

original author of the DREAM Act that was part of the Gang of 8 10 years ago that passed legislation—bipartisan legislation—on the floor of the U.S. Senate. I believe that it is important—it is inevitable—that we deal with this in a humane and thoughtful way.

And let me say a word about what is going on at the border. I believe in the asylum process. If you are a student of history, you know that during World War II, the United States had a policy of turning away refugees.

There is the well-publicized and notorious example of the SS *St. Louis*, a ship which came from Europe and tried to find a port to disembark in Havana and in Florida and failed. The passengers were returned to Europe—some 700 of them—many of whom died in the Holocaust. They were Jewish people looking for a safe place in the world where they could live, and we turned them away in World War II. That is a fact.

But at the end of the war, we decided there would be a different approach in the future. We would have an orderly international process led by the United States when it came to refugees. And we established that and lived with it under Presidents of both political parties for decades.

The situation we face at the border today defies what I just described to you: the desperate people, in numbers we can handle, coming into the United States through an asylum process. What we are facing now is just not comparable at all. The thousands and thousands of people who are turning up at our borders each day are unsustainable.

There was a story in the New York Times this morning about the number of immigrants who are coming to our southern Mexican border from Africa—Africa. And they told a story about a group of people in Guinea, Africa, who found a way to travel from Guinea to Turkey, then to fly from Turkey to Colombia, then from Colombia to Honduras, and then to Nicaragua, where they were transported to the border.

This defies a stereotype in our mind about where the refugees are coming from in Central America. In this last year, more than 10,000 people from Uzbekistan showed up at our southern border in Mexico. How do you explain this?

Well, one explanation is pretty obvious. We have a refugee crisis in this world, the likes of which we have never seen and in numbers from all over the world—hundreds of thousands of people who are desperately looking. Today, there are over 100 million displaced people worldwide, including over 30 million refugees. It is the largest refugee crisis in history. That is the starting point of this conversation.

The second point is equally important. Many of these people have found their way to the United States through international groups, some of them for very sinister purposes, who are trying to make a lot of money on helpless peo-

ple by promising them they could get into the United States and have a much better life. These people are being exploited in Africa, in Asia, and around the world, and we have to deal with this seriously. They are not the ordinary course of refugees coming to the United States. They are overwhelming numbers that have completely bankrupted our system in its response.

I hope this bipartisan group finds a way to deal with it and to resolve it in a humane fashion; and I am open to any suggestion. In the meantime, I want to commend the people in my State—the mayor and others, who are stepping up to do their very best to be humane and American in their response. Many of us can trace our own immigrant roots back one generation or two. I am certainly one of those. My mother was an immigrant to this country. I have met with these immigrants from all over the world and all over the United States, and I have talked to them. And, although I say to them the situation at our border is not sustainable, it has to change, and we can't deal with the massive numbers that come our way. I look at each one of them and I see in their eyes the eyes of my own family making that decision to come here, desperately trying to get to the United States. It is a natural human instinct.

But we need an orderly process. The bill that we passed, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act, established such a process. We took the 11 million people undocumented in the Nation, and we said to them: Step forward, identify yourself, register yourself, pay your taxes, and go on working. Realize at a future time, many, many years from now, you may be eligible for legal status and even citizenship. That was part of the promise. And we need to establish such an approach today to find a way to deal with those who are here and those who want to stay here and are of no danger to the United States.

The fact is, we cannot absorb all the people in the world who want to come to the United States at this moment. It is just not practical. It is not humane even to think in those terms. But those who are here should be brought in and assimilated into this country. If they are here and are no danger to our country, they can be an important part of our future. We need them in so many different ways.

The Presiding Officer and I know about the agricultural community in our own State who have come to us desperate. These are conservative individuals politically who see the reality that our workforce is not adequate for our economy and the birthrate is not sufficient for us to sustain a new population of workers.

Let's find a thoughtful way to deal with this, stop overwhelming the border, and have an orderly process. That can be done, but it has to be done on a bipartisan basis.

Some of the people involved in this process have said publicly they don't

want to find a solution, that they have too good a political issue. I hope that they are wrong. I hope that we can find a solution on a bipartisan basis that serves our Nation and that serves the world.

