

Packwood's Resigns

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with him, altering personal diaries sought as evidence by investigators and pressuring lobbyists to find a job for his ex-wife.

His resignation relieved the Senate, and its worried Republican leaders, of the grim prospect of a floor debate over his expulsion. One of the most grateful had to be Dole, already

bowed under the twin burdens of leading the Senate effectively through prospective budget battles with Clinton and seeking his party's 1996 presidential nomination.

A Packwood expulsion fight would have distracted the Senate and complicated Dole's leadership task immeasurably, and Dole was among the several Senate leaders who rose quickly to console Packwood imme-

diately after his farewell speech.

Dole said he thought Packwood had made "the right decision" but that this did not detract from his record of legislative achievement and political leadership over the last 27 years.

"I would just say he's been an outstanding legislator, an outstanding U.S. senator and someone whose legacy will be around for a long, long time. And a friend of mine," Dole said.

Hatfield Saddened by Packwood Nightmare

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Hatfield issued the following statement:

"It saddens me deeply that recent events have overcome my longtime friend and colleague and led him to make this decision. I am very sorry to see his career end this way.

"For the Senator, his family, the women who have come forth, Oregonians, his supporters, friends, colleagues, and the Senate itself, this has been a painful process.

"It is my hope that we can put some focus on Sen. Packwood's full record - a legacy which cannot be expunged or overshadowed by recent events. And more importantly, it is my hope that each of us will remember that Bob Packwood is a human being just as we all are, and that this is a sad day for him and those of us who are his friends.

"Bob Packwood and I have known one another well for over 40 years - since 1950 - when he arrived at Willamette University to begin his freshman year. We met the year before when Bob was a senior in high school. We were friends before we were colleagues. Bob was a student of mine at Willamette University where I taught political science - he was one of the most brilliant students I ever had the pleasure of working

with. He became my 'senior scholar' of exam papers in his final year of college. He later clerked for the Oregon Supreme Court and honed his skills as a debater and analyst of public policy issues.

"His interest and ability for political life surfaced early at Willamette. He decided to run for the state legislature and was elected first in 1963. His motto was "People for Packwood" and it became a model campaign for other candidates. To this day, Sen. Packwood is known as a consummate campaigner.

"I came to the Senate in the 1966 election and Bob joined me in 1968. Bob was 36 years old and offered great hope and promise as a legislator. He was excited by politics. In a true reflection of his Oregon constituency, Sen. Packwood represented independent thinking and tolerance for the diversity of views within both the Republican Party and the Senate itself.

"We have served together for over 26 years as colleagues and friends. Bob has distinguished himself in many areas - including tax reform, law, trade legislation, commerce issues, Social Security and Medicare.

"We have been divided on issues but not in friendship. Abortion is an example of this - Sen. Packwood

is pro-choice, I am pro-life. But our disagreement never interfered with our ability to remain cordial.

As Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee in 1986, my colleague crafted the historic tax reform package which streamlined and created more equity in our tax code. This issue highlighted his brilliant ability to take a complex issue, dissect it and help every citizen understand its importance.

"We have fought side-by-side on issues of critical importance to the Northwest such as bans on driftnet fishing and a balanced approach to the timber supply problem in Oregon.

In this new era -- defined by increasing partisanship and lack of congeniality -- Bob and I have consistently worked together on behalf of our constituency. We have helped each other with legislation, appeared jointly in the state on numerous occasions, our staffs have worked closely together, and we have accomplished a great deal as partners.

"Winston Churchill once said, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." Bob Packwood embodied this statement from his political hero and it became his motto for public service.

I am grateful for the opportunity we have had to serve together and for our friendship. I will miss him."

Katz Stays Put

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"I appreciate the many phone calls I have received over the past months encouraging me to run," Katz, a Democrat, said Thursday. "It is an honor to be considered for such an important responsibility. However, in reply, I will not be a candidate to replace Bob Packwood."

Earlier, just before Packwood resigned, the entire city council wrote a letter to Packwood urging his resignation.

"When you were elected to the Senate, citizens statewide invested their trust in you to govern reasonably, responsibly, ethically. The vote by the Senate Ethics Committee and the evidence they have referenced in

their public statements is clear indication that you have violated that trust, and that you have failed to meet the standard of what it means to be a public official of Oregon," the letter stated.

"At a time when public confidence in government is faltering, the greatest public service you could do is to help put this controversy behind us and get on with addressing the critical challenges facing this city, state and nation. It is therefore with urgency that the Portland City Council hereby requests that you step down from your position in the U.S. Senate."

The letter was signed by Katz and city commissioners Earl Blumenauer, Charlie Hales, Gretchen Kafoury and Mike Lindberg.

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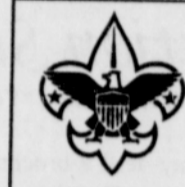
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