

INTRODUCTION TO QUELLO CENTER SYMPOSIUM
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I was looking forward to introducing a respected former FCC colleague and now the prominent FCC Chairman Bill Kennard. However, President Clinton trumped my ace with a personal invitation to the Chairman to accompany him.

A personal note about Chairman Bill. It is well-known that we have differences in regulatory opinions, but it never affected my personal opinion or my personal affection for Chairman Kennard.

I'm happy too, that it obviously never affected his personal opinion of me.

Let's face it, Chairman Bill has been there for me at my every function with gracious laudatory remarks – at my FCC farewell dinner; at my 85th birthday dinner; in my biographical tape recording; speaking at my class at Michigan State last year. And at several of his/our speaking functions, he introduced me as his distinguished predecessor as FCC Chairman.

Today he has an urgent communications engagement with President Clinton in another city, but he sent his number 1 technology advisor, David Farber, to represent him for the opening remarks for our symposium.

It is a pleasure to present David Farber, a respected FCC executive and an expert communications lawyer.

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