

## NAYS—49

Akaka	Feingold	Levin
Baucus	Feinstein	Lieberman
Biden	Ford	Mikulski
Bingaman	Glenn	Moynihan
Boxer	Graham	Murray
Breaux	Grassley	Reed
Bryan	Hagel	Robb
Bumpers	Hollings	Roberts
Byrd	Inouye	Rockefeller
Chafee	Johnson	Roth
Cleland	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Cochran	Kerrey	Stevens
Conrad	Kerry	Torricelli
Daschle	Kohl	Wellstone
Dodd	Landrieu	Wyden
Dorgan	Lautenberg	
Durbin	Leahy	

## NOT VOTING—2

Harkin	Helms
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 49 and the nays are 49. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected. The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the motion was rejected.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, will the Senator from Colorado yield for a unanimous consent request?

Mr. CAMPBELL. I yield to the Senator from Nevada.

## CHANGE OF VOTE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on the last vote, I was recorded as "no." It will not change the outcome of the vote if I am recorded as "aye." I would like the RECORD to reflect my having voted "aye."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The foregoing tally has been changed to reflect the above order.)

## CAPITAL VISITOR CENTER LEGISLATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, earlier this afternoon I indicated on the Senate Floor that the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration may hold a markup on Capitol Visitor Center legislation tomorrow morning. After consultation with the Senate Leadership, I have decided to postpone the markup until the House has an opportunity to review our proposal.

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

## TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JOHN WARNER FOR HIS RECYCLING LEADERSHIP

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I rise today to express my sincere appreciation to Senator WARNER for his unique and

untiring dedication to increasing recycling in America.

Each of us has heard from our constituents about the importance of recycling and how current law is hindering efforts to improve the environment through a viable recycling industry. Through his dedicated efforts, Senator WARNER has made sure that recycling equity has not been overlooked as the Senate addresses the many conflicting and contentious environmental issues our Nation faces. In the 103d, 104th and 105th Congresses, Senator WARNER forced the debate over Superfund to recognize how recycling benefits America's environment and economy. I look forward to working with the senior Senator from Virginia and my Senate colleagues on both sides of the aisle to address the issue of recycling equity before the end of this Congress.

I hope my colleagues will join me in expressing appreciation to Senator JOHN WARNER for his leadership on this matter. He deserves our gratitude for his understanding, dedication and commitment to the cause of recycling equity.

## TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB CHESTNUT

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I rise to express my profound respect and appreciation for Officers John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut, two men whose lives were tragically cut short on Friday as they stood watch in the Capitol—a building that is, as we have constantly been reminded this weekend, "the People's House." Officer Chestnut was 58—a loving husband, a veteran of Vietnam, the father of five children, and the grandfather of another five.

Officer Gibson was 42—a bright young man, full of energy and good works, who had dedicated his life to protecting others. Like Officer Chestnut, he, too, was a loving husband and the father of three.

Today, both men are gone. We mourn their loss and express our deepest condolences to their families. We acknowledge that we will never fully understand what would motivate such a heinous act of violence against the innocent in a building that is the icon of Democracy, but we know that in stopping such brutality—in saving the lives of how many tourists, staff members and Congressmen we will never know—the names of John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut are etched forever in the pantheon of heroes.

All who are indebted to them—myself included—will from this day forward speak their names in reverence. Their courage will inspire those who will hear told the tale of their sacrifices. While their children, their grandchildren and great grandchildren will stand tall—living legacies of extraordinary men.

In expressing our gratitude to these brave officers, we also acknowledge the skill, professionalism and dedication of the other 1,250 members of the United

States Capitol Police force. They are among the most highly trained and well-respected law enforcement officers in the world.

Members of Congress, congressional staff, tourists, and all those who come and go through these buildings are blessed to have these men and women on the ramparts. Our hearts are with them as well, as they mourn the loss of their two distinguished colleagues and friends.

It is never easy, Mr. President, to weather a tragedy of this kind. There is little, if anything, that can be done to console loved ones and to reassure the children of men whose lives were lost that the principles and sense of duty for which their fathers stood are the very virtues which sustain life's goodness. But in time, they will be assured.

