

THE WASTRELS OF DEFENSE

How Congress Sabotages
U.S. Security

Winslow T. Wheeler

Naval Institute Press
Annapolis, Maryland

BOOKNOTES
BRIAN P. LAMB
C-SPAN AIR DATE

____/____/____

AG. S. Bellini
Park trial in defense
2004

worked at GAO
for 9 years 81-96
My bosses -
Janis
Domini
Prison
Kassmann

Jan Senz
not a real
debate

P144 30,593 staffers
11,488 - work for
44 committees 535

2,177
4,254 - work for
support agencies
CSO/GSA/CRS

1,251 police

2,012 -
clerk - maintenance

1,964 - clerk
clerk/operator

794. Winslow Wheeler

The Wastrels of Defense: How Congress Sabotages U.S. Security

Taped: 10/07/04

Aired: 11/07/04

Tape #: 183797

Ford Foundation generous grant
Senator Stevens - investigation of
Air Force friendly fire incident
Senator Rott - PSF - Chair.
Eric Throsson - Senate aide and former Vietnam pilot.

Chuck Spinney *
Robert Ceram
George Wilson
Jim Fallows
and former Vietnam pilot.

Pork Parade

After 9/11 National Defense Authorization Act
DOD Appropriation bill.

Stevens / Dornye - bi-partisan - voice vote
mal / mis / non feasible

line items / earmarks / member adds

Operations and Maintenance O and M budget - Senator
Vande item in the book - changes in Pres. priorities

* With exception of John McCain - members never explain
what is going on.

"Pork buster" who are they

America decides to go to war - badly, P15

Week of Shores. - Senator Jeb's House what was in full
Bush played political games - getting authorization right before Nov
2002

* Today's Senate - several points - wasteful

Chap 2 -

Sen. Jack Javits - Capture Nation's Week

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum - Congressional Unlucky, Reform Caucus

Winchberger - NY Times - Miss Little Nancy

John Boyd - new operational testing in Pentagon -

Waris - wanted suggestions to limit - Sen. to AF Col. James Burton

Army's Bradley Fighting Vehicle testing -

plumy test - AF got rid of him - should not

Come to his defense

Pete Domenici (20 Oct 2000 -

Unlucky returns - Taiwan for F-16 -

Senate vote - must offset spending with savings p24

John Warner - got a bill passed for only 2 years to avoid
having to pay for it. He would later make it permanent

House conf. took the whole 10 years / 40 billion -

Domenici voted (9 only) against it - Point of Order

John Edwards made comment in elevator p26

worst vote I ever cast

one nation under God - thrown out by ninth circuit
Senate passed resolution - 99-0 - "outraged"
Went on to pass national defense authorization bill w/o
much debate - Arrogance

BOOKNOTES
2004-11-07

Naval Institute Press
291 Wood Road
Annapolis, MD 21402

© 2004 by Winslow T. Wheeler

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the publisher.

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data
Wheeler, Winslow T.

The wastrels of defense : how Congress sabotages U.S. security / Winslow T. Wheeler.

p. cm.

Includes bibliographical references and index.

ISBN 1-59114-938-X (alk. paper)

1. Waste in government spending—United States. 2. United States. Congress—Appropriations and expenditures. 3. United States. Dept. of Defense—Appropriations and expenditures. 4. United States—Defenses—Economic aspects. 5. Patronage, Political—United States. I. Title.

HJ7537.W54 2004

336.3'9—dc22

2004015003

Printed in the United States of America on acid-free paper ∞

11 10 09 08 07 06 05 04 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

First printing

Academic life @ Maryland -
Demonstrated Apr. 70's recursion in Cambodia
Senate passed War Powers Act 72' Apr. 68-16
Another vote in 73' (72-18)

House joint Res 542 244-170
Nixon's veto message arrogant - Stennis and Jents
then Saturday night Massacre
Final margin 284-135 - enough

Chap 11

Self designated aristocracy on Capitol Hill
Jents I had to make travel arrangements for his wife
Hill exemption of Civil Service rules
Most staff and members never read bulls p176
Coffee and Monemici p170
Health care and Abol

Travel - it was Defense trip reports that
started my career in writing
started to send my reports to Chuck Spinney
looked to Roman Scarborough
Domemici blew up.

Chap 5

ICs with lists - not reviewed by Sec Def

growth

Cohen - said don't do - the Chiefs did it anyway
After Bush elected - will just 90B.
Cunneen put name down - the last then
became 32.4 Bil.

Chap 5

Our M budget trans maintenance
utility exercises spare parts

lighting

244-110

281-132-200

self designed enclosure or cabinet
to that with the group of the
description of unit
A staff and maintenance
9110

9110

it was before the report that
I had my paper in writing
to send reports to the
department.

to work with - not
to work with - the
to work with - the
to work with - the
to work with - the

Wagner's bill - 40 Bil for Vietnam Healthcare
subject to point of order. - I was accused of working
w. Democrats - not be loyal

Park - joints in 70s - Kass and Proyer in early 80's
9 yrs. at HAO

Back to Senate - Domenici.

promised to find Park had become fulltime job P84
Ship building - full funding vs. incremental funding

FY 2003 - Senate passed Budget for Homeland Security

that put in member's system and cut some others

Domenici and Park -

Watch Unit eat steak

What immaculate conceptions P45

Rule 28

The Boeing AF Tanker Deal

Stevens - adding four VIP 737's

For Park - Congress uses money for
spitting programs including funds
that are supposed to go for fighting terrorism

Journalists - are missing the fundamental story
they don't understand the process. P63

Many on defence committees held 12 A0 in contempt

Iraq 1991 Air Report

Member of Congress living in a dream world
concerning National Security

Member designs presentation after presentation to us
for the purpose of pushing a pre-selected agenda

US - 43% of worldwide defence spending
BOP 3.3

McClain - actually ends up approving perks after
he tries to stop it p 58-60

he walks away when he is needed

He doesn't use tactics at his disposal - sits on his hands

War vote - Chambliss - lowest form of belly crawl

John Thune - gutter snipe p 227
took real guts to vote against war resolution p 228
Levin / Reed / Durbin / Wellstone → Leech / Morella
"Pearls among swine" award

I was looking for a permanent escape from 8 A0
Rampant capriciousness in senior 8 A0 management
had drained my patience

Staff numbers -

I was a detail - they were also fellows - a lot
from DOD p 151 - Hasky - found 100 fellows
working on DOD committees

Staff crew of 70' - 1/3 of staff to minority - now staff are
highly partisan

Budget gimmicks - used by both sides -
Rumsfeld used 90% of BOP

Committee analysis
pitiful analysis
one sided p241
Constitutional checks
and galam are
fairly p246