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Following is the text of a statement Senator Bob Dole will make in the Senate tomorrow:

JOHN L. McCLELLAN

MR. DOLE. Mr. President, the People of Arkansas and the members of the United States Senate lost a valued friend and dedicated public servant when our colleague John McClellan passed away.

For half a century, John McClellan served his state and nation as a World War I military officer, prosecuting attorney, member of the United States House of Representatives, and for the past thirty-five years, as United States Senator. John McClellan was an articulate advocate for the people of his state and for the principles in which he believed. As Chairman of the Permanent Investigations Sub-committee, he courageously sought out crime and corruption during the 1950's. And, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, he has been a constant voice for fiscal responsibility.

A member of this body since 1943, his achievements will not soon be forgotten. However, his many years of service did not diminish his willingness to listen to the views of younger members. Coming to this Chamber as a Freshman Senator in 1969, I noticed very early in my own Senate career that he was always extremely courteous and solicitous of the views of everyone.

Courteous, hard-working, dignified -- a true legislative giant -- Senator McClellan was the picture of what the Senate should be. His tolerance for the views of others, including newcomers, was only one example of his style and demeanor.

His industriousness, his dedication to principle, and his leadership will be sorely missed. I join all of my colleagues in the Congress in expressing condolences to his wife, Norma, and his entire family.