

lenging notions he brought this body to the pursuit of a new goal, the Presidency of the United States. Even those of us who will not support him in achieving that goal can only wish him the best in taking on that challenge—and be grateful that he will bring the spark of a tireless and searching mind to the usually dulling sameness of the campaign trail.

All these colleagues have left their indelible marks on this body and on Government as we know it today. We won't be alone in remembering them as their colleagues—because history will remember them for their contributions, past, present and future, to American politics as well.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HYMNS IN OUR LIVES

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, not long ago, I was asked if I had a favorite hymn. While considering this, I realized that though some may take hymns for granted, they are actually a very important part of our lives.

The hymn is often considered as simply a part of a church service. Yet, in reality, it is so much more. Even as a part of the service, the hymn allows a congregation to join together, united, in their praise of God. It allows people and families to join voices in song of praise and thanksgiving. In this way, friends, families and sometimes strangers are bound together in mutual worship, often accompanied by music which can be both inspiring, as well as pleasing to the ear.

The importance of the hymn outside of church is very often overlooked. In times of difficulty, hardship, solitude or sadness, a hymn that is sung to oneself, or out loud, provides that singer with added strength or fortitude. The tune could bolster a soul against the challenges of the day. The words could provide guidance in times of trouble. Those who are weak or weary can gain hope and encouragement.

Indeed, many people in the history of our Nation have derived such strength from hymns. Teddy Roosevelt often used to sing "Nearer, My God, To Thee." However, an acquaintance of his said that he, "had to laugh because it would be hard to imagine anything further from 'Nearer, My God, To Thee' than the tune Mr. Roosevelt was singing. I have heard him sing that tune scores of times," the acquaintance continued, "but never anything like the real tune, and never the same way twice."

Mr. Roosevelt was not the only President who indicated a favorite hymn. Abraham Lincoln chose "When I Can Read My Title Clear" as his favorite. William McKinley, like Teddy Roosevelt, favored "Nearer, My God, To Thee." Herbert Hoover's favorite was "Rock of Ages," and Franklin D. Roosevelt's favorite hymn was "Eter-

nal Father, Strong To Save." While Harry Truman chose "Faith of Our Father," Dwight D. Eisenhower was credited as having two favorites, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "Lead Kindly Light."

Recounting the choices of former Presidents brings me back to my friend's question—what was my favorite hymn. I had originally narrowed my choice to "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "How Great Thou Art." Each hymn has a long history, and each is very beautiful to hear, stirring to sing, and heartening upon which to reflect. For example, Winston Churchill asked that "How Great Thou Art" be played at his funeral—no doubt because of the influence of his American mother. "Onward Christian Soldiers," perhaps one of the best known hymns in existence, has been a favorite among countless people for many years. Recently the United Methodist Church attempted to eliminate it from the hymnal because it was too militaristic. However, I was pleased to see that a grassroots movement among Methodists throughout the Nation raised their voices to proclaim their support for "Onward Christian Soldiers." Recently, at the United Methodist conference in north Alabama, it was decided by an overwhelming vote to recommend the continuation of "Onward Christian Soldiers" in the hymnal. Yet, after much thought and deliberation, I must announce that my favorite hymn is "How Great Thou Art."

In closing, I thought that my colleagues may wish to see the words of both so they may make a judgment of their own. I hope they will, likewise, gain added strength and hope from these hymns.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands
have made, I see the stars, I hear the
rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout
the universe displayed,

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou
art! Then sings my soul, my Savior
God to thee; How great thou art, how
great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades
I wander And hear the birds sing
sweetly in the trees; When I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur And
hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou
art! Then sings my soul, my Savior
God to thee; How great thou art, how
great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not
sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can
take it in; That on the cross, my
burden gladly bearing, He bled and
died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou
art! Then sings my soul, my Savior

God to thee; How great thou art, how
great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of accla-
mation And take me home, what joy
shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in
humble adoration And there proclaim,
my God, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou
art! Then sings my soul, my Savior
God to thee; How great thou art, how
great thou art!

ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to
war, With the cross of Jesus Going on
before! Christ, the royal Master, Leads
against the foe; Forward into battle,
See His banner go!

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to
war, With the cross of Jesus Going on
before!

