She was on her way home from London, where she had spent a semester studying drama. A plastic explosive, hidden in a portable radio in the cargo hold ripped the jet apart with 69 passengers on board, and 11 people on the ground, were killed. "I feel such a rage of anger that you cannot imagine," Ms. Cohen said. Theo's murderers are out there. No one has been punished. I look at Fred Goldman in that ghastly O.J. trial and knew what he was going through for so long.

When she talks, the words spill out in coherent sentences, as if she has thought them a million times.

The Cohens have spent countless hours since the death of their daughter in pursuit of answers, and justice. Two Libyan Government officials and for the bombing remain in Libya, free. Over the last several months, Mrs. Cohen has spent six or seven hours a day on the phone, lobbying Congress to pass sanctions against foreign oil companies doing business in Iran and Libya. Yesterday, it passed the House, "Because a plane blew up, not because of anything that I've done," she said. "Is that what has to happen for justice? A bombing?"

Even the prospect of tough sanctions does not make her happy. Getting the bill passed was just the first step, she said. Now, "the fight is to see it enforced."

She has worked on fighting Congress with a few other people who lost relatives to the Pan Am 103 bombing, but not many. Over the years, Pan Am 103 families, who won a civil suit against Pan Am, have argued bitterly over how best to pursue justice. "There are now four groups of Pan Am families," Ms. Cohen said. "We all fought horribly. I look at the pictures today of families locked shoulder to shoulder on the beach. We started together, too. But the idea that everybody gets together as one big unhappy family is one of the myths of these tragedies."

Another great myth: "The Getting On with Your Life story," Mrs. Cohen said. "The idea that one can go beyond and that the tragedy makes me want to vomit. The year is circular. Theo's birthday is coming up Sept. 10."

When her daughter died, Mrs. Cohen, a writer like her husband, stopped writing. For months, years it seemed, she stopped doing much of anything. Days passed, months in a blur. Four years ago, the Cohens moved from Port Jervis, N.Y., where they raised their daughter, to Cape May County in New Jersey. "I couldn't stand that house any more." Mrs. Cohen said. "I couldn't take the memories any more."

Though she desultorily help, she knows she is not alone. One woman she knows who lost her 20-year-old son to Pan Am 103 visits his grave every day, sometimes twice a day. Another who lost her husband has "been just as devastated by his loss as I am by my daughter's," Ms. Cohen said. "It takes a great poet to describe this. It takes genius to be able to describe the depths of pain, and I'm not a great poet or a genius."

The Cohens live with a dog and three cats in a ranch house with bird feeders hanging in a front window. She has spent a semester studying drama. A Sherlock Holmes reading group and goes birding near home. They happen to live in one of the world's best venues for bird-watching. "It's not like I'm living here and can't get out of bed," Ms. Cohen said. "I'm living. But there's a big hole, a hole so huge it's the size of the Grand Canyon. It's never the same. It can never be the same."

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL RHODE, JR.

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I rise today to note the passing of and to pay tribute to Michael Rhode, Jr., of South Carolina. Mike Rhode died after a brave bout with cancer in May, only too briefly after he retired from his position as Secretary of the Panama Canal Commission. I only recently learned of Mike's death.

I first met Mike when he served as Chief of the Army's Senate Legislative Liaison Office in the early 1970's when I was a newly elected Member of the U.S. Congress. He had combat experience in Korea and Vietnam, literally took me under his wing and played a major role in my education about the capabilities of the U.S. Army and the other services. He accompanied me on my official travels, particularly to the territory of our NATO allies. Mike was extremely knowledgeable about NATO and my first-ever report to the Armed Services Committee on NATO specifically cited Mike's invaluable assistance and expertise on NATO matters.

I continued my association with Mike when, upon his retirement from the Army after 26 years of dedicated service to our Nation, he became the Secretary of the Panama Canal Commission. Mike had that unique ability to explain complex legislation and to convert its provisions so that everyone could understand. Mike was extraordinarily helpful to me and to the other members of the Armed Services Committee as Secretary of the Commission. He had that unique ability to explain complex legislation and to convert its provisions so that everyone could understand. Mike was extraordinarily helpful to me and to the other members of the Armed Services Committee as Secretary of the Commission. He had that unique ability to explain complex legislation and to convert its provisions so that everyone could understand.

I urge my colleagues to work with Senator KASSEBAUM to complete this important legislation to modernize the FDA, to streamline the approval process, and to bring breakthrough medications to patients, all while maintaining the highest levels of safety for consumers.

Mr. President, a remarkable amount of business has been accomplished in the past few weeks in the Senate on a bipartisan manner. It is my hope we can add FDA reform to the list.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting two treaties and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 782) to amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the U.S. Government.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R.