They will come to discover—as we all discover—that such principles are eternal: service, selflessness, sacrifice. Their meanings resonate beyond mortality. And we come to acknowledge the simple truth written more than 2,000 years ago: Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for a friend.

## TRIBUTE TO OFFICER CHESTNUT, OFFICER GIBSON AND THE CAPITOL POLICE

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I guess what I will say on the floor of the Senate, in part, is an effort to speak to the families of Officer Chestnut and Officer Gibson, but I guess it is also an effort on my part not only to speak to their families, but also to speak to the Capitol Hill Police.

Early Monday morning, Sheila, my wife, and I were walking from our apartment, which is near the Hart Senate Office Building, over to the doctor's office. Usually that takes about 7 minutes. It took about 40 minutes because of all of the officers who we ran into and all of the embraces, the hugs and the tears, just the embrace of real pain that people feel.

I want to say—I don't really have any words—this is a very, very sad day in Washington, DC, but I want to say to all of the Capitol Hill Police that all of us in the Senate—but I am now speaking for myself as a Senator from Minnesota—want you to know of our love and our support. We want Officer Chestnut and Officer Gibson's families to know that their husbands and fathers, sons, brothers were so courageous. I wish personally that there is something I can do to change everything. I wish that none of this had happened. It is horrifying. It seems senseless.

They were two wonderful men. I only knew them to say hello. I know the Capitol Police much better on the Senate side. It never should have happened, but these men deserve all of our praise. Their families deserve all of our love and support.

Especially as a U.S. Senator, I say to the other police officers—I guess that is mainly the one thing I want to do today—I want them to know how much

I appreciate what they do. I want them to know how sorry I am that this happened. I want them to know that I hope and pray it will never happen again. And I want all of my colleagues to know, Democrats and Republicans alike, that I think today we are all together. Everybody can feel this, everybody can understand this, and I think probably the best thing we can do in memory of two very brave police officers is to understand how precious each day is, understand how precious people are, understand how important life is, appreciate the people who help us and go out of our way to make sure we live our lives in the most honest way possible.

To the Capitol Hill Police, thank you for some of you being really great friends to Sheila and me. I know how much pain you are in, but please know that you have our support.

#### REMEMBER THE FALLEN HEROES

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, last week's deadly violence in the Halls of the United States Capitol touched the conscience of a nation. From coast to coast, Americans gathered to talk about the shootings. The coverage has dominated television, has dominated our newspapers, as well it should. There has been much discussion about who the assailant was, where he was born, where he lived, what might have caused him to do this dreadful deed.

I must say, Mr. President, with deep regret, that this assailant spent a part of his life in my home State of Montana. We in Montana are even more grieved, even more touched, and find this tragedy even more tragic than others in the Nation—if that is possible.

This man was not from Montana. We pride ourselves that those of us from our State have a great sense of honor, pride, duty, sense of family, sense of community. This person, unfortunately, spent some time in our State before he perpetrated this dreadful, violent, evil act.

We are deeply grieved. We are very deeply sorry. I am speaking for the people of my State of Montana.

Mr. President, there has been some conversation, too, about why things like this happen. Did somehow the system allow a person like this with some mental illness to fall between the cracks? The system we have for treating mental illness, was it somehow not adequate?

Frankly, I believe that the system is inadequate. That is, there are many people who are homeless. We are not properly treating people who are mentally disturbed, some of whom are paranoid schizophrenic. They are not receiving medication. They are not being properly treated, because our system is not paying enough attention to people who have this illness. I think if we do not remedy the situation, we will have continued troubles on our hands. I hope we do remedy it very quickly.

Remember more than anything else the real heroes here. The real heroes

are the officers who were shot performing their duty. Talking about the assailant and talking about how we correct the system is meaningless—because the real lesson here is the lesson of Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson.

All of us here personally know many of the Capitol Police. We live with them. We see them daily. We talk with them. They talk with us. We know many by their first names. We know something about them personally.

Tony, for example. Tony D'Ambrosio was a plainclothes detective, first a uniformed policeman, on Capitol Hill for many years. It wasn't too many years ago I received several death threats—regrettably, in my home State of Montana. Tony came out to Montana with me and we ran a marathon together. I got to know Tony quite well and have the highest regard for him.