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth
flee; On, then, Christian soldiers, On
to victory! Hell's foundations quiver At
the shout of praise; Brothers, lift your
voices, Loud your anthems raise!

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to
war, With the cross of Jesus Going on
before!

Like a mighty army Moves the church of
God; Brothers, we are treading Where
the saints have trod; We are not divid-
ed; All one body we, One in hope and
doctrine, One in charity.

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to
war, With the cross of Jesus Going on
before!

Onward, then, ye people, Join our happy
throng; Blend with ours your voices In
the triumph song; Glory, laud, and
honor, Unto Christ the King; This
thru' countless ages Men and angels
sing.

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to
war, With the cross of Jesus Going on
before! Amen.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR BARRY M. GOLDWATER

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. President,
when the 100th Congress convenes
next year, it will be lacking one of the
most prominent Senators of this cen-
tury, the senior Senator from Arizona,
Senator BARRY GOLDWATER.

Senator GOLDWATER has given 30
years of service to the U.S. Senate.
But even 30 years do not adequately
reflect the influence he has had on
this body, on the Nation, and on his
political party.

For more than two decades, Senator
GOLDWATER has been a symbol to mil-
lions of Americans of what constitutes
the "conscience of a conservative."

Senator GOLDWATER's conservatism
has contributed to the national politi-
cal debate by broadening its scope, not
channeling it into narrowmindedness.
His conservatism challenged those
who did not share it to reexamine
their premises, not to abandon the
debate. His conservatism is of the kind
that seeks to preserve the Constitu-
tion, not undermine it.

In his Senate duties, Senator GOLDWATER has worked indefatigably for the goals toward which his principles point. He has worked for Armed Forces that are effective and efficient. He has worked to reestablish a spirit of patriotism and duty in the defense sector of the economy. He has always recognized that it is the spirit and morale of our fighting men that is the ultimate defense of our Nation, and he has stood up for them.

Recently Senator GOLDWATER remarked that the Senate's approval of this Defense Reorganization Act was his most important contribution to public policy. I respectfully disagree with him. Senator GOLDWATER's most important contribution to the public life of his country is the example he has set in his own career of dedication to principle, of patriotism, and of unswerving adherence to the constitutional principles on which this Nation is founded.

It has been an honor to serve with him and to learn from him.

RETIREMENT OF SENATOR PAUL LAXALT

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. President, The retirement of Senator PAUL LAXALT of Nevada signals the end of a unique Senate career.

Senator LAXALT himself says he entered politics "because I wasn't smart enough to be a good shepherd." But in his service to his President and his Nation last year, Senator LAXALT demonstrated those qualities of patience and good faith that have won him the strong support and affection of Nevadans throughout his political career.

Senator LAXALT's voyage to the Philippines in behalf of the President and the outcome of that voyage, which helped avert what could have been a terrible civil conflict, were not the customary duties of a Senator, but they represent the unique role Senator LAXALT has played as the President's close friend in the Senate.

He visited Manila, he spoke with President Marcos and he brought back from his visit the conviction not only that Marcos was isolated from his people and dangerously so, but he brought back a willingness to face the facts when it became evident the Philippine election outcome was tainted by illegality. Most importantly, he was willing to share that conviction with President Marcos and to stand behind it.

As a leader of the Western Coalition of Senators who seek to represent the problems and needs of the Western States here in the Nation's Capital, Senator LAXALT has worked to ensure that the more sparsely settled States receive the same kind of careful consideration as the populous part of the country.

He has retained his close association with the outdoors, an association growing out of his father's life in the Sierras and one he is passing on to his grandchildren. And throughout his Senate career, he has demonstrated by his commitment of time and effort the strong concern for preserving the American family which is the legacy of this own strong family background.

Senator LAXALT is one of the first-generation Americans who make more than a mark on this country—they help shape the nature of the country and its future. His has been a decisive shaping hand here in the Senate, and we are all regretful to see him leave.

CALL TO CONSCIENCE: THE PLIGHT OF SOVIET JEWS

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. President, a spirit of cautious optimism exists around the world that the relationship between the superpowers is changing for the better. At this time it is important that we keep firmly in mind the cause of those for whom this development holds great personal meaning. For thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union seeking emigration visas, changes in superpower relations could mean the opportunity to reunite with family in Israel and the freedom to practice their religion.

