

when he became the lead sponsor of the bill that raised the drinking age to twenty-one. And he sponsored the recent provision in the transportation appropriations bill to lower the blood alcohol content standard to .08—a provision that's going to save hundreds of lives each year. And he's taken on big tobacco. When you fly on a commercial flight now, and you can actually take a breath without choking on smoke from other passengers, you can thank Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG, because he wrote the law that bans smoking on airplanes.

You know, after he got that bill passed, I was flying out to Iowa, and several flight attendants came up to me and said, "Senator, can you please thank Senator LAUTENBERG for us. We can finally work now without all that smoke." I hear that to this very day, the distinguished Senator from New Jersey always gets first class service even when he sits in coach. I still can't quite believe that Senator LAUTENBERG is leaving us. But I hope that wherever he goes, he'll find a new way to use his energy, intelligence, and talent to serve the American people. Our country can't afford to lose someone of his caliber.

My wife Ruth and I have been privileged to be friends of FRANK since we first came to the Senate in 1985. We have been privileged to travel on many

trips, on many congressional delegations with Senator LAUTENBERG, as he confronted our enemies abroad and spoke with our friends abroad, to strengthen our U.S. position both in our economic endeavors with other countries and in our military position overseas.

We will miss him from this body, but I of course will not miss him as a friend. I sincerely hope that whatever FRANK LAUTENBERG does in the future, he will make himself available for further public service. Someone of his caliber and of his talent, of his compassion, and of his interest in making sure we leave the ladder of opportunity down for all Americans to climb, someone such as that we can't afford to lose from public life.

So, FRANK, we wish you Godspeed, the best in all your endeavors, the best of health and happiness in your future life. But please, if duty calls for public service, I know you will answer.

I thank the Presiding Officer for affording me the opportunity to make these comments this evening.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 26, 2000.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:23 p.m., recessed until Thursday, October 26, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE
OCTOBER 25, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JAMES A. DORSKIND, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, VICE ANDREW J. PINCUS, RESIGNED.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

LOIS N. EPSTEIN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE DEVRA LEE DAVIS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

KENNETH LEE SMITH, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, VICE DONALD J. BARRY, RESIGNED.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

GEORGE DARDEN, OF GEORGIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 17, 2003. (REAPPOINTMENT)

GEORGE DARDEN, OF GEORGIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 17, 2000, VICE ZELL MILLER.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

MARIA OTERO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2003, VICE THEODORE M. HESBURGH, TERM EXPIRED.