There is Steven out there. Many know Steven. Steven stands by the door to the entrance of the Senate. We talk with him, we joke with him. He is part of our family.

Then there is Henry. Henry Turner. Henry Turner is a policeman originally from Alabama, who is also stationed out here at the front door. I often talk to Henry about legislation on the floor. "This is a good bill to vote for," or "This is not a good amendment to vote for." Henry would know more about the legislation before the Senate than a lot of Senators, on occasion. A great man to talk to. Very wise. A very wise, very thoughtful man from Alabama.

The same is obviously true for John and for Jacob. I did not personally know them nearly as well as I know other Capitol Police, but they are men, they are fathers, they are parents. They have family just like all of us do, all of us in the Senate, all of us in the country. We are all bound together by the community of brotherhood, the community of sisterhood, the community of family. We are all together.

Many people have said it in many, many ways, and I want to share my deepest sympathy for them, John and Jacob, for their families, and I want them to know that we all are with them. We are now and we will always be.

#### HEROISM IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, it is with some reluctance that I rise this afternoon to speak of the tragic occurrence, where two fine officers were gunned down here in the Capitol. The reason I say it is with reluctance is because, like many of us in this Chamber, I know from personal experience that when a wife or husband or son or daughter is taken from a family as a consequence of a totally unexpected violent event, that there is little that anyone can say or do, no matter how well intended we may be, that can in any way ease the pain of the family members who survive—the children, the spouses, parents.

So I debated with myself today whether or not to say anything at all.

Much has been said about the heroism displayed in the performance of duty, and much more will be said about the lives that these two men, in giving theirs, probably saved. All that need be said, but none of that in any way is likely to produce any sense of relief on the part of the children of the officers, on the part of their spouses, on the part of their families. As a matter of fact, it is likely to produce, initially, a sense of anger; a feeling of "Why my father?" a feeling of "Why did it have to be my husband?"

So, in a few moments each of us in our own ways will, as we attend the memorial service, demonstrate our high regard for and pay respects to the families as well as the deceased officers. But I also note one other thing from personal experience. Notwithstanding the fact nothing that we say today can ease that horrible void that seems to occupy the chest of the family members who can't fathom why this occurred to their father or to their husband—nothing we do will make them feel any better today—but, as time goes on, they will find a sense of comfort knowing that so many people held their father, their spouse, in such high regard. It will not occur for months, but it will occur. It will occur. And when it does, it will at that time help ease, ever so slightly, that sense of loss. The pain will never go away. The sense of loss will never be completely abated. But it will become easier to live with. So, as I said, although a lot of us in this Chamber know from similar experiences the feeling, it is hard when you are going through it to know one other thing that occurs and that is that time, time will not erase the pain, but time will make it livable.

At this moment, I expect, family members feel that nothing—nothing—nothing that will happen to them from this point on will make life as worth living as it has been for them. But, again from personal experiences, all of us know, who have gone through similar things, that the time will come when the memory of J.J. or John, the memory of their father or husband, will bring a smile to their lips rather than a tear to their eyes. My only prayer, on behalf of my wife Jill and me—we talked a lot about this morning before I came down—my prayer for the family members is that moment will come sooner than later. It will come. It will come. But that it will come sooner than later.

We ask a lot of those who serve this Nation. But few of us, few of us ever have to give what these two officers gave. Even fewer family members have to live with the sacrifice they have made, the void that is created and the pain that will endure for some time, like the families of the two fallen officers. So, again, I have no illusions that my words, as inadequate as they are, or the words of any of us, will at this moment give much comfort. But in time, in time I hope they will find some refuge in what has been said, in the outpouring of respect, the outpouring of

emotion, the outpouring of just simple, plain gratitude on the part of the staff, the Senators, and all Americans for what these two men did.

They did their duty. They did their duty. And, in doing so, they clearly saved the lives of other innocent people. That is no comfort now, but it will, in time, be some comfort.

Let me close by saying, once again, in time the pain will ease. In time, when they think of their father, when they think of their husband, they will, in fact, smile rather than cry. All that we can hope is that time will come sooner than later.

I yield the floor.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS JOHN GIBSON AND JACOB CHESTNUT.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise this afternoon to add my tribute and honor to our fallen comrades and colleagues, Officers Chestnut and Gibson, whose bodies lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda just down the hall, where Members of the House and Senate paid tribute this morning.

