

so all activities blessed by the Security Council require reimbursement. But do we really want to have to pay for everything the Security Council decides? I doubt it. Other nations undertake operations after receiving the blessings of a U.N. Security Council resolution. We may support that. But we don't want to participate in it and we don't want to pay for it.

It is easy to take a shot at the United Nations. It is a little bit more difficult to make it work. I remind Senators that just last year many in the leadership of the House and the Senate, the majority leadership in the House and the Senate, promised, along with the President of the United States, that we would pay our arrearage in dues to the United Nations. But then in what was probably the most irresponsible foreign policy action I have seen in 23 years here, the most irresponsible actions on the very day that the United States was before the U.N. Security Council begging the U.N. Security Council to back us in Iraq, the leadership in the House of Representatives broke their commitment and killed the appropriations for the payment of dues to the United Nations.

If we want to get out of the United Nations, then let us vote to do that. If we want to say we will never spend another cent in the United Nations, let us vote to do that. But to first give our word that we will pay what we contractually owe and then on the day when we desperately are pushing the United Nations to back us in Iraq, to say we break our word, we can't do that.

I see the Senator from Minnesota is ready.

I yield the floor.

Mr. STEVENS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent the Senators from New Mexico now have each 5 minutes to report a sad event to the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Following that, the pending question will be the Wellstone amendment numbered 2128, as modified. Under the previous order, amendments 2125, 2126, and 2127 have been withdrawn.

The Senator from New Mexico.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE STEVEN SCHIFF

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, Senator BINGAMAN and I are on the floor of the Senate today in a sense to report bad news to the Senate about a wonderful New Mexican.

Late this morning, in my home city in Albuquerque, New Mexico, U.S. Representative STEVE SCHIFF, 51 years of age, died as a result of a lingering cancer. We both felt we ought to share a few thoughts with the Senate and with our people.

So I would just like to say to the Senate that you know when you meet

different people in political life certain things stand out about them. STEVE SCHIFF used to almost brag about the fact that he came from Chicago, that he was a Jewish boy from Chicago who came to New Mexico. Some would not want to talk about being from Chicago if they were representing New Mexicans, but somehow or another he kind of thought he would like to tell them that, so he told it to them so often, they never cared. He served as a district attorney and probably was the best prosecutor we have had in terms of getting his job done.

As I was coming over, I told Senator BINGAMAN I was voting one day in a precinct of my home in Albuquerque and I saw two elderly women behind me checking off whom they would vote for. One said to the other, "Vote for STEVE SCHIFF." And the other lady, probably about 75 said, "Why?" She said, "Because he was a great district attorney and he did his job well there. He'll do it well in Washington." That said to me that people really understand when you have a real public servant.

In behalf of my wife Nancy and myself, I guess I want to say that we have been very lucky because we got to know STEVE SCHIFF. We are very fortunate because we got to know a public servant who just exemplified what we would think a public servant should be. He was of the highest integrity, he had a deep and fundamental decency, and, yes, he had an acute and open mind. He was very, very bright.

New Mexico and the rest of this Nation have lost a wonderful public servant. He was the best of political leaders. And I lost a good friend. He was of my party, but he had great bipartisan support. He was always around to listen and always gave great advice.

Today on the Senate floor I extend, on behalf of my wife and myself, our condolences to his many close friends, to his wife and their two wonderful children, and I look forward to seeing all of them when we attend his wake. But here today in the Senate, I just want to say, "Thank you, STEVE. Thanks for what you were, thanks for what you left us to understand and remember about you, and may more people try to be like STEVE SCHIFF, a real, decent, honest public servant."

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I join my colleague, Senator DOMENICI, in expressing our grief at the loss of STEVE SCHIFF. He is someone I became friends with when we—he and I—were both young lawyers in New Mexico, beginning our legal careers. Of course, when he became district attorney for Bernalillo County, I had the good fortune to be attorney general and worked with him very closely on many issues in those jobs.

STEVE did have the respect of the people he represented because of the good, hard, nonpolitical work that he

did for them, first as district attorney and later as U.S. Representative. He was not partisan in his approach to his job. He was quick to reach across party lines. I can remember many phone calls from STEVE where he would call and say, "I have a bill that we have been able to pass in the House, and I need your help in the Senate." And I can remember many phone calls I made to him, asking for his help with legislation that I was pursuing as well.

STEVE was a person who kept clearly in mind the commitment and the job that he was sent here to do for the people of our State. He had great respect in our State and here in the Congress as well. His family deserves our condolences. We certainly send those to his wife and children.

The State of New Mexico has lost a tremendous public servant. Senator DOMENICI put it well by pointing out he was, first and foremost, a public servant in the very best sense of that term. He did not see himself as a politician who was trying to put a good face on the job he was doing. Instead, he saw himself as a mechanic, working in the machine and in the engine of Government to do the right thing for the people of New Mexico and for the country.

STEVE was a good friend to many of us and a great contributor to our State and to the Nation. I join Senator DOMENICI in expressing our grief and our condolences to his family.

I yield the floor.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR NATURAL DISASTERS AND OVERSEAS PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. The Senator from Wyoming has an amendment. I would like him, at this time, to offer it and ask for its consideration so we can set it aside and bring it up after the Wellstone amendment.

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

Mr. STEVENS. Will the Senator send his amendment to the desk and ask for its consideration? We will take it up after the amendment of Mr. WELLSTONE, which is the next amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

AMENDMENT NO. 2133

(Purpose: To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from promulgating certain regulations relating to Indian gaming activities)

Mr. ENZI. I have an amendment at the desk and ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], for himself and Mr. BRYAN, Mr. REID and Mr. SESSIONS, proposes an amendment numbered 2133.