

defense, in tax relief, health care, and in finance and banking. I think we ought to move forward and make the most of those advantages that we have had.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. BAUCUS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana is recognized.

EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that morning business be extended for another 10 minutes.

Mrs. BOXER. Reserving the right to object, and I shall not object. I had a discussion with Senator ROTH. I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized following Senator BAUCUS. And if the majority leader comes to the floor, I will suspend. But I would take a maximum of maybe 7 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair would inquire, is the Senator asking that she be allowed to speak in morning business?

Mrs. BOXER. Correct; for 7 minutes. Then if the majority leader does come to the floor and needs it, I will suspend in the midst of that time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mrs. BOXER. Thank you very much.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

(The remarks of Mr. BAUCUS pertaining to the submission of S. Res. 207 are printed in today's RECORD under "Submission of Concurrent and Senate Resolutions.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from California is recognized.

Mrs. BOXER. I thank the Chair. I also thank Senator ROTH for giving me this opportunity to speak about a number of subjects as in morning business.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR JOHN CHAFEE

Mrs. BOXER. As I look over at the flowers at Senator Chafee's desk, I feel a tremendous sense of loss. Senator Chafee's accomplishments are going to go down in history. They have been recounted on this floor, so I do not feel the need to go through all of his incredible accomplishments, particularly around environmental issues. I do hope we will not undo Senator Chafee's hard work on the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, Superfund, and so many of the landmark environmental bills on which he led us.

I wish to comment about Senator Chafee's kindness and his goodness as a human being and what a joy it was for me to work with him on the Environment and Public Works Committee, to attend the dinners he hosted, always in a bipartisan spirit, and how much we are going to need that kind of spirit right now. Senator Chafee was a champion of the environment. He was a

champion of a woman's right to choose, and he was a champion of sensible gun laws. On those matters, it was my great privilege to work with him, and I will miss him deeply.

THE BUDGET

Mrs. BOXER. Speaking about a bipartisan spirit, it was unnerving this morning to come to the floor and hear some of the partisan attacks I heard, mostly aimed at President Bill Clinton, in particular at his budget priorities, which Democrats share. At some point in the discussion this morning, it approached a near-hysterical level.

I will talk about what the differences are. I think we can breach those differences and resolve our problems.

Putting 100,000 teachers in the classrooms to reduce class size, everyone in America wants us to do that, I believe. We have already put 30,000 of those teachers in the classrooms, and we are simply asking to continue the program. This Republican budget would mean sending pink slips to those teachers. That is wrong. We ought to sit down and resolve it.

Secondly, in continuing our efforts to put more police on the streets, we have seen a tremendous reduction in the crime rate. We know one of the reasons is putting more community police on the streets. Surely we can find a compromise with the Republicans on this point.

Then, paying our U.N. dues. How can we lead the world if we don't at least do that, while encouraging and demanding reforms at the United Nations? I thought it was resolved. It has not been resolved. Funding peace agreements, that has not been resolved. We can't be the world leader if we don't do that.

I think these differences are important.

There are also environmental riders, giveaways to big special interests. They are wrong. We should sit down and resolve them.

The one that really is extraordinary, with the partisanship that surrounds it, is the Social Security issue. Republicans say they have a lockbox and the Democrats want to go into Social Security and destroy it. In some ways, it is rather laughable. Going back to 1994, House majority leader DICK ARMEY said: I would never have created Social Security.

If we look back at the record, we will find the Republicans voted against a retirement benefit for the people of this country when Social Security was voted on. They voted against Medicare. Now they are going forward with TV commercials telling people they are the party that is going to protect a program they didn't even like and didn't even want. It doesn't even pass the laugh test.

Here is the deal. They have a lockbox. They say: We are never going to touch it. That is good. However, they forgot to tell you something—

they have the key. They have opened it up, and they have taken \$18 billion out of it already, according to their own Congressional Budget Office. That is not BARBARA BOXER saying it. It is their own Congressional Budget Office that stated they have gone into Social Security for \$18 billion.

So why don't we just sit down and talk—talk about the legislative graveyard that has been created in the Senate. What is in there? HMO reform. People can't get the health care they need and deserve. That is in the garbage heap. Sensible gun laws, the juvenile justice bill, that is in the graveyard. They put the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in there; campaign finance reform; judicial appointments; long-term protection of Medicare and Social Security; minimum wage is in the legislative graveyard. As Senator MIKULSKI said, these were lost opportunities to us. So I feel very strongly that we have more work to do. We should sit down with the President and resolve these differences.

Lastly, I hope we can move forward on some of these judgeships. Judge Richard Paez and Marsha Berzon were nominated years ago, voted out of the committee on a bipartisan vote. Judge Paez has been waiting almost 4 years to get a vote. Marsha Berzon has been waiting almost 2 years. Later, when I get to talk about these nominees in detail, I will tell you the strong Republican support they have—Republican Congress people, Republican sheriffs, and Republican law enforcement officials in the State of California. These are good nominees.

I have put a hold on a particular nominee the majority leader wants for the TVA. I have no problem with that nominee. I voted him out of committee. He has been waiting 27 days for a vote. Marsha Berzon has been waiting 2 years, and Richard Paez has been waiting almost 4 years.

I see the majority leader on the floor, and I promised that when he arrived I would stop this talking in morning business. So I will do that. I urge everyone to come to the table in a bipartisan spirit, do the unfinished business, resolve the budget differences, and get moving with some of these appointments that have been waiting for years, simply for an up-or-down vote.

