

ARLEN SPECTER *my letter*

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MA: If the Senator from Wisconsin had this problem in your state you'd be taking the same position Proxmire. I probably would and I'd probably be

Some lack of cordiality evident between Hatfield and D'Amato at Appropriations markup - Bruce Ray says AD "can't get to" Hatfield--though he doesn't know why--and therefore has to bring amendments up that Hatfield doesn't favor and bring them up without Hatfield's prior knowledge. Just after Hatfield thanks all Senators for clearing their amendments with the staff and thus helping to expedite business, D'Amato offers an amendment (actually some report language on Isabella Project at Stony Brook) that Hatfield hasn't seen before. Wrangles between feisty D'Amato and urbane Hatfield both over AD's proposed amendment on development bonds (opposed by Dole, who will move to table, they fear)--resolved by Schmitt's suggestion that Hatfield "persuade" Dole to let a debate take place on the floor--and on the Isabella project and on the West Valley project where DA wants some kind of assurance written into the bill that the project will continue--and Hatfield is "very reluctant" to single out any projects within the general cut--both of which get settled by Hatfield saying he will try to help and DA saying he's "comforted".

Contrast between D'Amato and Specter

Specter - TMI account he wants 4m more - Hatfield says that since House figure is higher than Senate figure "You will probably achieve a substantial part of what you wish... "We will be sympathetic in conference to the Senator's request." AS: "With that assurance, I desist."

AS - also Appalachian program for a total of 150m  
Admin - zero  
S - 83  
House - 215million

AS - speaks and then says "I would like to hear the chair's comment."

MA - I would assume again, that we will be reaching a higher figure than the Senate bill once we go to conference.

AS If I hear an expression of sympathy from the chair, I will again accept that.

~~MA~~ - a little less sympathy, but sympathy.

Huddleston and Stennis give some support.

~~MA~~ - What was the Senator's proposal figure?

AS - 150 million.

~~MA~~ - Because the House acted before the reconciliation than the Senate, they operated under none of the constraints which we did. Their figure is 215, ours is 83. I assume that in conference we will arrive at a figure for closer to the Senate figure than the House figure, but that will bring the number very close to the figure you desire.

AS - "With that expression from the chair, I accept his assurance. With respect to gradations of sympathy I think sympathy, like some other things, is something you can't have a little of.

MH - There are various ways of expressing sympathy.

Smiles all around. Very different approach from D'Amato.

AS (and Senator Cochran) - wants money for urban gardening. Cochran says "I was reluctant to accept this amendment, in view of the work of the extension service in assisting urban gardener, but in view of the persuasiveness of Senator Specter's argument during the roll call vote we just had over on the floor, I accept his amendment."

AS - brings up another one involving ethanol, methanol gasoline programs. wants 250 million guarantee program rescinded - for grain conversion. He

does it on behalf of someone in Agriculture Department and doesn't push for it - voice vote votes it down. AS grins as if he didn't care.

I saw Gordon Woodrow in the corridor that afternoon and I told him what a contrast I saw between D'Amato and Specter, whose situations as big state Republicans needing money was similar. How Arlen seemed to know how to get money and D'Amato seemed to antagonize.

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him*

Gordon said "He's gotten pretty good at getting things in Committee. He's learned how to work in committee hearings and committee markups. What we've got to work on is getting things on the floor. He doesn't know how to go around getting votes on the floor. He's out of it over there. But I suppose each person has his own talents. And, besides, he's learned a lot in one year."