

Ultimately, I must weigh whether the benefit contained in this bill to provide prescription drugs is better than no benefit at all. I hope that is not the case. I hope the case will be we have done everything we possibly could, looking at the bipartisan package the Senate passed, and how hard we worked to get there to make this final product the best it can be for some of the most special people in this country.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. DOLE). The Senator from Idaho.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CRAIG. I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak up to 10 minutes each.

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

IN MEMORY OF PETE B. WILSON

Mr. CRAIG. Madam President, I come to the floor under the privilege to speak about a situation that occurred in Idaho that brought great sadness to me and to some of my staff.

In 1974, when I was elected to the State legislature, prior to that legislative session convening, I traveled to the north end of my State for the North Idaho Chamber Tour which goes on every 2 years for Idaho legislators. It was at that time I met the chairman of the North Idaho Chamber, a fellow by the name of Pete Wilson, who was a leader in his community of Bonners Ferry, who was well known across north Idaho as an attorney who gave so much of his time to his community and to the citizens of that area.

Little did I know years later when I ran for Congress, Pete Wilson would become one of my strong supporters. Pete became a friend down through the years. Just a few years after I got here, a young woman came to my office to seek employment, a young lady by the name of Brooke Roberts, who happened to be Pete Wilson's niece. Brooke Roberts is now my head of legislative affairs and my chief counsel and assistant manager of my office. Not only has Brooke played a tremendous role in my political life, but her uncle, Pete Wilson, has played a tremendous role. I say now, sadly, in the Senate, has played. Last Friday night or early Saturday morning, Pete Wilson and his son Kip were killed by asphyxiation believed to be carbon monoxide poisoning. His wife Rhoda and another son who was there visiting because of Pete's illness at age 78 are still recuperating from a near-death experience of carbon monoxide poisoning.

My sympathies go out to Rhoda and to Duff, to Tim and to Neal, the remaining sons of this wonderful family. Idaho has lost an icon. Idaho has lost one of those kinds of citizens who gives and gives and gives more, not for himself but for the community he was a

leader in, for the State he loved so well, for Boundary County, where he sought his professional life, where he raised his family, and where he made a mark on Idaho. Pete Wilson will be long remembered as a citizen of our State who gave.

He has always been in my political life, not just as someone who supported me but someone who advised me. Uncle Pete would pick up the phone and call and say: LARRY, you're wrong about this issue. You ought to do it this way or you ought to do it that way. And usually he was right. I took his advice because he was so well grounded in the community he served.

He served as president of the chamber, served as a lawyer who in many ways gave time and time again to the charities and to the communities of that marvelous community of Bonners Ferry and Boundary County.

Pete Wilson will be missed. Pete Wilson will be long remembered. It was a tragic accident that took him and his son, nearly took another son, and his wife.

To their family, I must say, on behalf of Suzanne and myself, we are so saddened by this situation, but we want Idaho to know Pete Wilson will be remembered as someone who made our country work, someone who never wanted to aspire beyond being just that strong community leader who associated himself communitywide and statewide to make for his family and for his friends a better place to live.

Pete Wilson of Bonners Ferry, ID, of Boundary County, ID, made north Idaho a better place because he was there as a marvelous leader of that community. Pete will be long remembered.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Madam President, I want to speak in morning business, but I would be pleased to yield, with unanimous consent, to my friend from Delaware, Senator BIDEN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. BIDEN. Madam President, I feel like I am part of New Jersey. The Senator from New Jersey is—I don't want to hurt his reputation—my closest ally in the Senate. We share a common border. Although I always kid him, as big as New Jersey is, the Delaware River is owned by the State of Delaware up to the high river mark in New Jersey. It is one of our claims to fame. We literally lap upon New Jersey's shore. But I thank him. I will be very brief.

CONGRATULATING FRENCH PRESIDENT CHIRAC

Mr. BIDEN. Madam President, I rise today to congratulate French President Jacques Chirac for having taken resolute steps to stop attacks on Jewish sites in France and, more broadly, to address some of the causes of anti-Semitism among Muslim youths in that country.

As you know, Madam President, France has a large Muslim minority population. In the past, I have been strongly critical of President Chirac, the French, and other Europeans for not having been sufficiently attentive to the cancer of anti-Semitism that still exists in Europe, and in the United States to some extent.

Some have ignored the insidious way criticism of some Israeli policies has been conflated into pure anti-Semitism. Others have shied away from meeting the problem head on because of fears of provoking more violence in Europe. Still others have refrained from speaking out for fear of alienating domestic electoral constituencies.

Whatever their motives, until recently, precious few European leaders have demonstrated very much leadership with regard to combating anti-Semitism, which is on the rise.

Last Saturday, a Jewish school near Paris was destroyed by an arson attack. Two days later, President Chirac convened a meeting attended by Prime Minister Raffarin and other top officials to react to this latest outrage. The result of the meeting, as reported in the New York Times, was a package of measures including beefed-up policing and prosecution of anti-Semitic violence, and also an earmark of nearly \$8 billion worth of investment in urban renewal to clean up neighborhoods that breed Islamic fundamentalism.

President Chirac was quoted as saying: "Anti-Semitism is contrary to all the values of France," and that Jewish Frenchmen and Frenchwomen are at home in France just as are all other groups.

Last month, the Committee on Foreign Relations held a hearing on anti-Semitism in Europe, which revealed the shocking extent of the problem. Recent public opinion polls in Europe have confirmed our hearing's testimony.

One of the most important weapons in the fight against anti-Semitism is political leadership. Or as Justice Holmes said: The best disinfectant is the light of day. The best disinfectant is light, and shedding light on the anti-Semitism in Europe, and criticizing it, can only be done effectively by Europe's political leadership.

France's measures are, to be sure, only a beginning of a long struggle to eradicate this disease from the European body politic. I have been critical in the past when European leaders have not responded. Now President Chirac should be complimented for having had the courage to forcefully show the way. He deserves credit, and I hope it is the beginning of a process.

(The remarks of Mr. BIDEN pertaining to the submission of S. Con. Res. 82 and S. Con. Res. 83 are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Mr. BIDEN. Madam President, I thank my friend from New Jersey. We use that phrase very loosely around