

"There's none better than David Carle," said Callahan, a former newspaper political columnist, longtime aide to former Sen. Alan Dixon, and Simon's press secretary when he was lieutenant governor.

"He's completely honest and effective in his role as press secretary," continued Callahan, who's dealt with myriad press aides over the last four decades. "He's timely in returning telephone calls and would never think of misleading a reporter."

Doug Booth, press secretary for Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Yorkville, has known Carle since 1984 when Booth was a newsman for a radio station in Marion and Simon represented the state's southernmost House district.

"Dave always has been extremely effective in the job he has done for Paul Simon," Booth said. "Pat Leahy is lucky to get him on board."

Similar kudos come from Terri Moreland, who heads Republican Gov. Jim Edgar's office here. Moreland said Carle has been "great to work with" on Illinois matters.

"He's absolutely professional, and he is so highly regarded on 'the Hill,'" Moreland said of Carle.

Indeed, Carle's ability, credibility and workaholic habits resulted in his being drafted for the thankless-but-sensitive job of spokesman for Democrats on Senate panels probing the financial dealings of President Clinton and the First Lady when Clinton was governor of Arkansas.

Although seemingly shy, Carle is the master of the soft sell. A believer in preparation, he always has been ready, responsive and reliable when reporters hit him with questions on almost any subject.

If a reporter showed even the faintest interest in a Simon issue, Carle would bombard him before day's end with a raft of material which not only supported Simon's viewpoint but also provided opposing arguments and sources.

Simon and Carle fit like hand-and-glove. Simon has kept his press secretary well posted on his activities and is comfortable talking with reporters.

Carle said he considers himself very fortunate to have worked for "one of the finest politicians of this era or, I think, any era." He tends to speak of Simon as if the senator could walk on water. But Carle also would be honest enough to disclose the water-walking only happens when the pond behind Simon's rural Makanda home is frozen. ●

#### INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of the affected Members of the Senate, I would like to state for the record that if a Member who is precluded from travel by the provisions of rule 39 is appointed as a delegate to an official conference to be attended by Members of the Senate, then the appointment of that individual constitutes an authorization by the Senate and the Member will not be deemed in violation of rule 39.

#### ORGAN AND BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1995

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 377, S. 1324.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1324) to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the solid-organ procurement and transplantation programs, and the bone marrow donor program, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Organ and Bone Marrow Transplant Program Reauthorization Act of 1995".

#### TITLE I—SOLID-ORGAN TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

##### SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Solid-Organ Transplant Program Reauthorization Act of 1995".

##### SEC. 102. ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 371 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 273(a)) is amended to read as follows:

"(a)(1) The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements and contracts with qualified organ procurement organizations described in subsection (b) and other public or nonprofit private entities for the purpose of increasing organ donation through approaches such as—

"(A) the planning and conducting of programs to provide information and education to the public on the need for organ donations;

"(B) the training of individuals in requesting such donations;

"(C) the provision of technical assistance to organ procurement organizations and other entities that can contribute to organ donation;

"(D) the performance of research and the performance of demonstration programs by organ procurement organizations and other entities that may increase organ donation;

"(E) the voluntary consolidation of organ procurement organizations and tissue banks; or

"(F) increasing organ donation and access to transplantation with respect to populations for which there is a greater degree of organ shortages relative to the general population.

"(2)(A) In entering into cooperative agreements and contracts under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give priority to increasing donations and improving consent rates for the purpose described in such paragraph.

"(B) In entering into cooperative agreements and contracts under paragraph (1)(C), the Secretary shall give priority to carrying out the purpose described in such paragraph with respect to increasing donations from both organ procurement organizations and hospitals."

(b) QUALIFIED ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 371(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 273(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking "for which grants may be made under subsection (a)" and inserting "described in this section"; and

(ii) by striking "paragraph (2)" and inserting "Paragraph (3)";

(B) by realigning the margin of subparagraph (E) so as to align with the margin of subparagraph (D); and

(C) in subparagraph (G)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking "directors or an advisory board" and inserting "directors (or an advisory board, in the case of a hospital-based organ procurement organi-

zation established prior to September 1, 1993)"; and

(ii) in clause (i)—

(I) by striking "composed of" in the matter preceding subclause (I) and inserting "composed of a reasonable balance of";

(II) by inserting before the comma in subclause (II) the following: "including individuals who have received a transplant of an organ (or transplant candidates), and individuals who are part of the family of an individual who has donated or received an organ or who is a transplant candidate";

(III) by striking subclause (IV) and inserting the following new subclause:

"(IV) physicians or other health care professionals with knowledge and skill in the field of neurology, emergency medicine, or trauma surgery"; and

(IV) in subclause (V), by striking "a member" and all that follows through the comma and insert the following: "a member who is a surgeon or physician who has privileges to practice in such centers and who is actively and directly involved in caring for transplant patients,";

(2) by striking paragraph (2);

(3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

(4) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking "a substantial majority" and inserting "all";

(ii) by striking "donations," and inserting "donation, unless they have been previously granted by the Secretary a waiver from paragraph (1)(A) or have waivers pending under section 1138 of the Social Security Act"; and

(iii) by adding at the end thereof the following: "except that the Secretary may waive the requirements of this subparagraph upon the request of the organ procurement organization if the Secretary determines that such an agreement would not be helpful in promoting organ donation,";

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (K) as subparagraphs (D) through (M), respectively,

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraphs:

"(B) conduct and participate in systematic efforts, including public education, to increase the number of potential donors, including populations for which there is a greater degree of organ shortage than that of the general population,

"(C) be a member of and abide by the rules and requirements of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (referred to in this part as the 'Network') established under section 372,";

(D) by inserting before the comma in subparagraph (G) (as so redesignated) the following: "which system shall, at a minimum, allocate each type of organ on the basis of—

"(i) a single list encompassing the entire service area;

"(ii) a list that encompasses at least an entire State;

"(iii) a list that encompasses an approved alternative local unit (as defined in paragraph (3)) that is approved by the Network and the Secretary, or

"(iv) a list that encompasses another allocation system which has been approved by the Network and the Secretary,

of individuals who have been medically referred to a transplant center in the service area of the organization in order to receive a transplant of the type of organ with respect to which the list is maintained and had been placed on an organ specific waiting list";

(E) by inserting before the comma in subparagraph (I) (as so redesignated) the following: "and work with local transplant centers to ensure that such centers are actively involved with organ donation efforts"; and