

can restore integrity to our electoral system by enacting meaningful campaign finance reform legislation.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

Mr. NICKLES. Madam President, I know my colleagues have been waiting patiently. Would their mind if I went ahead for a few minutes?

Mr. GRAMS. That is fine.

(The remarks of Mr. NICKLES pertaining to the introduction of S. 9 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

(The remarks of Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAMS, and Mr. HUTCHINSON pertaining to the introduction of S. 9 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

1996 YEAR END REPORT

The mailing and filing date of the 1996 Year End Report required by the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, is Friday, January 31, 1997. Principal campaign committees supporting Senate candidates file their reports with the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510-7116.

The Public Records office will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. In general, reports will be available the day after receipt. For further information, please contact the Public Records office on (202) 224-0322.

REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for 1996 fourth quarter mass mailings is January 27, 1997. If a Senator's office did no mass mailings during this period, a form should be submitted that states "none."

Mass mailing registrations, or negative reports, should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510-7116.

The Public Records Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Public Records office on (202) 224-0322.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER SENATOR PAUL TSONGAS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is with great sadness that we learned last weekend of the death of our former colleague from Massachusetts, Paul Tsongas. Paul served in the House of Representatives for 4 years, from 1975 to 1979, and in the Senate for 6 years, from 1979 to 1985. All of us who knew him respected him and admired him.

Paul was a great friend, a great Congressman for the people of Lowell, a great Senator for the State of Massachusetts. He had a special dedication to public service that began as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia in the

1960's and endured throughout his brilliant career, including his 1992 Presidential campaign.

As a Lowell city councilor, a county commissioner, Congressman, Senator, and Presidential candidate he had a special vision of America as it ought to be. Above all, he had an extraordinary personal and political courage. It was a courage demonstrated during his long illness and in all aspects of his years in public service. He often took stands that were unpopular. He had strongly held beliefs and he fought hard for them regardless of the passing political cause. He cared more for the truth than public opinion. And the people of Massachusetts loved him all the more because of it.

President Kennedy would have called him a "profile in courage."

One of his enduring legacies is the Lowell National Historic Park, which symbolized a great deal about his commitment to Lowell and to that entire region of our State. He had the vision to conceive the park and the skill to achieve it. In a larger sense, it also typified his unique ability to find new ways to see old problems. Where others saw a fading mill town, Paul saw the opportunity for rebirth, growth, and a thriving new economy.

He applied that same dedication to new ways of thinking in everything he did in our State, our country, and our common planet, yet he had both a realistic and idealistic vision of a better future and a powerful commitment to reach it so no one would be left out or left behind.

He reminded me of Robert Kennedy. As my brother often said, "Some people see things as they are and say, why. I dream things that never were and say, why not?" That was true of Paul Tsongas as well. We will miss him very much. Our hearts go out to his wife Niki, his sisters, Thaleia and Vicki, all the members of his wonderful family, his three daughters, Ashley, Katina, and Molly.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that editorials from the Lowell Sun and the Boston Globe be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Lowell Sun, January 20, 1997]

COMING HOME

When he stood in the raindrops at Boarding House Park, Paul Tsongas spoke of embarking upon his "journey of purpose" to become the President of the United States.

We in Lowell knew better.

We in Lowell knew Paul Tsongas' purposeful journey began long before he tossed his hat into the presidential ring, and endured long after his candidacy came to an end.

For Citizen Paul Tsongas, his journey to make his city and his world a better place began as soon as he was old enough to make a difference, and continued—with as much passion and purpose as ever—until it ended all too soon Saturday night.

Let others talk about Sen. Tsongas' extraordinary contributions to the national landscape—as they should and will.

Let us in Lowell talk about contributions far more significant and enduring.

Let us talk about a man who brought a remarkable wife to Lowell, and a father who raised three wonderful children in the city of his birth.

Because before all else—before all the politics and the presidential campaigns—Paul Tsongas devoted his life to his beloved and cherished wife and daughters. And even if his journey consisted "only" of Nicola, Katina, Ashley and Molly, he would have succeeded—grandly—in making this city and this world a better place in which to live.

If a man's legacy is first and foremost his family, Paul Tsongas' journey has left us all with a living legacy to cherish and honor as we do his own life.

For years, we in Lowell have needed Paul Tsongas. Now it is time for all of us to begin to repay our debt to him by reaching out to Nicola, Katina, Ashley and Molly with our arms, our hearts and our prayers.

They surely don't need us to tell them, but we should let them know just how proud we are of her husband and their father, and how much we, too, will miss him.

For those who knew Paul Tsongas—and so many in this city were privileged by his friendship—we knew him first as a husband and a father. In these parts, he was not Sen. Tsongas. He was "just" Paul Tsongas, a guy who clearly was happiest not on the firing lines of City Hall or Capitol Hill, but rather in his back yard on Mansur Street.

'Our' Paul Tsongas was not a politician or a presidential candidate. He was something much more special than that.

He was Tsongy—our neighbor and our friend. A guy who may have been better at driving his kids to school than he was at driving legislation through the U.S. Senate. A hard-working environmentalist whose most beloved contribution to the greening of America was surely cleaning up and landscaping Kittredge Park, on his hands and knees, as content as a man could be.

Let others applaud and exalt the contributions Rep. and Sen. Tsongas made to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—as they should and will. Let the national pundits and politicians ponder what contributions a President Tsongas would have made to the country—as surely he would have.

We in Lowell need only walk through our city to celebrate—every day—what Paul Tsongas did for his hometown.

A national park here, a Boarding House Park there. The Wang Towers over there, and an arena going up just over here. And here's one of our new middle schools, not too far from our downtown hotel. And just over there, where the river bends, we're going to have a brand new ball park for Lowell's own minor league ball club. You know, the Spinners, the team Paul Tsongas brought to town.

Let those on the national stage talk about the bumpy, bizarre and truly incredible road which Paul Tsongas nearly traveled to the White House.

Here, in Lowell, we'll walk and talk about the most important roads in Paul Tsongas' life—Highland Street, where he lived as a child. Gorham Street, where young Paul toiled in his father's dry cleaning store. And Mansur Street, where Paul Tsongas of Lowell lived and raised his family.

Let other congressmen and senators and presidents talk about the unique contribution Paul Tsongas made to deficit reduction and our grandkids at the Concord Coalition.

Here, in Lowell, we'll reminisce about the first and most important budget Paul Tsongas ever balanced in his life—the one in that dry cleaning shop on Gorham.

We knew The Road from Here would always lead back to Lowell.

And even though his journey of purpose often took Paul Tsongas to bigger cities and