

Ted Williams had many great moments on the baseball diamond, but no moment more perfectly encapsulates his career than his last major league at-bat on September 28, 1960. And as JOHN GLENN prepares for his *Discovery* mission, I cannot help but be reminded of that crisp autumn afternoon at Fenway Park.

The game was meaningless in the standings, with the Red Sox limping to the end of their worst season in 27 years. But the day was significant for it was the last time that Hub fans would ever get a glimpse of Number Nine's classic swing. After going 0 for 2 with two fly outs and a walk, Ted Williams came to the plate in the bottom of the eighth inning for what was sure to be his last at-bat. Writer John Updike was at the game, and his accounts of that day are considered scripture by baseball fans everywhere.

As Updike wrote: "Understand that we were a crowd of rational people. We knew that a home run cannot be produced at will; the right pitch must be perfectly met and luck must ride with the ball. Three innings before, we had seen a brave effort fail. The air was soggy, the season was exhausted. Nevertheless, there will always lurk, around the corner in a pocket of our knowledge of the odds, an indefensible hope, and this was one of the times, which you now and then find in sports, when a density of expectation hangs in the air and plucks an event out of the future."

As many of my colleagues already know, Ted Williams did not disappoint. In his final swing, he hit a one-one pitch that soared majestically through the air before disappearing into the right-field bullpen.

As John Updike wrote, "Ted Williams' last word had been so exquisitely chosen, such a perfect fusion of expectation, intention, and execution." Well, I feel that Senator JOHN GLENN's final word has been just as exquisitely chosen.

Here is a man whose career of service to this country is unparalleled. Taken separately, his service as a Marine pilot, as an astronaut, and as a Senator are extraordinary. Put together, they are mythic.

Thirty-six years ago, JOHN GLENN convinced a nation that there are no limits to human potential. At the end of this month, he will once more extend the envelope of human accomplishment. JOHN GLENN's mission on the *Discovery* is his home run in his last at bat. I only wish that they could find a seat on the *Discovery* for John Updike.

Ted Williams' last home run reminds me of JOHN GLENN, not simply because it shows that both men know how to go out in style. It does so because the emotions that were stirred in this fabled at-bat are the very same emotions that have made JOHN GLENN an American hero.

It is that feeling of indefensible hope, our desire to believe in something that

is bigger than ourselves. Simply put, it is our belief in heroes.

Life will always be full of disappointment and tribulations. But it helps us to conquer the everyday battles in our own lives when we see someone whom we admire accomplish great things. And we cheer for those persons, because in them, we see the best in ourselves. By believing in them, we believe in ourselves.

When you read John Updike's description of the mood in Fenway Park before that last at bat, it could just as easily be a description of the mood in the Grandstands watching Senator GLENN's launch from Cape Canaveral later this month, or in every American living room when JOHN GLENN boarded *Friendship 7* thirty-six years ago.

Reason insists that we be practical. That we accept our limitations. Yet we hold out hope that we can achieve things once unimaginable, that we can do better. And JOHN GLENN has shown us time and again, as an astronaut, as a test pilot, as a Marine, and as a Senator that we can do better.

Surprisingly, the fact that JOHN GLENN and Ted Williams served together in Korea remained largely a secret until 10 years ago, when Senator GLENN appeared at a reception to honor Ted Williams on his 70th birthday. At the end of the evening, Ted Williams, a man not known for lavishing praise on others, spoke about his former commander. He said, and I quote: "I was so happy and proud of the fact that I knew him. JOHN GLENN is an extraordinarily talented, brave hero. He's a hell of a man. It's just too bad that he's a Democrat."

When Ted Williams is singing your praises, you must be doing something right, and aside from his comments about Senator GLENN's politics, I couldn't agree more with Mr. Williams' statement.

What we seem to forget about Senator GLENN's departure is that, while he is going into space at the end of the month, he is also coming back. I understand that he plans to set up an institute at Ohio State to encourage young people to become involved in politics and public service. In today's climate, it may be harder to turn young people on to politics than it was to put a man into orbit in 1962. But as a public servant, I cannot imagine a better advocate for the profession of public service than JOHN GLENN. He reminds all of us, young and old, that there is honor in service to others and to your country.

While I am certain that he will keep busy, I hope that he and Annie will have a chance to relax and enjoy his retirement. They have certainly earned it.