We need an orderly process. It took 3 to 5 years over in Europe for them to come up with their own process. We need to find our own way of doing so. I am willing to work with them as chairman of the Judiciary Committee and with my background on immigration issues, if there is anything I can add to the process.

I hope that this week, we will receive a report from this bipartisan committee that moves us in a direction of an orderly process at our border while not being overwhelmed with numbers that are unsustainable.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wisconsin.

REMEMBERING HERB KOHL

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life of former U.S. Senator Herb Kohl.

Herb was a successful businessman, a generous philanthropist, a dedicated public servant, and my role model. He was a model boss, public servant, and Senator—always putting people first. But, if you knew Herb, you knew how humble he was. In fact, after he was first sworn in, one of his colleagues whom he respected in this body said to him: You are going to be a model Senator. I have heard him tell this story a number of times. He decided to look up the definition of “model,” and he quipped back by saying: “Model, my friends, is a small replica of the real thing,” making light of his rather modest stature and deflecting credit for his leadership. That scenario embodies a lot of who Herb was. He was modest, funny, and at his core, an unrelenting advocate for the people of the State of Wisconsin.

Senator Kohl served in this body for 24 years, but he served the people of Wisconsin and our country throughout his entire life. In the Senate, he didn't care how long a fight would take, how long the odds were, or who he was up against; if it would help the people of Wisconsin, it was worthy of him to engage in that fight. His mantra throughout his service was “Nobody's Senator But Yours,” and his record in Washington reflected that commitment to a tee.

In Congress, he worked quietly, diligently, and with focus. Herb fought to get Wisconsin's dairy farmers fair prices for their products, and he worked to invest in and save Wisconsin's family farms. He championed vital food assistance programs that children and working families rely on and worked to expand access to affordable childcare, elder care, and healthcare for millions of Americans. Herb knew that taking care of our great outdoors and our environment was key not only to our Wisconsin way of life but also to our economy. Working with both environmentalists and

business interests, Herb secured resources to clean up drinking water sources and combat invasive species and pollution in our Great Lakes. He championed initiatives to help workers get the skills they needed to be competitive in today's economy and keep Wisconsin's manufacturing jobs in Wisconsin.

Senator Kohl was never afraid to stand up to special interests on behalf of his constituents. He diligently led the oversight of mergers and acquisitions to protect competition and consumers in everything from agriculture to rail, to telecommunications, to healthcare, working with Democrats and Republicans to lower the everyday cost of essentials like prescription drugs and gasoline.

At the end of the day, it was always about the people of Wisconsin. That is why it should come as no surprise that his office was rightly regarded as the best constituent services shop in Congress. As he said in his farewell to the Senate in 2012, every Wisconsinite had an ally and an advocate in his Senate office. Whether it be getting veterans their healthcare benefits, helping a senior navigate Medicare, or getting a family their passports in time for a vacation, the Kohl office was always there. It is not the stuff that makes headlines, but it makes a difference for people, so Herb was invested in it.

While Senator Kohl actively avoided taking credit for his work, his colleagues knew that behind his measured and unassuming demeanor was an industrious work ethic, a ready sense of humor, and a fierce commitment to doing what was right for Wisconsin. As my predecessor in the Senate, I could not have asked for a better role model. Coming into this Chamber can be daunting, especially when trying to fill the shoes of someone with such a distinguished record and reputation, but luckily for me, Senator Kohl's steadfast support and mentorship began well before he escorted me into this very Chamber.

Throughout the years, Senator Kohl had been a constant source of wisdom and encouragement. He was generous with his resources, his knowledge, his time, and his heart. Any Wisconsinite who had the pleasure of meeting Herb knew this overwhelming spirit of generosity permeated everything that he did.

A product of Milwaukee public schools himself, Herb truly believed that investing in the next generation of engaged citizens was the bedrock of our democracy. Since 1990, his foundation has invested millions of dollars in scholarships and fellowships to help Wisconsin's students pursue higher education and allow teachers to better meet the needs of their classrooms. I know Wisconsin's teachers and students will remember Herb as a friend to education.

Whether you ran into him at a basketball game, at Ma Fischer's in Milwaukee, or visited his Washington, DC,

office, Herb always had the time to say hello and take a picture. No matter his fame or fortune, Herb was truly a man of the people.