I am not nearly eloquent enough to express the feelings, certainly, that all of us have about what these two men did mean to us, what all of our officers, protectors, men and women who guard over us and our population that visits this great and magnificent Capitol, this Capitol that represents free men and women, this Capitol that represents the best hope for mankind, mean to us.

What I would like to offer is a saying that I have found comforting over the years and I believe applies very much to our fallen heroes. And that saying goes like this—that man is a success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of men and the love of children, who leaves the world better than he found it, whether through an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul, who never failed to appreciate the beauty of nature, and always gave the best he had. Officers Chestnut and Gibson gave the best they had and the America they leave behind is a better place.

Mr. President, I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

TRIBUTE TO SLAIN CAPITOL POLICE OFFICERS

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to express my deep regret over the deaths of the two capitol police officers slain in the line of duty last Friday. Officers John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut were family men; each was married with three children. They also were dedicated professionals and, as shown by their final acts, heroes.

Officer Chestnut confronted the lone gunman whose weapon set off the metal detector at the "document door" entrance to the main Capitol building. Officer Chestnut was fulfilling his duty to protect the people's building and the thousands upon thousands of Americans who visit their building, from violence. He paid for his dedication with his life.

The gunman mortally wounded Officer Chestnut, then went into the build-

ing, firing his weapon and finding his way to the office of the distinguished Majority Whip, Congressman TOM DELAY. Congressman DELAY and his staff were in mortal danger from this gunman. I know that every one of them thanks God for the acts of Officer Gibson, whose bravery and perseverance brought down the gunman at the office door, even as Officer Gibson himself lay mortally wounded.

Each of us who serves in the United States Senate depends on the bravery and dedication of men and women like Officers Gibson and Chestnut. Every day they put their lives on the line to protect the safety and well-being of Members of Congress and the public. Many of us have become friends with particular officers over the months and years we have served in this body, and that is only right. But it certainly doesn't make it any easier when we have to say goodbye to two such dedicated public servants and members of our Capitol Hill family.

My condolences go out to the families of these brave men. It is my hope that they will derive comfort from the knowledge that Officers Gibson and Chestnut died protecting people from a mad gunman, sacrificing themselves for the greater good—a greater good to which they had devoted their careers and their lives.

HONORING JACOB J. CHESTNUT AND JOHN M. GIBSON

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to join the people across our Nation paying tribute to the heroic actions of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson. These two men, who were killed during a senseless act of violence last Friday, gave their lives in order to protect the American people and their Capitol. They died fulfilling their sworn duty to protect the men and women who work in the Capitol compound and the multitudes of visitors who tour each day. The loss of J. J. Chestnut and John Gibson is like a death in the family. However, despite the great loss that will feel, our thoughts and prayers are first with their families, who will bear the greatest burden of this tragic event. We hope that they may find some solace in knowing that the Nation joins them in their grief.

These fallen protectors were true heroes. They faced gunfire and death in the line of duty. It is fitting that we are able to pay our final respects to them today in the very place where they worked and gave their lives. The Capitol Police serve with pride, efficiency and good humor. They handle the enormous task of allowing the multitude of people who visit our Capitol, the symbol of freedom and democracy the world over, access to it without a feeling of having to cross a barricade. This openness and accessibility have a heavy price, as we mourn the loss of these brave men.

Today, J. J. Chestnut and John Gibson are being given an extraordinary honor by the Congress when their cas-

kets are placed in the Capitol rotunda. It is an honor that has been bestowed upon very few of our Nation's exemplary public servants and one which is entirely fitting for J. J. Chestnut and John Gibson. They were public servants in the most fundamental sense. Their sense of duty and service were unmatched, and as we mourn the deaths of these two outstanding men we can also feel a sense of pride in the great sacrifice they made in the defense of democracy, our Capitol, and its visitors.

Mr. President, I know my Senate colleagues and Americans everywhere join in honoring these two fallen heroes: Jacob J. Chestnut and John M. Gibson.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICER GIBSON AND OFFICER CHESTNUT

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, today, in a place where President's have laid, Officers J.J. Chestnut and Detective John Gibson lay in state under the Capitol Dome, the very symbol of freedom and democracy that they died to protect.