So as I bid my friend farewell and good luck in his future years, and in particular his mission, I will repeat those words made famous by Scott Carpenter 37 years ago: "Godspeed, JOHN GLENN."

ENCRYPTION CHALLENGE IN THE NEXT CONGRESS

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, we have made some important advances on the encryption issue during this Congress. We held a hearing in the Senate Constitution Subcommittee, which pointed out the constitutional problems with the Administration's proposed domestic encryption policy and put individual privacy rights back into the discussion. More recently, as everyone is aware, the Administration has taken a few modest steps toward liberalizing its export policy.

However, we have to be wary of piecemeal approaches to the problem. The Administration's decision to relax its export policy helps out big businesses with subsidiaries in certain selected countries, but it leaves most ordinary consumers out in the cold.

In the Judiciary Committee, I resisted another piecemeal approach—making the use of encryption in furtherance of a felony a separate crime, without addressing the broader encryption issue. As a former Attorney General of Missouri, I am keenly aware of the interests of law enforcement in not having encryption unduly hinder law enforcement. On the other hand, in my work on the encryption issue, I have come to appreciate the concerns of privacy groups who are opposed to this proposal. I explored some ways of working this issue out with my colleagues in this Congress, but we could not work out an acceptable compromise. In the next Congress, I look forward to working with my colleagues—on and off the Judiciary Committee—to fashion a comprehensive resolution of the encryption issues that balances the needs of law enforcement and law-abiding citizens.

In the next Congress, our goal must be to move beyond such piecemeal approaches to find a comprehensive solution to computer privacy issues. This will not be easy.

Twice recently, President Clinton has told high-tech audiences that "we've reached broad agreement on encryption policy." Unfortunately, that is just not true—at least not yet. The Administration's water torture approach to encryption—liberalizing export policy drip by drip—demonstrates that they do not understand two fundamental principles: (1) that robust and reliable encryption is available on the world market, and (2) that ordinary Americans should have access to the best available encryption to protect their privacy.

In short, it does us no good to talk about "broad agreement" that does not actually exist. Instead, we need to work hard to make such broad agreement a reality. That is the task for the next Congress, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to get the job done.

SENATOR WENDELL FORD

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to bid a fond

farewell to one of our most senior senators, Senator WENDELL FORD, who, despite my objections, is leaving the Senate this year. I think that all members will agree that his departure will be a loss for the Senate and nation, as we are losing one of our most respected and well-liked Senators.

Senator FORD and I began our careers in the United States Senate together—24 years ago. It seems like just yesterday we were the new kids on the block, trying to get the hang of the Senate. A lot has changed from those early days, as Senator FORD has proudly served the people of Kentucky while serving on the Committees on Rules and Administration (where he is ranking member), Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Energy and Natural Resources, and the Joint Committee on Printing (where he was formerly Chairman).

Hailing from Thurston, Kentucky, Senator FORD has brought to the Senate a long and distinguished career as well as the down-home common sense for which he is known. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, WENDELL went on to serve in the United States Army in 1944-1946 and in the Kentucky Army National Guard for 13 years. Senator FORD has long been associated with public service, as he served as a Kentucky state senator, lieutenant governor and as Kentucky's 49th Governor.

Senator FORD has come a long way from being a new kid on the U.S. Senate block in 1974 to becoming the longest serving Senator from Kentucky today. And, I might add, he is now one of the most senior members of the entire Senate and one who follows the old traditions of the Senate as one who always keeps his word.

Throughout his tenure in the U.S. Senate, WENDELL has been recognized as a national leader in campaign-finance reform, energy issues, and, of course, looking out for our nation's tobacco farmers. That has never been as much as an issue as it has this past year, with Congress' attempts at passing tobacco legislation.

A friend to the environment, Senator FORD was the first to introduce and pass a program instructing the federal government to be a model for the country and use recycled printed paper. This program is now the rule rather than the exception in the federal government, as well as schools and businesses throughout the United States.

It is with much regret that I say goodbye to Senator FORD. He has been a great friend all of these years in the Senate, and I will miss him greatly. I hope that retirement brings him plenty of time to spend with his wife, Jean, and their five grandchildren. Knowing WENDELL, however, I have no doubt that retirement will be neither quiet nor slow him down.

SENATOR DALE BUMPERS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I know we are all going to greatly miss our

friend Senator BUMPERS. He is certainly one of the finest orators this body has enjoyed since Daniel Webster. But I want to take a moment to personally thank Senator BUMPERS.

