

COMMENDATION FOR LEADERSHIP
AND SERVICE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise just to acknowledge, speaking for myself and I think a great majority of Senators on both sides of the aisle, and commend our distinguished Republican leader for the leadership he has given this body and, indeed, for the leadership he has given the United States during this most unusual period of the budget. As I read the numerous columns, listen to the press throughout the Nation, I think due recognition is given to our distinguished leader for his role.

Mr. President, I also wish to say that in my own State and in the adjoining areas of the greater metropolitan area of Washington, other chapters of leadership are being written by citizens who are pouring out to help others who might not be as fortunate as a consequence of this storm. The response to our local hospitals by people with 4-wheel drive vehicles has been very dramatic.

Also, I know there are many stories about people helping others, in all types of extreme circumstances with this unusual storm.

Also, Mr. President, I have maintained contact with this institution throughout this period of the storm as a consequence of my role as chairman of the Rules Committee, and I wish to commend the security staff here of the Senate and many others, notably the operators. They came in before the storm and have, frankly, stayed here throughout the storm, sleeping intermittently on couches, to provide the necessary communications between the Senate and its Members and to receive calls from many citizens.

Mr. President, I will have more to say about this after I collect the stories later this week. I commend the Senator for his work.

Mr. DOLE. I thank my colleague from Virginia for his kind remarks. I also would want to compliment the Architect's office and all those responsible for snow removal at the Capitol. All the streets around the Capitol have been cleared and most of the areas in

and about the Capitol have been cleared. They have done an outstanding job. I certainly appreciate their efforts, as I said earlier.

Now, maybe being from the Presiding Officer's home State, this is just another snowfall, because Vermont takes these things in stride, but for this area of the country it, I guess, is the fourth largest in history. So it will cause, as the Senator from Virginia said, some suffering in some cases where they are not able to deal with it. I hope that we will be able to get everybody back to work after the one Government shutdown. This Government shutdown is not one Congress or the President is responsible for.

RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 10, 1996

Mr. DOLE. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:07 p.m., recessed until Wednesday, January 10, 1996, at 12 noon.