On Friday, July 24th, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Chestnut laid down their lives for the people visiting their Capitol, for our staffs, and for us. These two brave men are true public servants. Their actions protected American lives and our cradle of freedom, the Capitol.

Even though I never had the opportunity to meet Mr. Gibson and Mr. Chestnut, I do know many like them. They are both husbands, fathers—Mr. Gibson has 3 children, and Mr. Chestnut has 5, and J.J. Chestnut is a grandfather. I also know them from the friendships that I and my wife Joan have formed with the committed and selfless Capitol Hill Police. I want to thank them for their service to me, my family, my staff, and every visitor that enters this Capitol.

Mine, my wife's, and my staff's hearts go out to the families of these two loved family men and the Capitol Hill Police for their two fallen respected colleagues. They are heroes. While no words can ever express the sorrow felt, our prayers go out to their families, friends, and the Capitol Hill Police.

Thank you Officer John Gibson and Officer J.J. Chestnut for your service to all of us and to this country. God bless their memory and their families.

TRIBUTE TO FALLEN HEROES—J.J. CHESTNUT AND JOHN GIBSON

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor two fallen heroes—U.S. Capitol Police Officer J.J. Chestnut and U.S. Capitol Police Special Agent John Gibson—who gave their lives to protect us. When I say "us," I do not refer only to members of Congress, to the tourists who visited the Capitol last Friday, or to staff members working that afternoon, I refer to all Americans. J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson gave their lives to protect our house, the people's house, and our freedom.

J.J. Chestnut, 58, joined the Capitol Police force in 1980, following 20 years of service in the United States Air

Force. He earned numerous commendations and awards for both his military and police service, including a Vietnam Service Medal, the Bronze Star for Meritorious military service and countless letters of appreciation from citizens and staff for assistance provided and attention to duty. Officer Chestnut is survived by his wife, Wen Ling, and five children.

John Gibson, 42, also joined the Capitol Police force in 1980, and also earned numerous commendations. In 1988, Gibson was commended for going to the aid of a citizen, and saving their life by administering CPR. Special Agent Gibson is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and three children.

It is horribly ironic to me that one of the fallen officers, J.J. Chestnut, was a Vietnam Veteran who survived combat only to fall at the hand of a fellow American. As a veteran he served his country so that we could all have our freedom, a freedom which the gunman who walked into the United States Capitol last Friday and opened fire, did not understand, did not honor and certainly did not respect.

In 1862, Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote: "It is natural enough to suppose that the center and heart of America is the Capitol." He stated that the Capitol's combination of dignity, harmony, and utility made it a fit embodiment of the highest traits of our nation. A year later, Sculptor Thomas Crawford's 19½ foot, 7½ ton Statue of Freedom was lifted and placed atop the Capitol Dome.

Nearly every President since Andrew Jackson has been inaugurated on its steps. The Capitol has hosted a cast of American legends, as great Senators and great members of the House have presided and debated in each of two houses over the years, including John Calhoun, Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, Robert LaFollette, George Norris, Richard Russell, John F. Kennedy, Sam Rayburn, Carl Vinson, ROBERT BYRD.

The Capitol has also been home to so many milestones in American history. The Capitol was where the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964, and where women were granted the right to vote. It was where war was declared after the invasion of Pearl Harbor following upon the famous "Day of Infamy" speech. It was where the Social Security Act was enacted, and where legislation was passed to limit child labor.

More than anything, our Capitol has stood as a symbol of our democracy, of our liberty, and of our freedom since President George Washington laid the cornerstone for the building in 1793.

Let us not let the actions of the gunman last Friday threaten our freedom, or our belief in our democracy. Instead, let us focus on the heroic actions of officers J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson, who last week gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

I am reminded of a passage from Thucydides' "Funeral Oration of Pericles":

So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth and received, each for his own mem-

ory, praise that will never die, and with it the grandest of all sepulchers, not that in which their mortal bones are laid, but a home in the minds of men, where their glory remains fresh to stir to speech or action as the occasion comes by. For the whole earth is the sepulcher of famous men; and their story is not graven only on stone over their native earth, but lives on far away, without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives. For you now it remains to rival what they have done and, knowing the secret of freedom a brave heart, not idly to stand aside from the enemy's onset.