Senator BUMPERS and I came to the Senate as part of the class of 1974. So I had very mixed feelings last year when I heard that my good friend would be leaving this Chamber. He and I have shared many battles over the twenty-four years that we have spent in these halls and on this floor. And, as my good friend pointed out just a few days ago, I am not even half as entertaining as him, so his shoes will be hard to fill.

However, as Senator BUMPERS has often remarked, he has probably fought more losing battles in this Chamber than any other Member. He is leaving those battles for the rest of us to fight. He has laid down a marker for where our country must go in the next century. His challenge to us who remain in this Chamber is to frame laws that show respect to our country's founders and to our country's future.

He has fought tirelessly to defend our Bill of Rights and only yesterday warned this Chamber against of the temptation of amending what he has often called "our sacred document." Senator BUMPERS has shown great courage over the years in his steadfast protection of our Constitution.

As he has pointed out many times, he has taken a lot of political heat for voting against popular issues like school prayer, flag burning and the balanced budget amendment. But even though he has voted against all of these things and voted for our Constitution, he is walking out of this Chamber by his own choice. His courage should guide us all in our choices between Popular issues of the day and protecting our Constitution.

His legacy will also be marked by an intense desire to pass on to his grandchildren and to all of our grandchildren a world where you can still find places of solitude and beauty, streams where you can still catch trout and salmon and forests where you can still find trees older than your grandparents.

That is why it is only fitting that in the last few days of this Congress we are able to honor Senator BUMPERS by dedicating wilderness areas within the Ozark and Ouachita National Forests to his long, and often lonely, fight to protect our nation's most precious natural resources.

His marker also represents a world where children are free from disease and free from debt. DALE and his wife Betty have not only made a professional commitment to protecting the health of our children, but they have made this a personal commitment.

Even if DALE was still a Main Street merchant or a jackleg merchant, as he described himself, Betty would still be dragging him into these fights to protect our children's health. Although I know that she has never had to pull very hard, because his commitment comes from the heart.

Many of us will remember the Senator BUMPERS not only for a keeper of our national treasures, but also as a chaser of boondoggles. Whether it be reining in government subsidies for mining companies or chemical companies, he is never one to pull punches or mince words.

In fact, one of the only reasons I can come up with for Congress still not passing mining reform is that we all so love to see DALE take over the aisles of this Chamber and entertain us with his now re-known "Bumperisms." Who else would think to compare the attraction between our mining companies and government subsidies to a "duck on a June bug."

Of course, DALE certainly would not be one to limit his battles to planet Earth. He has also taken on the black holes we've tried build in outer space. I will not be surprised at all if we start receiving Bumper-Grams from Arkansas each week telling us how many millions we have spent in the last seven days on the International Space Station. Although this fight is not over, Senator BUMPERS can leave here knowing he helped stop the ill-conceived "Star Wars" to make our heavens a battlefield.

Although we will certainly miss Senator BUMPERS for all his one-liners, impassioned speeches, and frank critiques, we will also miss his wonderful wife, Betty. As we leave here this week, I will look fondly on Senator BUMPERS future—spending his days with Betty, his three children, Brent, Bill, and Brooke and their five grandchildren.

Finally, Mr. President, let me help send our dear friend by quoting from another highly-esteemed Arkansan, Johnny Cash, "ask that engineer if he will blow his whistle please, 'Cause I smell frost on cotton leaves. . . . And I smell that Southern breeze. Hey, Porter! Hey, Porter! Please get my bags for me, I need nobody to tell me now that we're in Tennessee. . . . Hey Porter! Hey Porter! Please open up my door. When they stop this train I'm gonna get off first 'Cause I can't wait no more. Tell that engineer I say, 'Thanks a lot. I didn't mind the fare. I'm gonna set my feet on Southern soil. . . . And breathe that Southern air.'"

We all hope that Southern air treats you and Betty well.

PASSAGE OF CERTAIN ANTI-CRIME LEGISLATION

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, as this Congress draws to a close, much has been and will be said about what has and has not been accomplished. There is no getting away from the fact that Congress has dropped the ball on too many issues of vital importance to the American people. I need only mention campaign finance reform, a patients' bill of rights, and the failure to pass tough legislation on youth smoking. I have spoken often about the failure of