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Specter scored on two separate fronts

Sen. Arlen Specter, not content with pandering to the most reactionary elements in our country by being the point man for putting Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court, has betrayed us once again.

These men work in tandem — Justice Thomas voting to restrict our civil and democratic rights, and Sen. Specter voting to uphold a filibuster that hits Philadelphians economically, depriving us of \$70 million for employment opportunities and a variety of desperately needed programs.

The Republican senator's past record showed clearly how duplicitous he could be, with some votes designed to catch the unwary concentrating on a single issue, rather than the domestic issues that affect all of us.

Now we are saddled with a cynical politician who feels safe in mocking the electorate by upholding the Republican filibuster that stymies the Democratic administration's proposed economic measures. Will we say "never again" when he comes up for re-election?

Evelyn Alloy
Philadelphia

When will Arlen Specter stop being Bob Dole's boy toy and start acting like a

responsible Pennsylvania senator, keeping his constituents' best interest in mind.

Now Pennsylvania's senior senator plans to investigate the Waco tragedy; he recently found time to appear on several television shows concerning the matter.

Texas is a long way from Pennsylvania. Perhaps he could run in that state and give us a chance to have a senator who will fight for Pennsylvania's problems.

Margaret Orr
Philadelphia

Talk about timing, just hours after the tragedy in Waco, here comes Sen. Arlen Specter, wanting to hold a hearing on the Waco tragedy. I don't know why this surprised me; the senator from Pennsylvania is the best Monday morning quarterback in the country.

Where was the senator the day the four law enforcement officers lost their lives? Why didn't the senator go on national television and demand that something be done about those killings? We have suffered two tragedies in the last six months — Waco and the return of Arlen Specter to the Senate.

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