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partment of Transportation has issued new regulations to mass transit systems. Many transit authorities are still not providing service that allows persons with disabilities to get to work.

**HOUSING**  
While affordable and appropriate housing is a major concern for millions of Americans, the situation is even worse for the disabled. Even if you are self-sufficient and can afford a house, it's almost impossible for the disabled to find one that is accessible. The fair housing bill is now in the Judiciary Committee with provisions that include persons with disabilities. I think it's about time that they are covered under this legislation.

**VOTING**  
This year, American citizens can once again exercise their fundamental rights by voting in the Presidential election. Yet for many years, Americans with disabilities were kept from voting because registration and polling places were inaccessible. I was proud to be an original cosponsor of the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984 and hope that it turns out to be landmark legislation. I expect to see record numbers of disabled men and women in wheelchairs, and otherwise disabled, vote this year because the polling places are accessible finally.

**CHANGE THE FUTURE**  
No doubt about it, disabled Americans will be heard from in the 1988 elections. I urge the Presidential candidates from both parties to listen to them, and to reach out to them as many have tried to do in their campaigns and I tried to do in mine. April 14, 1985 was a long time ago. I can't change the past. But working together, I believe we can change the future for millions of disabled Americans.

So I am not here to talk about the past. I am here to talk about the future, what the future holds, and the hopes and aspirations of millions of Americans. And I think we are seeing progress every day.  
Mr. BYRD, Mr. President, as one American, I wish to express my appreciation to Robert Dole, who became a casualty on the battlefield. I want to thank him for his services to his country, for his bravery under fire, and for his thoughtfulness and service toward others. He became a casualty as he was sacrificing for others.

I want to thank him, too, for the service he continues to render in this arena. He has been as courageous in the field of public service, and certainly he continues to render the same noble and gifted and dedicated service to his country as he sought to give when he served under our country's flag.

He has performed well in whatever rank, position, or station of life in which he received his calling. He continues to serve daily, and I continue to

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admire him. I admire him for the sacrifices he has made for our country. As I sat here listening to Bob Dole, and as one who is very interested in American history—as well as the history of England, incidentally—and particularly in the history of the U.S. Senate, I thought that it must have been men like Robert Dole whom Emerson had in mind when he said:  
Not gold, but only men can make a nation great and strong;  
Men who for truth and honor's sake stand fast and labor long;  
Real men who work while others sleep,  
Who dare while others fly,  
They build a nation's pillars deep  
And lift them to the sky.

**ORDERS FOR FRIDAY**  
ORDER FOR RECESS UNTIL 10:30 A.M.

Mr. BYRD, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 10:30 tomorrow morning.

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

**MORNING BUSINESS**  
Mr. BYRD, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the two leaders under the standing order on tomorrow morning, there be a period for morning business not to extend beyond 11 o'clock a.m., that Senators may speak for not to exceed 5 minutes each during that period.

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

**RESUMPTION OF PENDING BUSINESS**  
Mr. BYRD, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at the hour of 11 o'clock tomorrow the Senate resume consideration of the bill, S. 237.

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

**ORDER OF PROCEEDURE**

Mr. BYRD, Mr. President, there will be rollcall votes on S. 237 tomorrow. I hope that the Senate will be able to put in a good day—it is a Friday—just like any other of the 5 days during the week. This is a very important bill that is being considered tomorrow, and I hope the Senate can complete action on the bill tomorrow.

Mr. President, does the very distinguished Republican leader have anything further he would like to say or any business he would like to transact?

**APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

The PRESIDING OFFICER, If the majority leader will withhold, the Chair has appointed as President of the Chair, on behalf of the Pres-

ident pro tempore, pursuant to section 1139 of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 9136 of Public Law 100-203, appoints the following members to the National Commission on Children:

Individuals providing services, activities, or research for children: Ms. Marian Wright Edelman, of the District of Columbia; Mr. David Weickert, of Michigan; Dr. James D. Northway, of California; and Mr. Barry S. Zuckerman, of Massachusetts.

Individuals who are elected or appointed public officials: Hon. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV, of West Virginia; Hon. LOWELL P. WYCKEN, Jr., of Connecticut; Hon. William Clinton, of Arkansas; and Mr. William Honig, of California.

Individuals who are parents or represent parent organizations: Mrs. Betty Jo Hay, of Texas; Mr. Irving Harris, of Illinois; Mrs. Adele C. Hall, of Missouri; and Dr. William Cosby, of Massachusetts.

**SENATOR BOB DOLE**

Mr. MATSUNAGA, Mr. President, I rise to be able to join with the distinguished majority leader in the sentiments expressed relative to our beloved and distinguished minority leader, Bob Dole.

I think all listening to what he had to say could not help but be impressed and I, too, as I sat here listening to him, was very much impressed to have in our midst a hero like him.

I would even go to the extent of saying that if he were running on the Democratic ticket, he would be our next President.

I thank the Senator.  
Mr. DOLE, Mr. President, I thank my colleague. I am not certain about that last comment.

But Senator MATSUNAGA, of course, has a distinguished record and the Presiding Officer is the real American hero in this room right now.

I say to the distinguished majority leader, I particularly thank you for your generous remarks which were, as always—this is from my point of view—right on target.

But I speak not for Bob Dole, but for all those people out there. And there are millions and millions of Americans who I think are making a difference because of what Congress has done.

I must say I thought about this yesterday as I saw Jennings Randolph come into the Chamber to say hello to the distinguished majority leader. Senator Randolph was in the forefront of a lot of legislation around this place

that made life a lot easier for many, countless thousands and thousands of Americans with disabilities.

So I thank my colleague, the majority leader, and my colleague from Hawaii.

Mr. BYRD, Mr. President, I again thank the distinguished Republican leader and I thank my good friend "Sparky," Senator MATSUNAGA. There, too, a hero. He did not say that about himself, but he fought for this Nation and fought nobly. And, as was very well pointed out, our Presiding Officer today is JOHN GLENN, a hero who is known and beloved by millions of Americans. I am proud to stand in this Hall among these heroes.

I cannot say that I fought in the Nation's war, but I helped to build some Liberty ships and Victory ships and did some welding in the underbottoms in Baltimore building those ships. I also welded in the McCloskey Shipyard in Tampa, FL. That was a very, very little service as compared with the service that these men have performed. I am just proud to be in their company.

**THE REPARATIONS BILL FOR JAPANESE-AMERICANS**

Mr. BYRD, Mr. President, I expect and hope, and it is my intent upon the disposition of the lobbying bill, to go to the reparations bill for Japanese-Americans which has been authored by the distinguished Senator from Hawaii, Mr. MATSUNAGA. That bill number is S. 1009.

He has worked assiduously for months on this bill. He has contacted, I daresay, every Senator in this Chamber on both sides of the aisle and he has just about gotten most of them or all of them—he does not have all of them.

Mr. MATSUNAGA, Seventy-five.  
Mr. BYRD, Seventy-five; three-fourths of them as cosponsors of this bill.

Now, it is through his persuasive talents that he got those 75 cosponsors and through his hard work and his dedication. We all know about our friend—we call him "Sparky"—Spark MATSUNAGA's dedication to his work here in the Senate, to his country, to his family. We admire him. He is one whom we all would do well to emulate with respect to his dedication, his high sense of purpose, and his never-wavering loyalty to his friends and to this institution and, above all, to his country.

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Mr. DOLE, Mr. President, it was about 1 year ago this month—April 21, 1987, to be exact—that a letter from the New York Times arrived on my desk. It was a note informing me that the Times had assembled a "team of reporters" who would be preparing a series of "in-depth profiles" on Presidential candidates.

I was told in somber terms that "the Presidency is a unique office and Presidential candidates are inevitably, and we believe rightly, asked to provide the public with extensive information about themselves."

**ISSUELESS AND NEGATIVE**  
In fact, it was a letter that heralded the kind of coverage Presidential candidates could expect in the coming months on the campaign trail: issueless and negative.

The Times letter made no reference to issues, nor did it request any such information. Instead, I was asked to provide:

- My driver's license.
- My marriage license.
- My high school and college transcripts.
- My military records.
- My medical records.
- A list of my friends.
- And a waiver of my privacy rights.

Now, Mr. President, I understand full well that running for the Nation's highest office puts a candidate in a 24-hour-per-day fishbowl. No doubt about it, it's the candidate's choice. As I have said before, once you declare for the Presidency, "all bets are off."

But at the same time, time I don't believe that the media should reply, "that's right, and all fairness and all issues are off, too."

Mr. President, the resulting New York Times article—its so-called in-depth profile—was better suited for one of those supermarket tabloids than it was for such a distinguished newspaper. Unfortunately, it was a preview of things to come.

**STUDY SHOWS ISSUES DON'T COUNT**  
A new study now confirms the obvious: As reported in USA Today this past Friday, network television coverage of the 1988 Presidential campaign has focused 80 percent of its time on everything but issues. There was coverage on all kinds of gossip, and horse-race stories; and judging from my own experience, who is on or off the Dole campaign plane; which reporter will find the one person in a friendly audience who can serve up a juicy negative quote; and on and on and on.

In other words, very little interest in the Federal deficit, child care, United States-Soviet relations, welfare reform, problems in the farm belt, trade, or what to do about America's homeless.

Think about it: 80 percent of valuable national newstime devoted to avoiding the issues; to putting political gossip above information; and titillation above education.

**THE PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW**

Mr. DOLE, I have been involved in three national campaigns. As a candidate, I have criss-crossed the country

enough times to cash in my frequent on the state of the campaign, whether flier tickets for an entire airline. I it came from a reporter who had been have been out there—in the real on board for 1 month, or one stop. It world. And I can tell you that most did not matter. Preconceived notions, Americans are hungry for informa-prewritten stories and premeditated tion. They want to know—even if some cliches were all confirmed regardless national news reporters do not—where of the facts. And if there was a nice we stand on the issues.

They want to know what we would. It would be kept on the spin cycle for a do if we were sitting in the Oval good week or so. Office; how our stands on the issues. All the while, reporters' necks were might affect their futures, and their craned in the rear of the plane scan- children's' futures; and they want to ning the campaign staff up front for know if we can make a difference.

Unfortunately, the American people ments that would somehow reveal the are not getting what they want. At inside story. Meanwhile, the issues dis- least not from the news media, par- appeared somewhere over Iowa air- ticularly the national media. I spent space.

**I JUST WISH . . .**  
Now, did Bob DOLE run a perfect Presidential campaign? We make mistakes. Maybe too many who knows? But in my mind, I was never wrong or mistaken on the issues. Nor was I ever short of the time and energy to talk about them—on and off the plane.

I just wish I was hounded on the Federal deficit as I was on my staff. I just wish I was interrogated about American agriculture as I was about fundraising. I just wish my voting record were as thoroughly scrutinized as were my wife's personal finances.

It was my loss, but more so the American voter's.

**REPUBLICANS TAKE THE HEAT**

Just as alarming, the USA Today network news analysis reveals that Republican candidates received far more

It was a daily spin from the experts