Of course, it is hard to talk about Herb Kohl without mentioning his beloved Milwaukee Bucks. In fact, it was hard to talk to Senator Kohl without talking about the Milwaukee Bucks. As the long-time owner of the team, Senator Kohl fought on more than one occasion to keep the Bucks in Milwaukee, recognizing the immense value of the franchise to the State of Wisconsin and to the city he loved. In large part, because of his determination and generosity, Herb was able to watch Milwaukee bring home a national championship in 2021 for the first time in 50 years.

While Herb is no longer with us, I know his legacy will live on for years to come in every young fan who attends a Bucks game and every student who jumps around at the Kohl Center while cheering on Badgers basketball in Madison. His impact will be felt by the thousands of students who will continue to benefit from his philanthropic efforts and the Wisconsin families who have food on the table and access to affordable healthcare, thanks to his tireless advocacy. I hope his legacy of service lives on in me and in all those called to serve the communities they love.

Though Herb Kohl may have had a reputation as a "common man," his legacy is anything but ordinary. From humble roots as the son of immigrants in Milwaukee, Herb's immense success in business, in public life, and philanthropy personified the American dream made reality through a Wisconsin work ethic and unwavering commitment to doing right by his neighbors.

There is truly no one like Senator Herb Kohl, and Wisconsin is so lucky to have had him fighting in our corner. Herb's record of achievement and commitment to Wisconsin is undeniable. While he may not like to be called it, it is the truth: Herb was a model Senator, and my role model.

Thank you, Herb, for your service to Wisconsin. You will be dearly, dearly missed.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, I would like to thank our colleague from Wisconsin for her beautiful words, her heartfelt memories.

And, mostly, I know personally how proud Senator Kohl was that you, Senator BALDWIN, got elected and serve your State so well. You are truly a tribute to your State but also to Herb's memory.

I am here as the neighbor, the Senator next door, the one who got to know Herb Kohl, because Minnesota and Wisconsin, despite our rivalries—as the Presiding Officer knows, when it comes to the Vikings and the Packers and the Badgers and the Gophers—we actually have a lot more in common than what divides us.

In fact, my mom grew up in Milwaukee. I talked to her many times. She also was the daughter of immigrant parents. In her case, her dad worked at the Porth Pie Company, which Herb was aware of, and came from humble roots.

Senator Kohl's life was really as American as they come. He was born, as we noted, in Milwaukee to immigrant parents. He learned the value of hard work, as Senator BALDWIN discussed, as a bag boy at his dad's market. He attended public high school and the University of Wisconsin before earning his MBA. From there, he and his brother worked to build their family's business into an iconic department store chain, Kohl's, of course. I can't tell you how many times, visiting my grandma in Milwaukee, we would be like: We can get that at Kohl's. We can go to Kohl's.

They were so proud of the work that he did.

Later, when his beloved Milwaukee Bucks almost left Wisconsin, it was Herb who bought the team just so he could keep them there. I know that Senator BALDWIN is proud of the Bucks' 2021 final win, and we all know it would never have been the Milwaukee Bucks without Herb Kohl.

After working his way up from a bag boy to a basketball team owner, Herb didn't have to seek public office, but he loved his State and its people too much to rest on his laurels. To him, running for office was not in any way a path to personal gain. It was a moral obligation.

After winning election to the Senate in 1988, he got to work right away for the people of Wisconsin, and, as Senator BALDWIN noted, he worked to expand the supply of affordable housing for elderly Americans, crack down on corporate espionage, expand safe and affordable childcare, and secure critical medical training investments in the Affordable Care Act. How proud I know he was of Senator BALDWIN's—then-Representative BALDWIN's—important role in making sure that older kids were able to be covered under their parents' policies under the Affordable Care Act.

But he took as much pride in making sure of the big things, as how a single dairy farmer could stay afloat in a low-producing season.

On a personal note, I was lucky to call Herb a mentor and a friend. We worked together during my early years in the Senate, including on ending 30 years of delay so that the construction of the St. Croix River bridge between Minnesota and Wisconsin could move forward. Senator BALDWIN and I were there for the completion of that historic bridge, what we consider one of the most beautiful bridges in our State—maybe the most beautiful bridge, but I can never say that. Herb was there from the beginning on that project.

When Herb cared about something, he would work to get it done, and he

would work, as Senator BALDWIN has said, in a humble way. He was never one to seek the spotlight, and, in a Chamber full of egos and big speeches, that certainly made him stand out.