I yield the floor.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

Mr. ROTH. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard. The clerk will continue to call the roll.

The legislative clerk continued to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN H. CHAFEE

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring a distinguished public servant and a revered Member of the United States Senate, Senator John Chafee, who died Sunday evening at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

While John Chafee was elected to the Senate in 1976, his public service began years before when he interrupted his education at Yale University to enlist in the Marine Corps during World War II, serving in the original invasion forces at Guadalcanal. He later returned to complete his education, receiving a bachelors degree from Yale in 1947 and, in 1950, a law degree from Harvard.

In 1951, John Chafee was called again to serve his country, returning to active duty to command a rifle company in Korea. Later, John Chafee served six years in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, where he was elected Minority Leader. He served as Governor of Rhode Island for three terms and in 1969 was appointed Secretary of the Navy.

As a Senator, John Chafee continued his proud legacy of leadership and accomplishment. I worked with Senator Chafee perhaps most closely in the U.S. Senate in his capacity as Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee where he labored tirelessly on behalf of many critical environmental initiatives, including efforts to strengthen the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Senator Chafee has been recognized for his important contributions in the area of environmental protection throughout his service in the U.S. Senate and has received nearly every major environmental award. He was also a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee where he worked hard to expand health care coverage for women and children and to improve community services for persons with disabilities.

John Chafee was a well-respected member of this body who engendered the affection of every member with whom he served. He had a unique ability to achieve consensus under very difficult circumstances. His unfailing courtesy and civility provided a positive and unifying force in the Congress which will be sorely missed by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

The Senate was a better place because of John Chafee and his devoted public service. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to him and to extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathies to his family.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I join my colleagues today in mourning the loss of our colleague, John Chafee. John was a good and honorable man who served his state and his country

with distinction. A devoted public servant and member of this body for 23 years, Senator Chafee's influence extended beyond the aisles and transcended partisan rhetoric. His accomplishments as a lawmaker and his unquestionable influence among his peers stand as a testament to his ability.

Senator Chafee will long be admired and remembered for his devotion to this country both as a soldier and public servant. His distinguished service in the military, including serving in the Marines at Guadalcanal and commanding a rifle company in Korea, were indicative of the man who would never shy away from duty or responsibility.

His record as a legislator, governor, and senator in Rhode Island indicate the amount of trust the people of Rhode Island put in John.

Although political views may vary from person to person, it is easy to put these differences aside and to recognize men of strong character and integrity. These are qualities which were abundant in John, and his steadying influence in the United States Senate will be truly missed.

My thoughts and prayers extend to his family and all those whose lives Senator Chafee touched.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of our friend and colleague, Senator John Chafee.

Senator Chafee was the living embodiment of Senate decorum. He always honored this body through his thoughts, deeds and actions. His ideas and messages were delivered thoughtfully and respectfully. He truly followed his heart and soul while representing the people of Rhode Island and this great nation.

His honorable service in both World War II and the Korean Conflict, as well as his distinguished tenure as Secretary of the Navy, reflect his profound respect for America's armed forces and his deep love of country.

I am especially appreciative for all he did to advance causes near and dear to the state of Florida. He took time to visit the Florida Everglades, and his work on this important issue will ensure the preservation of this unique natural system, and will always be a part of his lasting legacy.

Senator Chafee devoted his life to public service. He will be remembered as a thoughtful and patriotic American who cared passionately about those he served, the issues he fought for, and the institution of the United States Senate. He was not only a fellow Republican, but a colleague who was respected on both sides of the aisle. He will be sorely missed in the U.S. Senate.

My heartfelt sympathies go to his wife Ginny, to their five children and 12 grandchildren, and to his staff here in Washington and throughout Rhode Island.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I extend my sympathies to the family of John Chafee.

It has been my privilege to serve with John Chafee for but 3 of the years of his long and distinguished career in the Senate. But I will miss him. I do miss him.

I want to say publicly how much I appreciate the many times he came up to me and told me how much he appreciated me and how glad he was that I was here.

I thank him publicly for the many times he came to me and talked about environmental issues and told me he had a good environmental bill that he wanted me to be on. Many times, I was on them with him.

I appreciated his looking out for me in that regard, and in so many other ways. It was a great pleasure and a high privilege to serve with him in the Senate.

I wish his wife and his family my very best and pray God's comfort be with them in this time of their bereavement.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 434, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 434) to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the Senate's consideration of the trade bill, all first-degree amendments must be relevant to the trade bill or the filed amendment No. 2325, and any second-degree amendment be relevant to the first-degree it proposes to amend.

Mr. HOLLINGS. I object.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I object.

Mr. LOTT. I truly regret the objection to a reasonable consideration of this very important pending trade bill. This is obviously a vital piece of trade legislation. As I indicated last week on the floor, this is something in which the President has been very interested. He discussed it with me personally last week on, I think, Tuesday and twice since we have discussed it in telephone conversations. I am not doing it just because the President asked for it. I am doing it because I think it is the right thing to do.

I think it would be good for our country, help to create jobs. This is very carefully crafted legislation that the chairman of the committee and ranking member have worked on. I think it would be just vitally important to our friends in Central America and the Caribbean, as well as a major step symbolically and other ways to have African free trade.

I want to get this bill done. There are legitimate objections to it. The Senator from South Carolina is going to