

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, this next vote is a milestone for a friend of mine—a distinguished colleague and a leader in this chamber. It represents the ten-thousandth vote cast by JOE BIDEN, and I would like to take a moment not only to bring it to the attention of our colleagues, but to reflect on a career that has been—and continues to be—a bright legacy of service.

To put this vote into perspective, Mr. President, only twenty Senators in history have reached this milestone—only twenty Senators out of the 1,851 who have had the honor of serving in this distinguished body. Each of us who has the honor of representing our state in the Senate understands what a rare privilege it is to cast a vote on this floor. In fact, the first vote we cast ranks among the most memorable moment in our lives—a moment not to be forgotten.

I'm sure that when JOE cast his first vote on January 23, 1973—over twenty-five years ago—he could not have foreseen this moment. Through the years, he has achieved many distinguished honors. He has gained national stature, as a candidate for President. He has established himself as a foremost expert on judicial and foreign policy matters. And though I know that we often differ philosophically, I can say that each vote JOE has cast, his focus has been on doing what's best for Delaware and our Nation, at large.

JOE, on this special occasion, I salute you. Ten thousand votes speak volumes about a life dedicated to public service. On behalf of our colleagues I congratulate you. And on behalf of our friends and neighbors in Delaware I thank you. For me, it has been an honor, a pleasure, and a privilege to serve these many years with Senator BIDEN. He always does what he thinks is in the best interests of our country and our people of Delaware. I am proud to count him a friend.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I join in commending our colleague from Delaware on reaching this major milestone in his brilliant Senate career.

For nearly three decades, he has done an outstanding job serving the people of Delaware and the Nation in the Senate. He has been an effective leader on a wide range of issues in both domestic policy and foreign policy.

It has been a special privilege for me to serve with our distinguished colleague on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and I particularly commend his leadership over the past quarter century on the many law enforcement challenges facing the nation. It is a privilege to serve with Senator BIDEN—and I am sure he will compile an equally outstanding record on his next 10,000 votes.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I will respond after everyone votes so I get to cast my 10,000th vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, unlike Senator BIDEN, I don't have a lot to say.

I ask unanimous consent that all Senators have until the close of business next Thursday, a week from

today, to insert their statements in the RECORD and that all statements that are submitted appear at one place in the RECORD.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill, as amended, pass? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FITZGERALD (when his name was called). Present.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 54, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 105 Leg.]

YEAS—54

Abraham	Frist	McConnell
Allard	Gorton	Murkowski
Ashcroft	Gramm	Nickles
Bennett	Grams	Roberts
Bond	Grassley	Roth
Brownback	Gregg	Santorum
Bunning	Hagel	Sessions
Burns	Hatch	Shelby
Campbell	Helms	Smith (NH)
Chafee	Hollings	Smith (OR)
Cochran	Hutchinson	Snowe
Collins	Hutchison	Specter
Coverdell	Jeffords	Stevens
Craig	Kyl	Thomas
Crapo	Lott	Thompson
DeWine	Lugar	Thurmond
Domenici	Mack	Voinovich
Enzi	McCain	Warner

NAYS—44

Akaka	Edwards	Lieberman
Baucus	Feingold	Lincoln
Bayh	Feinstein	Mikulski
Biden	Graham	Moynihan
Bingaman	Harkin	Murray
Boxer	Inouye	Reed
Breaux	Johnson	Reid
Bryan	Kennedy	Robb
Byrd	Kerrey	Rockefeller
Cleland	Kerry	Sarbanes
Conrad	Kohl	Schumer
Daschle	Landrieu	Torricelli
Dodd	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Dorgan	Leahy	Wyden
Durbin	Levin	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Fitzgerald

NOT VOTING—1

Inhofe

The bill (S. 900), as amended, was passed.

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. HATCH. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOSEPH R. BIDEN ON HIS 10,000th VOTE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a very dear friend of mine in the Senate and his historic 10,000th vote. His name is Senator JOSEPH BIDEN of Delaware, a friend and colleague whose distinguished career has elevated both the quality and stature of the Senate. The number 10,000 is an important landmark in a career that has many milestones, but I believe Senator BIDEN will be best remembered for the significance of his varied votes. I have seen many of those notable votes cast.

In every one of those votes he was careful, deliberate, and respectful of his duty to the people of Delaware. JOE and I have served in the Senate for roughly the same amount of time. He has been here a couple of years longer than I. We have worked closely together in the Senate Judiciary Committee, which he chaired and which I now chair. On occasion we have agreed to disagree. In fact, I wish he had cast more of those 10,000 votes with me. In all seriousness, however, JOE and I have found many areas where we strongly have agreed.

JOE has long been a leader on the issue of youth violence, an issue which has affected countless lives in Delaware, Utah, and the rest of the Nation. In 1974, he was the lead sponsor of the Juvenile Justice Prevention Act. In 1992, he sponsored the Juvenile Justice Prevention Act Amendments, which provided States with Federal grants for a complete and comprehensive approach to improve the juvenile justice system and controlling juvenile crime.

He has long advocated a tough stand against illegal drugs. He authored the law creating the Nation's drug czar, and in 1986, he was the guiding force for the enactment of groundbreaking drug legislation. He has probably done as much if not more than anybody in the Senate with regard to the antidrug stances that we all should support and that we all appreciate today.

With regard to juvenile justice, next week we bring up a juvenile justice bill. Senator BIDEN has been a mainstay in helping to resolve conflicts that we have in that bill and hopefully helping it to become a bipartisan bill that all of us can support. What I admire most about JOE is the fact that he is the staunchest defender of his party's beliefs, yet he does not hesitate to cross party lines to forge a consensus position when he believes it is the right thing to do. Nowhere is that more evident than with the issue of juvenile crime.

JOE has a history of standing up for what is right when it comes to juvenile crime, and I believe he will continue to do so. We look forward to working with him next week.

While chairman of the Judiciary Committee, he authored the Violent