We have a lot to learn from the selfless bravery and public service displayed by these two men. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends at this difficult time. God bless.

THE MURDERS OF U.S. CAPITOL POLICE OFFICERS  
JACOB CHESTNUT AND JOHN GIBSON

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, my heart goes out to the families of the two officers slain in Friday's brutal shooting. These two men will be forever known for their bravery, courage and heroism in laying down their lives to protect all of us who pass through the halls of the United States Capitol.

The Capitol police officers, Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, made the ultimate sacrifice that any person can give in laying down their lives so that others would be spared. Their actions demonstrated the highest form of bravery, selflessness, and professionalism.

We must all remember that the price of democracy is indeed, a high one. At times, the openness of our government is sometimes challenged by events like those that took place this past Friday. But even though our democracy sometimes seems fragile when challenged by senseless violence, we must all do our part to ensure that this type of violence never happens again. I am confident we will take those steps as a nation.

I had just landed in Colorado when I learned what had happened in the Capitol building. When my plane arrived, I received an emergency call from my office informing me of the tragic events. In an instant, my mind fell back to November 28th, 1978 when in City Hall in San Francisco the double assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk took place. I knew the terrible anguish—even anger—that accompanies events like this one.

This event also shows the depth to which America's infatuation with weapons can lead to tragedy. Not only do we now see youngsters shooting other youngsters, but also the unthinkable slayings in what should be one of the safest places in our nation, the United States Capitol. In this very difficult time, I am proud to say that Officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson will always be remembered as American heroes.

RECOGNITION OF SACRIFICES OF JACOB J.  
CHESTNUT AND JOHN M. GIBSON

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise humbly to pay tribute to Officers Jacob Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson—and all of their fellow Capitol Police officers and law enforce-

ment officers across the nation and world.

As I filed past the bodies of our slain officers in the rotunda this morning, I was overwhelmed by the sacrifice they made to protect us, our families and fellow citizens. So many times, we take law enforcement for granted because we see them every day monitoring entrances, patrolling the Capitol, just being there. And, thankfully, we don't often see events like the tragedy that occurred on Friday.

But events like those on Friday do happen. They happen every day across this great nation. Law enforcement officers sacrifice their lives so we can live more safely and freely. Every time that happens, I remember the commitment they have made and I thank them.

When such madness strikes at our nation's symbol of democracy, it should remind us even more that freedom comes at a price. Our citizens and people of all lands are welcome to visit our capitol and participate in the democracy that they help sustain. They can watch Members of Congress undertake the people's business from the galleries above the two house chambers. They can visit us in our offices. They can visit sacred monuments and historic sites.

Just last Wednesday, at a coffee I held for visiting constituents from Washington State, one tourist exclaimed how impressed she was with the accessibility of the Capitol, with the openness of the process and the ability to meet and see her Senator and Representatives. I agreed that we have a wonderful system and I praised her for taking advantage of that openness and participating in our great democracy.

But we have defenders of this democracy and openness. Those men and women are our police officers who try to find that perfect balance of an open society and a safe society. Sometimes that balance means lives are sacrificed to protect those noble goals.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of Officer Chestnut and Special Agent Gibson. This is such a tragedy. As I have read about their lives and families and commitment to their communities, their sacrifice was made even more real. They are true heroes.

So, I thank them and I thank the Capitol Police. I honor their service. I will use this tragedy to make sure I remember the tremendous commitment our law enforcement officers have made to us: To keep us as safe and when we are in danger, to lay down their lives for us.

TRIBUTE TO SLAIN OFFICERS CHESTNUT AND  
GIBSON

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and mourn the passing of two cherished members of our Capitol Hill community, Officer J.J. Chestnut and Officer John Gibson, slain Friday in the line of duty.

As we mourn their deaths and pay tribute to them, perhaps we should recall the particular, even paradoxical, quality of who they were and what they did: They stood among us, as members of this community, but they also stood apart.