This year I have had the honor to coordinate the Congressional Call to Conscience Program for Soviet Jews. During the 2d session of this 99th Congress more than half of the Members of the Senate carried their concern for human rights in the Soviet Union to the floor and delivered statements outlining many refusenik cases. I would like to thank those of my colleagues who joined me in this effort to highlight the desperate situation of refuseniks. Only by persistently continuing such efforts can we hope to obtain their freedom.

Participating members were: Hon. JAMES ABDNOR, Hon. BILL ARMSTRONG, Hon. MAX BAUCUS, Hon. DAVID BOREN, Hon. RUDY BOSCHWITZ, Hon. BILL BRADLEY, Hon. DALE BUMPERS, Hon. QUENTIN BURDICK, Hon. JOHN CHAFEE, Hon. LAWTON CHILES, Hon. ALAN CRANSTON, Hon. ALFONSE D'AMATO, Hon. JOHN DANFORTH, Hon. DENNIS DECONCINI, Hon. ALAN DIXON, Hon. CHRIS DODD, Hon. ROBERT DOLE, Hon. PETE DOMENICI, Hon. JAMES EXON, Hon. JOHN GLENN, Hon. ALBERT GORE, Hon. SLADE GORTON, Hon. PHIL GRAMM, Hon. CHARLES GRASSLEY, Hon. TOM HARKIN, Hon. GARY HART, Hon. ORRIN HATCH, Hon. MARK HATFIELD, Hon. PAULA HAWKINS, Hon. JOHN HEINZ, Hon. GORDON HUMPHREY, Hon. DANIEL INOUE, Hon. BENNETT JOHNSTON, Hon. EDWARD KENNEDY, Hon. JOHN KERRY, Hon. FRANK LAUTENBERG, Hon. PAUL LAXALT, Hon. PATRICK LEAHY, Hon. CARL LEVIN, Hon. RUSSELL LONG, Hon. MACK MATTINGLY, Hon. HOWARD METZ-

ENBAUM, Hon. DON NICKLES, Hon. LARRY PRESSLER, Hon. DAN QUAYLE, Hon. DON RIEGLE, Hon. JAY ROCKEFELLER, Hon. PAUL SARBANES, Hon. PAUL SIMON, Hon. ARLEN SPECTER, Hon. BOB STAFFORD, Hon. PAUL Trible, Hon. JOHN WARNER, and Hon. PETE WILSON.

In letters from several constituents in Cape Elizabeth, ME, and in a note from an Israeli Knesset member, the cases of two refusenik families were recently brought to my attention. Alec and Galina Abramovich of Bendary and Lev and Inna Elbert of Kiev have been waiting years for permission to emigrate. Both families have suffered terrible hardships during this period and their cases deserve the prompt attention of Soviet authorities. It is my hope that like Yuri Orlov and Natan Scharansky they too will be allowed to reunite with family in Israel.

In an effort to be of assistance to them and the thousands of other Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate I regularly have sent copies of our our Call to Conscience statements to General Secretary Gorbachev, Ambassador Dubinin, and the State Department.

This year 631 Jews have been granted emigration visas. That is not enough. We must redouble our efforts, until the day arrives when emigration visas are granted as a matter of course, rather than as public relations ploys which are, in reality, exceptions to the Soviet Union's iron-fisted rule.

On an August night in Moscow last year I had the opportunity to meet with several refuseniks as a member of the Senate delegation to the Soviet Union. This experience touched me deeply. After listening to their harrowing stories until late into the night we left our newfound friends promising to bring their cases to the attention of General Secretary Gorbachev. They felt strongly that this was one of the most effective ways to improve their situation.

As the delegation finally took its leave, drained and exhausted, I experienced a strange mixture of sadness and relief. In a few days we would be back in America, free; they, however, would be in the Soviet Union, continuing their struggle. As I turned around for a last goodbye, and saw their strong but tear-stained faces, I realized they were thinking the same thing.

In the spirit of that meeting I look forward to continuing my work on behalf of these brave individuals and urge my colleagues to do the same.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, at the end of this session, we will bid farewell to the senior Senator from Arizona, BARRY GOLDWATER. After countless legislative wars and brilliant