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Next, he referred to Senator BYRD's knowledge of Senate Rules, the Constitution, and the Bible, and his prolific writings on the histories of the U.S. Senate and the Roman Senate.

Mr. McElwee then proceeded to challenge the young, budding scientists "to make the most of [their] natural minds, as has Senator BYRD."

I consider this powerful introduction of Senator BYRD a touching example of how one of Senator BYRD's constituents feels about him. It highlights the esteem in which he is held by his fellow West Virginians, and I want to share it with my colleagues. Therefore, I ask that Mr. McElwee's introduction of Senator BYRD be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

INTRODUCTION OF HON. ROBERT C. BYRD, U.S. SENATE LUNCHEON FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CAMPERS

(By Charles McElwee)

How do I introduce a person before whom I stand in awe? How do I introduce and pay tribute to West Virginia's most respected and admired elected public official in the State's history? How do I make the introduction and hold the attention of youth, our guest science campers, when decades separate us in age? I resolved to try by relating the mind and accomplishments of our esteemed speaker to the minds and aspirations of our youthful listeners.

I commence by way of a reference to a renowned mathematician, John Forbes Nash, Jr. Nash was born and reared in Bluefield, West Virginia. He is recognized as a genius in mathematics, especially in game theory, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1994. His recent biographer has described Nash as having "A Beautiful Mind" and has given that title to her biography of him.

While I stand among a hundred, young, beautiful minds, I introduce a man with a singularly beautiful mind who has cultivated, developed and used his natural endowment to its fullest potential. I speak of the Honorable ROBERT C. BYRD, the senior United States Senator from your host state, the State of West Virginia, and your host for this luncheon today.

Senator BYRD has served in the United States Senate for more than 42 years and was reelected in 2000 to an unprecedented eighth consecutive six-year Senate term. He has held more leadership positions in the Senate than any other Senator in history, and presently serves as Chairman of the powerful Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Senator BYRD is a lawyer, having obtained his J.D. degree *cum laude* after ten years of study in night classes in law school, making him the only sitting member of either House of Congress to begin and complete law degree studies while serving in Congress.

I have already told you enough to establish that Senator BYRD is a man with a great mind and substantial achievements. But I don't want to stop there because I want to use this brief occasion of introduction to challenge you to make the most of your natural gifts of beautiful minds, just as Senator BYRD has done. Let me illustrate what a beautiful mind can accomplish when it is disciplined and applied.

(*Holding up a copy of the United States Constitution.*) Senator BYRD carries with him at all times when discharging his public duties a copy of the United States Constitution. His knowledge of this document is, in my opinion, unsurpassed by any other member of the Senate. He qualifies as a constitutional lawyer and scholar. In fact, Senator BYRD shared with another the first "We the People" award presented by the National Constitution Center to a constitutional scholar, who had demonstrated his love of, and concern for, the United States Constitution.

(*Holding up a copy of the Bible.*) Senator BYRD's knowledge of the Bible, King James version, is stupendous. He can recite from memory dozens of passages from both the Old and New Testaments. But more importantly, he and Erma, his beloved wife of sixty-four years, have shaped their lives to conform with biblical precepts.

(*Holding up a copy of one of Senator Byrd's favorite poems, "The Bridge Builder."*) Senator BYRD has an immense knowledge of English and American literature and has committed to memory a great store of verse. Two of his favorite poems are "The Bridge Builder" and "Fence or An Ambulance." Both refer to youth like you. In the first, an old man has crossed over a deep and perilous chasm. Although he would never pass that way again, he stopped to build a bridge to span the cleft. Upon being asked why, the old man explained:

There followeth after me today,  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm which was but naught to me  
To that fair youth may a pitfall be.

The second of the poems has this wise counsel: "Better guide well the young than reclaim them when old." The stewardship which Senator BYRD believes that adults have for the welfare and development of the young is evident in his most beloved verses.

(*Holding up one volume of four volumes written by Senator Byrd on "The Senate, 1789-1989."*) These four volumes are a virtual encyclopedia of Senate History. There is probably no person alive who knows the history and parliamentary rules of the United States Senate better than Senator BYRD.

(*Holding up a copy of "The Senate of the Roman Republic."*) This volume is a compilation of fourteen addresses delivered on the floor of the Senate by Senator BYRD over five and a-half months on the History of Roman Constitutionalism in opposition to the proposal for a line-item presidential veto. The important point here is that he delivered each of these fourteen speeches, which were packed with names, dates, and complex narratives, entirely from memory and without recourse to notes or consultations with staff aides.

The author of the Foreword of "The Senate of the Roman Republic" has described the book and the lectures compiled these as displaying "vast learning, prodigious memory, and single-minded determination. . . ." And so it is that Senator BYRD has used his beautiful mind to accumulate vast learning, to develop a prodigious memory, and to challenge himself at all times with a single-minded determination.

But it has not been his mind, or his learning, or his memory that has endeared Senator BYRD to the people of West Virginia. Their affection of him is attributable to his public service and to his sincere interest in their lives and concern for their welfare. No member of the United States Congress or of the Senate of the Roman Republic has served his other constituency with more distinction than has Senator BYRD.

We have talked about Senator BYRD's great mind, his learning, his memory, his discipline, his determination, his public service, and his interest in people, all superb attributes of which we stand in awe. Yet there is one trait which I have not mentioned. Senator BYRD referred to it in a speech he gave last week on the floor of the Senate.

After cajoling his colleagues that the business of the Senate requires more than a three-day work week, Senator BYRD said that he would just as soon be in the Senate "as to be at home on Saturday mopping the floor." "Yes," Senator BYRD said, "I mop the bathroom. I mop the kitchen floor. I mop the utility room. I vacuum. I dust. I even clean the commodes around my house." Add then Senator BYRD added, "It is good for me. It keeps me humble."

Humility is the eighth, and perhaps the finest, characteristic of our Senator BYRD. And so I implore, you, our guest science campers, to use your good minds with humility. If mopping floors will help you to be humble, then mop floors.

Senator BYRD has been a long-time supporter of the National Youth Science Camp in West Virginia and has sponsored this luncheon for many years. Will you please join with me in applauding Senator BYRD as a way of expressing our gratitude.

#### AGREEMENT TO PROCEED TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT ON OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

Mr. SHELBY. Madam President, I rise to add some clarification to the unanimous consent agreement which will allow the Senate to proceed to consideration of the Export Administration Act (S. 149) with 2 days of debate. In discussions with Senator THOMPSON, he related to me that he was working with leadership on both sides to form an agreement in which we would permit S. 149 to be considered on or after September 4th, but that myself and Senators THOMPSON, KYL, WARNER, and HELMS would be guaranteed 2 days to present, debate and have votes on our national security related amendments. This agreement will give the Senate time to consider amendments that I believe will make this bill better for our national security. I look forward to a healthy debate and exchange of views.

#### MARK TO MARKET EXTENSION OF 2001

Mr. SARBANES. Madam President, today the Committee on Banking Housing and Urban Affairs took up "The Mark-to-Market Extension Act of 2001," which I have introduced with Senators REED and ALLARD, the Chair and Ranking Members of the Housing and Transportation Subcommittee. The bill passed the Committee by a 21-0 vote with an amendment offered by Senator ALLARD. The amendment would require the GAO, through a series of reports, to update Congress on the performance of the mark-to-market program.

The bill makes some modest changes in the program, which was originally