

COMMENDING STUART FRANKLIN
BALDERSON

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 222 submitted earlier today by Senator LOTT and others. I further ask unanimous consent that the clerk read the resolution and the preamble.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 222) to commend Stuart Franklin Balderson.

Whereas Stuart F. Balderson became an employee of the United States Senate on May 23, 1960, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the high standards and traditions of the staff of the United States Senate for a period that included 19 Congresses;

Whereas Stuart F. Balderson has served as Financial Clerk of the United States Senate from August 1, 1980 to April 30, 1998;

Whereas Stuart F. Balderson has faithfully discharged the difficult duties and responsibilities of his position as Financial Clerk of the United States Senate with great pride, energy, efficiency, dedication, integrity, and professionalism;

Whereas he has earned the respect, affection, and esteem of the United States Senate; and

Whereas Stuart F. Balderson will retire from the United States Senate on April 30, 1998, with 40 years of Government service—38 years with the United States Senate and 2 years with the United States Navy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate commends Stuart F. Balderson for his exemplary service to the United States Senate and the Nation, and wishes to express its deep appreciation and gratitude for his long, faithful, and outstanding service.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Stuart F. Balderson.

Mr. DASCHLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I want to take just a moment on the passage of this important resolution to thank Stewart Balderson for his nearly four decades of distinguished service, as has been referenced in the resolution, and wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his life.

Stuart Balderson truly is an institution within an institution.

He began his career in the Senate finance office when he was 22—and Lyndon Johnson was still the Majority Leader.

He has stayed there for 38 years—through the tenure of 12 Senate Secretaries—working in every department: payroll, accounting, retirement and benefits, and legislative budgeting.

In 1980, he assumed the top position in that office, Financial Clerk of the United States Senate.

I first came to the Senate in 1973, as a staffer for another South Dakota Senator.

As anyone who has ever worked here knows, the finance office is one of the first offices you visit after you're hired. You go there to fill out your W4

and your insurance forms and other necessary pieces of paper.

From that day until today, I have been impressed with the efficient and friendly service in that office. And I believe that is a direct reflection of the man who has run it so well, and for so long.

I am not alone in my admiration.

In 1992, Stuart Balderson was named "Congressional Staffer of the Year," by Roll Call newspaper. He was given the award at the Senate Staff Club Dinner Dance.

That night, in his acceptance speech, he said of this Senate, "I love the institution, and I work very, very hard for its financial integrity."

He went on to regale his fellow diners with his recollections of what the Senate was like back in 1960, when he came here.

He recalled how giants like Everett Dirksen, Hubert Humphrey and Sam Ervin used to drop by the finance office just to chat. There was a real "sense of family" on the Hill back then, he said. Everyone knew everyone.

He said he also remembered thinking that he would "never get anywhere here, because it looked to me like everyone had been here forever, and wouldn't leave until they died at their desks.

"But, I quickly found out," he added, "that these people were the sources of knowledge and wisdom, and I found myself calling on them constantly."

Clearly, Stuart Balderson was wrong in thinking he'd never go anywhere in the Senate finance office.

But he was right about another thing: The dedicated men and women who have served this Senate for years truly are sources of knowledge and wisdom—for all of us.

They are our institutional memory, and our connection to a different time—a time when people on the Hill focused less, perhaps, on party labels, and more on common goals.

Over the years, Stuart Balderson has earned his place among those sages.

I know I speak for countless Senators and Senate staffers when I say, we will miss his professionalism, and dedication, and his ever-friendly manner.

We thank him for his many years of impeccable service to this great institution. And we wish him all the best on his retirement.

I yield the floor. I thank my colleague.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution that was read be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 222) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1998

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate

completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 1. I further ask that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 1186, the job training partnership bill, under the previous time agreement of 4 hours equally divided.

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

Mr. ENZI. I further ask that any votes ordered with respect to S. 1186 or amendments thereto be stacked to occur at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5.

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

Mr. ENZI. I further ask that at the conclusion of the consideration of S. 1186, during Friday's session, the Senate begin a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator COVERDELL, 1 hour; Senator DASCHLE or his designee, 1 hour.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. ENZI. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1186, the job training partnership bill. Under the previous consent agreement, there will be 4 hours of debate equally divided on several amendments to be offered to the bill. As a reminder, any votes ordered with respect to S. 1186 will be stacked to occur at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5. Members should also be aware that on Monday, May 4, the Senate will begin consideration of the IRS reform bill. It is hoped that Members will come to the floor to debate the IRS bill and to offer amendments to that legislation. Again, as with the Job Training Partnership Act, any votes ordered with respect to the IRS reform bill will be postponed to occur beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:11 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 1, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate April 30, 1998:

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

DONNA TANOUÉ, OF HAWAII, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.
DONNA TANOUÉ, OF HAWAII, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 3, 2000.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST