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REMEMBERING HUGH SCOTT

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole made the following statement today on the floor of the U.S. Senate:

From the days of Benjamin Franklin until today, Pennsylvanians have contributed a great deal to the history of the United States.

Few Pennsylvanians -- and few Americans -- gave more of themselves to public service than Hugh Scott.

I join with all members of the Senate, in mourning the loss of Senator Scott, who passed away last night at the age of 93.

Hugh Scott's public service career began in World War I, when he enrolled in the Students' Army Training Corps. And after serving for 15 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia, Hugh Scott took time from his career to serve for two years on active duty with the United States Navy during World War II.

During that same time, he was elected for the first of eight terms in the United States Congress. During his service in Congress, Hugh Scott also served for two years as Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

In 1958, Pennsylvanians promoted Hugh Scott to the Senate, where he would remain for 18 years--the last eight of which he would serve as Republican Leader.

Senator Scott was leader during the administrations of President Nixon and President Ford. While there were Republicans in the White House, the Democrats controlled the Senate. I know first hand what a challenge that can be. And Senator Scott was respected by all for his abilities to advance his President's agenda.

One of Senator Scott's many special interests was the Far East. And along with then Majority Leader Mansfield, Senator Scott will be remembered for leading the first congressional delegation visit to China.

After the Constitutional Convention, Ben Franklin was asked what type of government was created, and he responded, "A Republic-if we can keep it." And as we remember Hugh Scott, we can also remember that here was a man who give his all to ensure that our Republic remained strong and free.