

## RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

## MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each. Under the previous order, the majority leader or his designee is recognized to speak for up to 15 minutes. Under the previous order, the Republican leader or his designee is recognized to speak for up to 15 minutes.

The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to speak in morning business for 10 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## TRIBUTE TO MARY BERRY GERWIN

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, as our Nation mourns the loss of thousands of our citizens in the terrorist attacks on America, many of us in Washington and in Maine also grieve the passing of a very special person who devoted her professional life to public service, Mary Berry Gerwin.

Mary was only 46 when she died on September 18, after a courageous 9-year battle with cancer. In her short time on Earth, however, Mary had a greater impact on public policy and on those of us who knew her than most people accomplish in lifetimes that last twice as long as hers.

I will share with my colleagues a little bit about Mary's remarkable career in public service. Most recently, Mary held the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. During her tenure at the Pentagon, she received the Outstanding Public Servant Award from then-Secretary of Defense Bill Cohen.

Among Mary's duties at the Pentagon were working with service members, retirees, and their families on a variety of health care issues. She traveled extensively to the Middle East, Korea, and Bosnia, to meet firsthand with service members to discuss health care and quality-of-life issues. She also visited refugee camps in Kosovo to help improve conditions there as well.

I came to know Mary when we worked closely together as staff members on the Senate Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management from 1981 to 1987. The very first day I met her, I knew Mary was a star. She was extraordinarily bright, and no one ever worked harder or longer. Her work ethic was legendary. In fact, her long-time boss, former Senator and Sec-

retary of Defense Bill Cohen, remarked of Mary that a raised eyebrow could send her back to her desk at 8 p.m. to work another 4 hours to midnight.

She was also a lot of fun, with an optimistic outlook and a quick wit that helped to sustain her through her lengthy illness. Mary succeeded me as the subcommittee staff director in early 1987. She then went on to serve as staff director of the Senate Special Committee on Aging when Senator Bill Cohen became its chairman.

During her years in the Senate, Mary contributed enormously to legislative accomplishments. She drafted significant bills, including the Social Security disability reform bill, landmark anti fraud and abuse legislation, nursing home, and long-term care Medicaid reforms, the Independent Counsel Act, the Ethics In Government Act amendments, and a major revision of the Clinical Laboratories Improvement Act, as well as procurement and information technology reforms. Mary was particularly proud of Aging Committee hearings in 1996 that led to increased funding for the National Institutes of Health for research on diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and spinal cord injuries.

Mary touched so many lives. Members of our Armed Forces and senior citizens who never had the pleasure of meeting Mary have better lives because of her work. But it is we who knew her personally who were truly pleased. Mary was kind and generous, not only to those of us who were her friend but to everyone she met or with whom she came in contact. Let me tell you one story.

Every day Mary would purchase her Washington Post from an elderly man. Her husband Ed used to chuckle that Mary was the only person in Washington who would spend \$5 every day buying her newspaper.

Mary approached her illness with an abiding faith and remarkable courage and cheerfulness, even as she underwent excruciatingly painful treatments for her cancer. Whenever I called to check on her, she was remarkably upbeat and optimistic. She would quickly turn the conversation to what I or another friend was doing, rather than talking about the treatments she was undergoing.

I am reminded of Walter Mondale's tribute to one of our greatest Senators, Hubert Humphrey, shortly after Senator Humphrey's death. He said: Hubert taught us how to live and he taught us how to die. Mary, too, taught us how to live and how to die.

Mary's boss for two decades, former Secretary of Defense and Senator Bill Cohen, delivered an eloquent eulogy to Mary at her funeral mass on Sunday. I ask unanimous consent that his eulogy be printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(See exhibit No. 1.)

Ms. COLLINS. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary's wonderful family, particularly her mother, her husband Ed, and her two daughters, Katie and Kristen. Katie worked as an intern in my office during this past summer and she is so like her mother—bright, cheerful, strong, and hard working. Mary's legacy is reflected in those terrific daughters, as well as in her professional career. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to have been her friend.

## EXHIBIT No. 1

## EULOGY BY WILLIAM S. COHEN OF MARY GERWIN, SEPTEMBER 22, 2001

We have all been overwhelmed and immobilized by grief in the days since the terrorist attacks last week. Grief has had the power to silence us, to bring us together, to rouse us to action. As we have gathered around television sets since September 11, staring mutely at the incomprehensible carnage and horror, we may have had some acquaintance with the victims or we have simply grieved for our nation and our fellow citizens.

Today is different. Today, we are truly taking note of a death in the family. A death in Mary's immediate family, of course, but also in the family of unique individuals I have been privileged to assemble and work with during years in Congress, the Pentagon, and beyond. This is a team of talented men and women who are bound together by many invisible threads, who have worked together, played together, sometimes fought together, and looked after each other for more than 25 years.

Mary's death has brought us here today, and we grieve and we are angry. Angry that she was so sick for so long, angry that she left us at such a ridiculously young age. But even in our anger and our grief, we celebrate her. Everyone in this room knew Mary as a colleague, an employee, a boss, a mother, a daughter, a sister, a wife, or a friend. I'd like to talk about the Mary I knew, the Mary all of us knew.

My friendship with Mary started 20 years ago. I was a freshman senator, and she was a kid from Portland who had just gotten out of law school. She came to work for me and, unbeknownst to either of us, we started an adventure together that led to writing and changing major laws in this country, led to her visiting and working with US troops in Korea, Bosnia and Saudi Arabia, led to her working with refugee camps in Kosovo, and led to a friendship as well.

But it started for both of us in Maine. Mary didn't come from a well-to-do family. Neither did I. Mary lost her dad when she was just a baby, and her Mother worked at the railroad and raised four terrific kids on her own. Mary knew how real people in Maine worked and loved and struggled, and that knowledge made her very effective when she helped to write and rewrite the laws that affected their lives.

Mary and I had something else in common. We both started out as practicing lawyers. But not for long. We were both drawn to the greater possibilities of public service. Mary graduated cum laude from Georgetown Law and spent a very short and uninspiring few months at a law firm, which prompted her to look for work on the Hill. It was one of the luckiest things that could have happened to me.

It seemed there was nothing Mary couldn't do. She worked closely with a great team that included another remarkable young woman named Susan Collins, whose service as a United States Senator today makes us