I remember that even though he was a multimillionaire, he always used to eat his lunch in the cafeteria, often buying lunch for staffers that he encountered in line.

One time, he brought me to eat there because I was taking over from him as the head of the antitrust subcommittee. He gave me advice from a business perspective. People don't always think of antitrust in that way, but Herb Kohl was a true entrepreneur. He was a competitor. He believed that competition was a big part of capitalism, and that is why he cherished his work on that subcommittee and gave me all kinds of advice about how to talk about it in a way that, from the very beginning of America's roots and our economy, from the Founding Fathers on, competition was what made us successful. And he certainly believed that when he built that department store chain up and didn't just kowtow to whoever was there from the beginning. That really dictated a lot about how I thought about antitrust.

He also told me to hire his staff, like Caroline, and gave me such good advice on doing that. I think it was also a great example of Herb Kohl because he was looking out for his staff, not just while he was in the Senate but long after he left.

He didn't have to do any of that. There is no rule in the Senate that subcommittee chairs have to impart their wisdom at a formal lunch in the Senate cafeteria—maybe not that formal—to the next generation, and there is no rule that Senators have to keep looking out for their staff years and years after they retire. But that is just who Herb was. He embodied midwestern compassion—generous with his spirit, generous with his time, and generous with his resources.

He spent his early career working hard to build wealth, and he spent the rest of his life using it to make a difference in the world.

As a product of the public schools, he knew firsthand that a quality education was a pathway to success, and that is why he made it his mission, later in life, to give back and to invest in public education, advocating for breakfast and lunch for low-income students, championing Wisconsin's Teacher of the Year Program, and on multiple occasions paid for entire slates of teachers' back-to-school supply wish lists, something that deeply resonated with me, as my mom would always complain about having to buy her own supplies for her classroom as a second grade teacher because she wanted them to have the best.

Today, thanks to his charitable giving, scholarships, and educational foundation—and even though from Wisconsin, I must acknowledge—the Badgers' hockey and basketball arena bear

his name. Herb's philanthropy was motivated not by glory but by an unwavering devotion to his State.

So I will end with this. I think what best captures Herb may have been that slogan when he first ran for Senate, and it was this: "Nobody's Senator but yours." In a field where what is noble is often sacrificed for what is expedient, that might seem naive or unrealistic—not for Herb. Throughout his 24 years in the Senate, he never broke that promise.

Anyone who has driven from Stillwater, MN, over to the Wisconsin side of the St. Croix River, they can thank Herb Kohl. And anyone who went to school on a Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship can thank him. And anyone who roots for the Milwaukee Bucks, which, once upon a time, almost became the Minnesota Bucks—but we are not going to go into that story because we have our own team now that is doing pretty well. No, this is not the time to do that. We can thank Herb Kohl.

The Senate is better off, the State of Wisconsin is better off because of Herb, and, certainly, our country is better off.

My thoughts are with his friends, his family, his former staff, and, of course, the intrepid and wonderful Senator BALDWIN.

Again, he couldn't be prouder that you got elected, Senator BALDWIN.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, Wisconsin has lost a great man. When I came to the Senate in 2009, I made an effort to sit down with each Member, and, of the 100 Members, the quietest individual, the most soft-spoken, was Herb Kohl. He sat behind his desk. We talked about the family farms, particularly the dairies of Wisconsin. We talked a little bit about basketball—the Oregon Trail Blazers, the Milwaukee Bucks, and, of course, the pride that we had when the Blazers won a championship back in the 1970s. But, really, it was just a comfortable get-to-know-you. Yet I knew the man across the desk from me had been so powerfully successful in business and in politics.

But unlike in virtually any other conversation here in the Senate, he didn't lay claim to a single accomplishment or talk about the great glories of his career. It was just a "Welcome to the Senate. Here, you can help families out." That spirit really fits with what we have heard from Senator BALDWIN about his legacy—a man who was humble, who was generous, who was disciplined, who was hard-working; a man who worked not just on agriculture but on housing, but on public education, but on cleaning up the Great Lakes, and on many other things that my colleagues have mentioned.

