

Eddie, as Bernie calls him, had the qualities to be more than an ordinary public servant. He demonstrated that many times. And I think, most of all, as I look back, the fact was that he was accessible and I know that his colleagues in the Congress spoke highly of him. Our own Congressional delegation, of course, thought very highly of him and I think the people of the State of Nebraska expressed on more than one occasion the warm and close feelings they had for Senator Zorinsky. As Bernice has indicated, he was a rather nonpolitical person, caused his own party...Bernice was a little concerned from time to time, much to the joy of we Republicans, but the facts are that, I think, that Senator Zorinsky is going to be an individual who will be missed by all of us in the years to come. It is very unfortunate that at a time when Nebraska agriculture is in the throws of the worst depression in 50 years that we lose the leadership of Senator Zorinsky. I know that all of us appreciate the work he has done, appreciate the fact that he did make a difference and that he did establish some goals while in the Congress. It's kind of interesting that at a time I recall very vividly in 1980 when President Carter, for whatever reason, decided to place an embargo on the sale of grain to Russia, Senator Zorinsky described it in one word, asinine. Every other politician and some nonpoliticians were equivocating and vacillating but Senator Zorinsky called the shots the way he saw them. It didn't always make him popular but they at least knew what he felt and there ought to be more like him. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I also was honored to have known the late Edward Zorinsky since the late 1950s, and, in fact, many times we had sat in the Republican County Central Committee together, supported him as he went forward to the OPPD Board. He made an extraordinary Mayor, dealing competently with not only the every day Omaha happenings but also with a record blizzard and a record tornado. As a Senator in Washington, he was an outstanding representative of the State of Nebraska, and our state and our country will miss him very much in that capacity. He was the epitome of honesty and integrity, as has been mentioned, but also of ingenuousness and openness. He was a source of inspiration to me and supported me when I ran for the State Legislature. And I think anyone who loved...who knew him, loved him and agreed with Cece that he did make a difference in so many hundreds and thousands of lives.