

Paul Tsongas

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*At the Energy Subcommittee*

Markup - 5688 - bill to authorize FY 1980 approp for earlier program of DOE.

Longest debate is on coal liquefaction.

During the meeting, Peter Wallish comes in to talk to Domenici; and Mary Helen comes in to talk with Paul.

Domenici wants to take up an addition to hot dry rock program within the geothermal technology item with these little amendments. "Wilma away acting on budget 10-11 days, Dillum says 3 days! Pete gets carried away!

Church was hesitant. "I tried to go out of order yesterday and didn't succeed. To go out of order would be to ruffle feathers. Do you (to PD) want to ruffle feathers?"

PD: "Well, I'll wait till 5 minutes to twelve and then I think people will agree with me."

Church: "I have no objection to proceeding out of order."

Paul's only comment came with regard to a research safety item. Bumpers said it was related to Clinch River. Paul wanted to say he thought Clinch river should be left to "die of its own weight." Said that people on the other side should know how people feel on this side. Wants to support research but thinks that Clinch river should be disassociated from it.

Votes 10-7. He said that if Clinch river were not connected with the safety item, he'd vote for the safety item. (Admin. opposed the item too.)

~~12 for 12 amendment.~~

~~No one I don't like.~~

*u conservative*  
 "Strange bedfellows." Domenici as ~~conscientious~~ as you can get - thoughtful on solar energy.

to Mike Green - *on* SALT briefing *by Carter*

SALT "very impressive". "No way you can argue he's not sincere, bright, works hard, *He's not a backslider or* wheeler dealer. *He's* an intellectual."

Problems: 1) Fixation with *right wing* - solar energy and balanced budget - recognize Angola.

2) doesn't listen to others. "He will meet and listen to you for the sake of meeting and listening to you but not to listen."

"I did speech on Angola. ~~that~~ *I* ~~and~~ *to the White House that* said if he wants to talk about it, I'll talk about it with him, *That* But I didn't want a meeting *just* to have a meeting. We haven't had a meeting."

Carter - "He's got a lot of self confidence. He thinks he's right. It's not a boastful arrogance. It's a quiet arrogance... I sat there last night and felt very warm towards him. I spent the same amount of time listening to Bill Moyers and Jerry Brown and I wanted to strangle Brown."

"The old liberal community isn't there. Once you get *beyond* ~~big~~ and the few union warhorses, the old coalition just isn't there."

Described self - "about as liberal as you can get and still get elected." Saying even he wasn't " *No nukes.*"

TK - "We have a good relationship" on the floor. "That's where I see him."

"I was joking with Kennedy and Sparky Matsunaga the other day and Kennedy was joking saying that I was in Massachusetts all the time. Some editorial said "Tsongas has been here 3 times and we haven't seen Kennedy. 'I said that I have to go back 3 times as much to get 1/3 the publicity.'"

National Health. "I endorsed Kennedy, Corman but I haven't studied it since I've been so involved in the Rhodesian question. When the time comes, I'll get into it. But I'm not going to spend my that thinking about some issue that's two years away."

"I'm as strongly <sup>environmentalist</sup> as anyone<sup>around here</sup>--Alaska, red-woods, you name it. But I tell <sup>the students</sup>, 'You get up in the morning use your electric toothbrush, turn on your air conditioned house, drive an air conditioned car and You worry about nuclear waste? You can't have it both ways.' That <sup>like</sup> windmill going around in the window, <sup>over there</sup> powered by the sun--that is the future... It's easy to generate the capacity to have a rally, a big 'do' that gets people together. What they need to generate is the <sup>capacity to get the</sup> alternative programs in place--in the local community and nationally."

"The energy <sup>problem</sup> is an entire life style. As long as you can attack <sup>the oil</sup> companies, <sup>&</sup> Schlesinger, and blame them, you give people the chance of opting out of the real problem."

"When we have finished ~~the~~ <sup>ing</sup> attack ~~on~~ Schlesinger and the oil companies, maybe we will realize the problem is us."

Urban strategies. "Our role is watchdogging to make sure things aren't cut out."

"We have 7 people - 6 up there and Missy here to contact businesses and cities."

"The first year we said would be an informational year. But it's safe to say we've had more contact with the people out there than any other Senator."

Greenfield - Lynn.

"We've not done as much as I thought because the competence to do things is not there. We introduced amendments to the export <sup>act</sup> that favor high technology industries. There are times like that where knowing people there feeds us down here."



Senate office calls and his financial statement not filed - one of 3 --  
that explodes my interview with Dennis.

"There are fewer people around here. There aren't enough people to divvy up things. One Senator came up to me and said 'Don't talk to me about this bill. My staff says whatever Tsongas does, you do.' I'll have to look and see if he did."

"The new guy on the block thing is not a big issue. I've introduced 12 amendments <sup>in</sup> and 2 committees and won 'em all."

"<sup>It's a much</sup> ~~Thinks~~ stuffier place than the House. I just went over to House to wait for the vote on the Alaska lands. Everyone came up to me and rushed up. There's a closeness that there isn't here. <sup>The</sup> Senate is more staid - more lonely. I go over to the House once a week or every 2 weeks just to see my friends. It's a younger body and I think that makes a difference."

"Senators are a lot more awesome until you get to know them. I remember walking down these corridors and feeling intimidated. Now it strikes me as funny -- ridiculous <sup>^</sup> (laughs) yet I remember distinctly feeling that way."

"No senator has problem in getting into the papers."

Humously, <sup>on one occasion</sup> when he was going to make a major speech, he asked Kennedy to stop doing everything for a day so he could get publicity. Newspapers <sup>played it up</sup> as conflict <sup>between them. Great misunderstanding. He commented:</sup>

"My sense of humor doesn't lend itself to <sup>wire services</sup> ~~live seniors~~."

"Oh, yeah. There's a shadow all right. We're all individuals around here. There's more perception of Senators than as groupings of two. The problem comes back home. But it's less of a problem than I thought. <sup>" This is where</sup> ~~Matsunga~~ <sup>he told Matsunga - Kennedy commented editorial that said that had seen T. 3 times, had seen Kennedy.</sup>

<sup>Again, he TK</sup> "We have different issues. If we were competing on same issues, then you would be overshadowed." He described the issues.

"I have said things that caused my staff no end of pain. The Saudi Arabia thing. It turned out I was right. The Pentagon had war gamed it.

Thing about favorite son candidate - could check on that. "We were thinking about it, so why not say it." Other mistake re. thinking out loud.

<sup>The</sup> "Staff sent emissary in to tell me that my <sup>approach as a</sup> ~~appro~~ congressman was not appropriate<sup>to the Senate</sup>. As a Senator, people pick up on everything you say. But at least if you say what you think, people won't have to worry about whether you meant it or not. That's the way I am."

Re governor King. "There have been issues where I was strongly opposed to what was being <sup>approved</sup> ~~opposed~~. I made my position known through intermediaries and in two cases they <sup>problems</sup> ~~went~~ away."

"I don't have much contact with him. I don't want to be specific because I <sup>don't</sup> ~~can't~~ want to go around bragging about the impact we had."

Re. Windfall profits - what figure<sup>?</sup> 100% - the higher the better. "