When he was pondering retiring, he talked about the individual that he hoped would follow in his footsteps, in

his spirit here in the Senate—our own Senator TAMMY BALDWIN. It was almost a family connection—a powerful, heart-to-heart connection. So one of the most important legacies that he has left is continuing his vision of fighting for ordinary families, ordinary people, here in the Senate, with the woman who took his place.

Herb Kohl was modest in style but powerfully effective in practice. We miss him here in the Senate, and we know that the people of Wisconsin benefited enormously from his life and also miss him greatly in his passing.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I rise today with my colleagues to pay tribute to a special friend and our former colleague, Senator Kohl of Wisconsin.

I was fortunate enough to be able to serve with Herb Kohl during his service in the Senate and have been equally fortunate to know his wonderful family.

I have been listening to my colleagues describe Senator Kohl, and I thought that I would describe him in a way that Herb Kohl would never describe himself as being. That is because he was too modest.

The fact is, Herb Kohl was really the embodiment of what we Jews know as *tikkun olam*, which is a belief that all of us have a responsibility to leave our world and our communities better off than we found them. Herb did that day in and day out, living his life always trying to boost the well-being of those less fortunate.

As my colleagues have been saying, Herb Kohl didn't need to go into public service, but what we are all saying today is that public service desperately needs people like Herb Kohl: a successful businessperson, passionate about improving his home State of Wisconsin and his country through public service.

When most people think of a U.S. Senator, my guess is they have an image of somebody who loves to hear themselves talk, puts out a blizzard of news releases, tweets every day, and aims to take credit for lots of stuff. Herb Kohl was just the opposite of all that.

For example, at home in Oregon, I always make a point of going to Boys & Girls Clubs to shoot baskets with the kids in the summer. Again and again, I would encounter young people around lunchtime who came to camp ravenous and got two lunches right away. They weren't just hungry; they had had nothing to eat but a candy bar since the day before.

Local Boys & Girls Clubs helped kids get substantial, nourishing meals, and they are always trying to find ways to get extra food to kids in need, particularly as the week comes to a close and many kids are facing a weekend in the summer not knowing where their next meal would come from.

I assume my colleagues know this. It wasn't until years after I had been going to shoot hoops in the summer

with the Boys & Girls Clubs—it wasn't until years later that I found out that Herb Kohl, our Herb Kohl, was giving generous support to those Boys & Girls Clubs for years. But did he say a word about it to my colleagues, to me? We talked basketball all the time, but he never talked about how he stepped in to help all those future hoopsters. And that was Herb Kohl in a nutshell. He would see a need for his community, and without any fanfare, without any notice, without any press releases, Herb Kohl didn't act like a Senator; he just acted in the spirit of *tikkun olam*. He stepped up. He wanted to help. He never asked for an award, never saw himself with a picture of himself in a blue suit and a red tie getting some kind of award.

A number of Senators over the years—and I think this echoes what my colleagues have said—they said that Herb was very nice to them and very polite. I heard Senator KLOBUCHAR talk about work on antitrust stuff. But a lot of colleagues would come up to you and they would say our first name and they would say: But I haven't really had a lot of extended conversations with Senator Kohl. Now, we know it was not because he was unpleasant or wished somebody ill but because he was very private, putting in the work each day to make good on his pledges to Wisconsin families and so many others.

All of us read the really wonderful, gracious obituary for Senator Kohl in the New York Times. One of the reasons I wanted to come to the floor today was to mention a couple of things that they didn't even manage to get into that wonderful obituary. It was terrific. But let me give some examples.

My background is working with the Gray Panthers, working with the elderly. I was thrilled to be able to work under him when he was chair of the Aging Committee. When it came to seniors, no issue for Senator Kohl was too small or too insignificant for him to tackle. He tackled end-of-life issues and long-term care, addressing unemployment among older workers, protecting seniors from financial abuse, tried to help them save for retirement. All of us could go through this laundry list of accomplishments. Not all of those ideas might have been on the front page of the paper, but they represented the quiet and thoughtful workhorse that Herb Kohl was.

Older Americans had no better ally than they did in Senator Kohl. Through all the partisan infighting, he always worked on those senior issues because he saw that as ground that was exempt from all the pettiness that drives so much of politics.

