

Mr. DORGAN. I know that.

It is one thing for me to be mystified; that is probably acceptable, but I am worried when the leader is mystified.

Mr. LOTT. You are a cat, and you will want to get grouped up for a conclusion.

Mr. DORGAN. Things will slow down a lot if we have a process that tries to partition people off from this. These are important issues, and they are not done at the end of the session; they probably should have been done long ago. As we get to the end of the session, I am asking we have conferences.

To the extent you are talking to the Speaker, I hope you will encourage them: Appoint conferees, get to conference, and get the business done. That is all I am asking today. I expect to be at a conference next week.

Somebody in this Senate said yesterday to a member of the press—I assume it is probably printed today—that the conference report was going to come to the Senate floor by “magic.” Well, that is a magic carpet that will surprise a lot of Members, I suppose, and will cause a lot of problems. If the Senator will support us in regular order in having a conference in which we can all participate, that is what we expect to be the case in the Senate.

TRIBUTE TO PAT WADE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I rise in support today and bid farewell to a dear colleague and a member of our Senate family. That person is Patricia “Pat” Wade, who has worked on Capitol Hill with distinction and loyalty for over 28 years.

Pat came to Washington from Memphis, TN. I have known her throughout these 28 years. I have been in Congress all those years and remember when she first came. She came in 1970 and actually began working for Congressman Dan Kuykendall from Tennessee—the Tennessee talking horse, we affectionately called him, a great guy and a good friend.

During her tenure on the House side, she also worked for then-Congressman THAD COCHRAN and his successor in the House, Jon Henson, both from the great State of Mississippi.

After a stint in the House, she moved over to the Senate side to work for Vice President George Bush in his Capitol office. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole’s office was her next stop. Then I brought her on board when I took the position in the Senate majority leader’s office.

She now works with Elizabeth Letchworth, and she is administrative assistant to the secretary for the majority’s office. She is invariably friendly and effective. When I call looking for this very important floor staff director, Pat can find her no matter where she is. She always has a smile on her face. She has a fun-loving attitude

and is just a very nice person. I will miss her dearly. Pat will certainly do well as she goes back to her home State and spends more time with her beloved mother. We will miss her, but we wish her luck in all future endeavors and thank her for her contributions to this body over these many years.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. President, I noticed that Senator BYRD from West Virginia was seeking to ask me to yield. I am happy to yield for any kind of question or comment the Senator desires.

Mr. BYRD. The majority leader is very, very gracious. I appreciate that. I have a speech I want to make today. Could the majority leader enter an order that I be recognized for 25 or 30 minutes at the close of day.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, certainly. We will modify our closing script to make that possible for Senator BYRD. I know it will be informative, interesting, and entertaining, as his speeches always are, and it will recognize some great moment, some great individual, or some important point about the Senate itself.

We will certainly accommodate that request.

Mr. BYRD. I have my tie on today. This is Constitution Week and this is the last working day for us in the Constitution Week. I do have a speech about the Constitution.

Mr. LOTT. I will be interested in hearing that speech.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

WELCOME TO TAIWAN REPRESENTATIVE C.J. CHEN

• Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, today I rise to welcome Mr. C.J. Chen as the new Representative at the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO). Mr. C.J. Chen, former foreign minister of Taiwan, has recently replaced Mr. Stephen Chen as Taiwan’s top diplomat in the United States. Mr. C.J. Chen is certainly qualified to speak for his government and to brief us on all the issues affecting the good relations between the United States and Taiwan.

Representative Chen was born in China and educated in Taiwan and Great Britain. He received a law degree at the University of Cambridge and was a resident fellow at the University of Madrid. Following his training in Europe, he returned to Taipei and served in many key positions. Most notably he was senior deputy in Taiwan’s Washington office in the 1980’s; later he was a vice foreign minister, a senator in the Parliament, and a government spokesman. Prior to June of this year, he was the Foreign Minister for the Republic of China.

Representative Chen’s appointment as Taiwan’s chief diplomat in the United States is a strong indication of the importance his government attaches to Taiwan-United States relations. He will have a unique opportunity to keep us abreast of the new administration’s peace initiatives for the region.

Representative Chen has already made a great start on Capitol Hill. I trust that he will have a very successful stay in Washington and on Capitol Hill. He is a very talented and respected representative for TECRO.●

BABY SAFETY MONTH

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the month of September as Baby Safety Month. This year’s theme, “Good Night, Sleep Tight,” stresses crib safety. As a grandparent, I experienced the tragic loss of my grandson Blake on March 30, 1995, when he passed away from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS. My experience, and the experiences of the many others I have met since then who faced similar losses, have helped heighten for me the importance of doing everything we can to ensure the safety of an infant.

A baby brings so much joy and excitement into a family, along with a new perspective on life. Of course, a birth also means a host of baby products coming into the home—everything from a car seat and safety locks on cabinet doors, to a crib. Experts recommend parents do not use second-hand products because of the safety standards new baby products have to meet. However, if older products are used, parents should make certain they do not have loose or missing parts.

The most important thing parents can do for the safety of their baby is to supervise them carefully, especially when they are using juvenile products. Baby products are designed for safe use, but not as a substitute for parental supervision. For more than 20 years, the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association has been helping parents keep their babies safe from harm by certifying juvenile products and working with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), a nonprofit organization, to inform and educate the American public on safe products.

Research has told us that normal, healthy infants should ALWAYS sleep on their backs unless otherwise advised by a pediatrician. Consulting their pediatrician and using a safe crib that meets current federal and ASTM standards will help parents feel comfortable placing their babies to sleep. Despite all the precautions, however, nearly 50 babies suffocate or strangle themselves each year in cribs with unsafe designs. During Baby Safety Month, JPMA provides promotional materials at retail