As many have noted since their deaths, both officers were familiar to those of us who work in the Capitol. They stood guard in these halls—and so they stood, literally, among us. And their lives resembled many of our own lives; they were husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers. They took pleasure from their families and pride in their work. If but for the sad events on Friday, they might have continued to live as so many of us do: simply but decently, content to be known and loved mostly by those closest to them.

But they stood guard in these halls—and so they also stood apart. They belong to that small but remarkable group of people whose profession requires the willing forfeiture not just of their time and talent but, if necessary, of their very lives. Unlike most of us, their daily work was to offer their life in the place of another's. More dramatically and compellingly than most of us, they embodied the qualities that sustain our democracy: selflessness and courage. In this, they stood guard over our democratic tradition.

As individuals and citizens, we are defined not only by who we stand with, but by when we choose to stand apart. I am honored that these men stood among us everyday and grateful that, when the critical moment came, they also freely chose to stand apart. In tribute, in these halls they guarded, we stand as one and grieve their deaths.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. CAPITOL POLICE OFFICERS  
JACOB CHESTNUT AND JOHN GIBSON

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Capitol Police Officers Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson who sacrificed their lives last Friday safeguarding our nation's Capitol, Members of Congress, our staffs and the thousands of Americans who were visiting the Capitol on that tragic day.

We are privileged to work in these hallowed buildings that are central to the greatest democracy in the world. We are equally privileged that Officers Chestnut and Gibson and their colleagues are willing to risk their lives to defend us from harm and keep democracy alive.

Capitol Police Officers protect more than 7 million visitors who come to our Nation's Capitol every year. Often, they are the first to welcome these visitors to our Capitol. I thank all the officers who secure our grounds and dedicate their lives to our safety.

Officers Chestnut and Gibson and their families are in our thoughts and our prayers, but we also should remember to pray for the safety of hundreds of other men and women who protect us everyday as we do the business of the American people. This tragedy should remind all of us that our democracy and our nation's security are ulti-

mately dependent upon the courage and commitment of individuals such as Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. CAPITOL POLICE OFFICERS  
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Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, honoring those who die in the service of others is a practice as old as life itself. From ancient times to the present day, those who survive pay tribute to those who have fallen with songs and symbols, flowers and ceremonies.

And it is a good thing, for it is at times like these that words often fail us. Few memorial addresses have outlived those who uttered them—not because of the inadequacy of the speakers, but because of the inadequacy of words themselves. To quote General James A. Garfield, who spoke at the first memorial at Arlington National Cemetery—where Officers Gibson and Chestnut will be buried later this week—"If silence is ever golden, it must be here beside the graves of men whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem the music of which can never be sung."

John Gibson and Jacob Chestnut were such men, as their countless friends and associates have testified, and so I add my small tribute to the hundreds that have already been offered in the hope that it may, in some small way, console the hearts of those they leave behind.

Mr. President, long after these men are laid to their final rest, the memory of their warmth and their many kindnesses, their lives and their heroic sacrifice will live on in the hearts and minds of all of us—indeed, of all who visit the soaring symbol of freedom and democracy they died to defend. From this day forward it will stand, like a silent sentry, guarding the memory of their valor and courage.

May the Almighty god who watches over all of us, comfort and strengthen their wives and children in the days ahead, and may He protect all who place themselves in harm's way so that we may enjoy the blessings and benefits of freedom.

Mr. President, I thank the chair and yield the floor.

#### HONORING THE EMBERSONS ON THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. Individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Glen and Vera Emberson, who on July 9, 1998, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Many things have changed in the 60 years this couple has been married, but the values principles, and commitment this marriage demonstrates are timeless. As Mr. and Mrs. Emberson celebrate their 60th year together with family and friends, it will be apparent that the lasting legacy of this marriage will be the time, energy, and resources invested in their children, community, and church, including their service as devoted missionaries. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone.

The Emberson's exemplify the highest commitment to the relentless dedication and sacrifice. Their commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 27, 1998, during the adjournment of the Senate received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 311. Concurrent resolution honoring the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police for their selfless acts of heroism at the United States Capitol on July 24, 1998.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4250. An act to provide new patient protections under group health plans.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 4021(c) of Public Law 105-33, the Speaker appoints the following member of the part of the House to the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mrs. Colleen Conway-Welch of Tennessee.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 39. An act to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 5:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of the eulogies of the