I will close with this: I was especially appreciative that Senator Kohl, in his quiet way, had the vision to look down the road at big challenges. For example, he talked to me often—and I am sure my colleagues as well—about how the guarantee of Medicare had evolved over the years. In other words, Senator

Kohl knew that Medicare was not a voucher, that it wasn't some piece of paper, some snippet of paper; it was a guarantee of Medicare. He also knew that it had evolved over the years. It is still continuing with the prescription drug benefit. He knew the program inside out, and Senator Kohl would always say to me: Let's just keep figuring out how to update the Medicare guarantee, protect the elderly, and promote choice and alternatives without compromising the protections that older people deserve.

Let me just say to my colleagues, as chair of the Finance Committee, if you walk into the Senate Finance Committee room today and you talk about the issues relating to Medicare and Medicare Advantage and them spending \$6 billion on garbage advertising, Herb Kohl was telling us years ago there were supposed to be guardrails for that, there were supposed to be protections for that. That was Herb Kohl—thinking down the road as well as helping people today.

So I am really pleased to be here with my good friends, and I will just close with one last point. I think one of my colleagues talked about it. Senator KLOBUCHAR knew that the Senate was kind of a community, and I suspect that there are a few people in the House today who understand that as well. But when staff was working late at night—they might have a bill or an amendment or something or maybe they would be working on a project where staff was helping the bigger campus community—and it would get to be 8 or 9 o'clock at night and people were kind of hoping that somehow, out of the sky, a pizza would arrive—not with Herb Kohl. When it got to be 9 o'clock, we got ourselves a real dinner, and nobody knew where it came from, but a handful of us did.

Until his last days, Herb Kohl practiced *tikkun olam*. That is why you have some of my most thoughtful colleagues—the Senate is made up of a lot of people, but I have just been here a few minutes, and I heard Senator BALDWIN, Senator KLOBUCHAR, and my partner from Oregon, Senator MERKLEY. These are the kind of people who also represent the best of public service. That is why all of us are here—because our hearts are heavy today because we so admired him, we so appreciated him.

I send my love tonight to Sid and Dorothy and Lisa and the whole family because they continue to represent the ideals Herb Kohl stood for.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Michigan.

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to someone I was honored to work alongside, and I know that many other Members on both sides of the aisle feel the same way.

Herb Kohl wasn't the most outgoing Senator. Some people might have called him quiet or even shy. But he

was never quiet about fighting for the people of Wisconsin. And he was never shy about standing up for the things he believed in. He was absolutely passionate about protecting our Great Lakes, our land, and the people in Wisconsin and across the country who depend on them for their livelihoods. Wisconsin's dairy farmers and rural communities had no greater champion, and they are so fortunate that Senator BALDWIN has carried on Senator Kohl's good work.

He was also a champion for American families and for ensuring that they have access to fresh, healthy food. As chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations panel, he fought to expand nutrition programs for children and to fund the WIC Program, which helps make sure American moms and babies have the food they need to thrive. And as chairman of the Special Committee on Aging, he was laser-focused on the needs of older Americans, including through improving the quality and safety of nursing homes.

Of course, we all know what a huge sports fan he was as the longtime owner of the Milwaukee Bucks and a member of the team that brought the Brewers to Wisconsin. It was wonderful that he was able to watch his beloved Bucks win the NBA title in 2021, and he even rode in the championship parade.

Perhaps he will be most remembered for his generosity. His Herb Kohl Educational Foundation has provided more than \$34 million to support Wisconsin schools, teachers, and students since 1990. And he made a lasting impact at his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where the Kohl Center Arena and the Herb Kohl Public Service Research Competition still carry his name.

But beyond the sports teams and beyond his legislative legacy, Senator Kohl was kind. He was humble. He believed in treating everyone with respect. He knew how fortunate he was, and he spent his life ensuring that as many other people as possible could share in his good fortune. I firmly believe that the Senate—and our country—would be a kinder, better place if more of us would follow his lead. Senator Kohl was a statesman, and he was my friend. I am grateful for the time we worked together in the Senate.

I want to offer his family, friends, and the entire State of Wisconsin my deepest condolences.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Texas.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, we are back in the Senate and kicking off a new year, which will undoubtedly be busy and certainly challenging. There is a lot of work for us to do, and one of our most crucial tasks is to address the national security supplemental appropriations bill that President Biden has requested.

As you know, that bill includes relief for not only Israel but also additional