

Then PHILL GRAMM took the Senate floor, and laid out a withering assessment of the bill and why it would do so much harm to the country if passed. He wrapped up his remarks by saying that "the Clinton health bill would pass the Senate over my cold, dead political body." That served as a rallying cry for the rest of the Congress and signaled a real turning point in the debate. But, at the time, it wasn't popular and most people on Capitol Hill thought it wasn't very smart. But it was right. That's PHIL GRAMM for you.

I have heard him say on more than one occasion, "I've never taken a hostage I wasn't willing to shoot." Everyone knows Senator PHIL GRAMM will kill a bill if he thinks it's bad for America or if fellow Texans are being treated unfairly. And he has shot some legislative hostages.

But more often than not, he was able, through negotiation, to work out a better product.

I think the Senate will miss his homespun eloquence. I don't think there is anyone better at simplifying a complicated bill for his colleagues and the American people. Whether he uses the "Dicky Flatt test" or the wisdom his mama passed down to him, Senator GRAMM has the unique ability to make the complicated simple. On this side of the aisle, that eloquence will be missed, he always did a great job of articulating our position.

Mr. President, Senator GRAMM will be missed not just by me, but this entire body, the people of Texans and all Americans. I will miss him as a Senator and a friend.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR FRED THOMPSON

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and colleague, Senator FRED THOMPSON.

Since his arrival in the Senate in 1994, Senator THOMPSON has been one of the most respected Members on both sides of the aisle. His constituents clearly have great admiration and respect for him. In 1996, Senator THOMPSON received more votes than any other candidate in the history of Tennessee and won his reelection by more than twenty points!

Throughout his tenure in the Senate, Senator THOMPSON has been a tremendous supporter of conservative ideals and principles. As a member of the Senate Finance Committee, he has fought to reduce taxes for his fellow Tennesseans and all Americans, and helped to stabilize Medicare and Social Security for future generations.

As a member of the Senate Government Affairs Committee, I have had the privilege of working with Senator THOMPSON on various projects when he served as chairman, and later as the ranking Republican member. The Senator should be congratulated for his hard work on the President's priority to create the Homeland Security Department.

In a recent interview, Senator THOMPSON said he has "always looked at public service as more an interruption to a career than a career itself." It is now time for Senator THOMPSON to begin his new career as the District Attorney on the hit television show "Law and Order." I wish my good friend Senator THOMPSON well in his new job, and I leave him with this little piece of advice: don't let Hollywood turn you into a liberal!

Senator THOMPSON will be missed not just by me, but this entire body, the people of Tennessee and all Americans. I will miss him as a Senator, but look forward to watching my friend on Wednesday nights as he begins his new career on "Law and Order."

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR TIM HUTCHINSON

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Senator TIM HUTCHINSON of Arkansas.

Since 1985, when he first began his career in public service as a member of the Arkansas State House of Representatives, TIM HUTCHINSON has fought for the people of Arkansas and the citizens of the United States of America. Throughout his 12 years in public office at the State and Federal level, TIM has worked hard to push his conservative agenda and ideals. He has been a strong proponent of a balanced budget, tax relief and reform of our Nation's education system.

As a Member of the House of Representatives from 1992 to 1998, TIM authored the much needed \$500-per-child tax credit, which allows parents to place as much as \$2,000 per year, per child, in a designated savings account. He was also one of the main actors in the pursuit to reform this nation's struggling and inefficient welfare system. Besides his many accomplishments in the areas of tax relief, education and welfare reform, TIM has been a major advocate of issues affecting our nation's veterans. He has worked tirelessly over the years to open additional outpatient clinics for veterans across Arkansas.

As a Member of the U.S. Senate, TIM HUTCHINSON served on the Armed Service Committee, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Agriculture Committee, Veterans Affairs Committee and the Special Committee on Aging. As a member of the Education Working Group, Senator HUTCHINSON led the charge to pass the "Education Savings Accounts" Legislation. I am also very proud to have worked with Senator HUTCHINSON on trying to pass legislation which bans human cloning.

I have had the honor of serving with TIM HUTCHINSON in both the House and Senate. I have served with him on the Senate Armed Service Committee and know first hand how hard this individual has worked to make this Nation a safer and better place for all to live.

With his background as a teacher and businessman, TIM was able to bring both expertise and leadership to the Republican party. We need more public servants like TIM HUTCHINSON who champion empowerment over dependency. It was a pleasure and honor to serve with him in this body.

THE PROTECT ACT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, last night the Senate passed, by unanimous consent, the Hatch-Leahy PROTECT Act providing important new tools to fight child pornography. I want to take a moment to speak about the passage of this important bill and the effort that it took to get to this point. Although they have recessed subject to the recall of the Speaker of the House, I also want to implore the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives not to miss this important opportunity to pass such important bipartisan legislation as this.

In April, I came to the Senate floor and joined Senator HATCH in introducing S. 2520, the PROTECT Act, after the Supreme Court's decision in *Ashcroft v. Free Speech Coalition* ("Free Speech"). Although there were some others who raised constitutional concerns about specific provisions in that bill, I believed—and still believe—that unlike the Administration proposal, it was a good faith effort to work within the First Amendment.

Everyone in the Senate agrees that we should do all we can to protect our children from being victimized by child pornography. That would be an easy debate and vote. The more difficult thing is to write a law that will both do that and will stick. In 1996, when we passed the Child Pornography Prevention Act, "CPPA", many warned us that certain provisions of that Act violated the First Amendment. The Supreme Court's recent decision in *Free Speech* has proven them correct.

We should not sit by and do nothing. It is important that we respond to the Supreme Court decision. It is just as important, however, that we avoid repeating our past mistakes. Unlike the 1996 CPPA, this time we should respond with a law that passes constitutional muster. Our children deserve more than a press conference on this issue. They deserve a law that will last.

It is important that we do all we can to end the victimization of real children by child pornographers, but it is also important that we pass a law that will withstand First Amendment scrutiny. We need a law with real teeth, not one with false teeth.

After joining Senator HATCH in introducing the PROTECT Act, I convened a Judiciary Committee hearing on the legislation. We heard from the Administration, from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, NCMEC, and from experts who came and told us that our bill, as introduced, would pass constitutional muster, but the House-passed bill would not.