

the tax bill. Also, the Commerce-State-Justice conference report just passed. It is our intent to take up the Tax Relief Act early next week. We haven't locked in a time yet because there is no necessity for it at this moment. I know as many Senators as possible will want to be here and know when the vote is coming. I presume that would probably be sometime during the day Tuesday—probably late afternoon—but we will talk about that. Members will have as much advance notice on that as possible.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for morning business, with Members permitted to speak therein for 10 minutes each, with the exception of the Senator from Utah, Mr. HATCH, for up to 30 minutes and Senator KERREY of Nebraska for up to 30 minutes.

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object—and I have no intention of objecting—the distinguished deputy Democratic leader noted that he had a number of requests to speak on Sunday. I wonder if the majority leader would mind if we move the time from 5 to 4 to accommodate speakers who wish to come in.

Mr. LOTT. We could perhaps go later Sunday night. I think we can accommodate that. Give me a chance to see if there is any problem because I already told people it is going to be 5. I will get back to the Senator. We will try to accommodate that. I guess some Senators would want to speak late Sunday afternoon. I can't imagine who it would be, but perhaps some would. Give me a few minutes.

Mr. DASCHLE. I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNETT). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I modify the earlier request and ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business on Saturday, it stand in recess until 4 p.m. on Sunday, and immediately following the routine convening requests, the Senate proceed to the House joint resolution regarding continuing of Government funding and the time between then and 7 p.m. be equally divided, and following the use of any time, a vote occur, without any intervening action, motion, or debate, on passage of the House joint resolution.

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

TRIBUTE TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM S. COHEN

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, in a few short hours the 106th Congress will be a part of the history of this great Nation. As we resolutely work toward the goal of adjournment, I want to

take a few moments to pay tribute to Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, our former colleague and the nation's 20th Secretary of Defense.

Secretary Cohen, better known as "Bill" to all of us, has since January 24, 1997, been at the helm of the Department of Defense and the leader of the greatest military force in the history of our great Nation. His tenure as Secretary of Defense will be marked by great advances in the quality of life for our military personnel and their families, the refocusing of the Department of Defense to the new threats of weapons of mass destruction and cyber-terrorism, and, more importantly, assuring this Nation's position as the world's only super power.

Bill Cohen is a Renaissance Man of the same mold as the founders of this Nation. A forward thinker who has been an influential voice on defense and security issues since he was first elected to the House of Representatives from Maine's Second Congressional District in 1973. During his eighteen years as a United States Senator representing the State of Maine, Bill Cohen played a leading role in defense matters while a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Not only was he a key sponsor of the Goldwater-Nichols Defense Reorganization Act of 1986, but also the GI Bill of 1984, the Intelligence Oversight Reform Act of 1991, the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984 and the Federal Acquisition Reform Act of 1996.

His long and distinguished service to the Nation and the State of Maine, both as a legislator and Secretary of Defense, will serve as a lasting tribute to William S. Cohen. I congratulate him on his long and distinguished career and thank him for the courtesies and friendship he extended to me during his service in the Senate and as Secretary of Defense.

RETIREMENT OF OFFICER OLIVER "ANDY" ANDERS FROM THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE FORCE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a praiseworthy individual who has dedicated his life to serving the people of this Nation as an officer on the United States Capitol Police Force, Officer Oliver "Andy" Anders. Andy will be retiring from the Capitol Police on November 3, 2000, after 26 years of faithful service. His presence will be missed throughout the halls of Congress.

Over the last three decades I have had the opportunity to get to know Andy. For many years, he greeted me at the doors of the Senate chamber where he stood sentry. I always appreciated having the opportunity to chat with this friendly native of Greer, South Carolina, and I admired the professionalism he demonstrated throughout his tenure.

Too often we fail to properly thank the courageous men and women who, like Officer Anders, serve on the Capitol Police Force. These fine individuals make countless sacrifices to protect and serve both the daily visitors and the workers at the Capitol. They are on guard 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, providing a vital service so that we can walk these hollowed halls without fear. These officers have continuously displayed integrity and honor, and I commend them for their dedicated service. We are truly in their debt.

At this time, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Officer Anders health, happiness, and success in all of his future endeavors. He has served his Nation well, and we are grateful for his assistance.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read the names of some of those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

October 27, 1999:
 Ioniaferrio Bolton, 26, Dallas, TX;
 Donal Bryant, 31, Dallas, TX;
 Merritt J. Copenhefer, 41, Madison, WI;
 Aurelio Enciso-Murillo, 40, Oakland, CA;
 Angel Garcia, 21, Philadelphia, PA;
 Anthony McCullough, 25, Philadelphia, PA;
 Audley McIntosh, 49, Dallas, TX;
 Donald McNeil, 16, Philadelphia, PA;
 Jerome Oakley, 18, Baltimore, MD;
 Joseph Transon, 19, Baltimore, MD;
 Tyree Turner, 19, Philadelphia, PA;
 Paul Vo, 30, Houston, TX; and
 Unidentified Male, 52, Charlotte, NC.
 One of the victims of gun violence I mentioned, 16-year-old Donald McNeil of Philadelphia, was shot and killed one year ago today by another teenager in what police said was an argument over a girl.

We cannot sit back and allow such senseless gun violence to continue. The deaths of these people are a reminder to all of us that we need to enact sensible gun legislation now.

FAREWELL TO RETIRING SENATORS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, the Bible says in Ecclesiastes, "To everything