordinary influence that Meg Greenfield has had through the years.

Her contribution to journalism has been legendary. Her contribution to her country through journalism has been extraordinary. It has been our good fortune to follow her leadership in journalism, to be guided by her wisdom, and certainly to be influenced by her good judgment on many, many occasions over these extraordinary decades which she has been involved.

I express my condolences to her family and say farewell to someone who has made an extraordinary impact on our country and on her profession.

I yield the floor.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I want to join with Senator DASCHLE in expressing our heartfelt thoughts to the members of her family. Meg Greenfield put up an extraordinary fight against cancer for a very long period of time and did so with incredible bravery and extraordinary elegance, style, and class.

For the past two decades, she was the editor of the editorial page at *The Washington Post*, and in her long and brilliant career, the editorial page set an unsurpassed standard of excellence on all the great issues of the day in the nation's foreign and domestic policy.

She earned a Pulitzer Prize and many other honors during her outstanding career. For a quarter century, her extraordinary columns in *Newsweek Magazine* were a consistent voice of insight and reason that we looked forward to and learned from.

I had the opportunity to visit her just about 2 weeks ago. She was always immensely understanding and respectful of the political process. She admired those who were part of the political process in the finest sense, and believed that those who were really committed to public life could make a difference in our society.

She was a hopeful, idealistic person who wrote with great clarity, great eloquence, and great passion about the state of our nation. She established a high standard by which political leaders of both parties could try to measure themselves.

She made an extraordinary difference with her life. She had scores of friends and was highly regarded and respected in her business. To those who knew her and respected her, she was a giant in the writing press. A graduate of Smith College, Meg Greenfield became one of the greatest women and greatest journalists of our time, and we will miss her very much.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, my colleagues have spoken about Meg Greenfield. I also want to echo their sentiments.

I think what was most amazing about her was not just her great talent, her

ability to write, her extraordinary breadth of knowledge and interest, but to watch her, especially in the last few months, when ravaged by disease, she continued that same interest. She continued her work.

When you spoke with her or saw her, she never spoke about her own illness; she spoke of her interest in others. I have never once during her long illness heard her complain about her illness, but rather she would talk of others.

This was an extraordinary woman who left much earlier than she should have left this Earth, but she left behind a legacy of the truest of professionalism and one that will be missed.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, let me say a few words also about Meg Greenfield. This was an extraordinary journalist, an extraordinary person, a person who anybody would have to look up to.

I remember as a young conservative meeting with her. She was fair and decent to me. It just about meant everything to me that she would take time to discuss some of the great issues of the day with me.

I have inestimable respect for her. My sympathy and the sympathy of my wife Elaine goes out to her family. They have real reason to be very proud of her. She set standards of journalism that were very high. What pleased me is that even though I know she disagreed with me on a number of issues, she was very fair, very frank, and very decent when we discussed them. She went out of her way to make me feel welcomed.

Whether you agree or disagree with the *Washington Post*—I personally believe it is one of the greatest newspapers in America—for her to rise to the pinnacle of her profession in that great newspaper and to make sure that the editorial page and other aspects she worked with in the *Washington Post* were done with integrity and decency always impressed me.

We will miss her. Our love and affection and hearts go out to the family. She deserves the respect of everybody in this body, and, frankly, many, many, more throughout the country.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, our sympathies go out to the family of Meg Greenfield. She was, indeed, an extraordinary person, a thoughtful and brilliant writer and reporter.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, May 12, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,578,150,283,470.74 (Five trillion, five hundred seventy-eight billion, one hundred fifty million, two hundred eighty-three thousand, four hundred seventy dollars and seventy-four cents).

One year ago, May 12, 1998, the Federal debt stood at \$5,491,841,000,000