

do some things, but after we understand a little bit better why some of these things in these schools actually took place.

As an example, let me point out that when TWA Flight 800 exploded over Long Island, the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board spent over 2 years working around the clock, hauling wreckage from the ocean and methodically rebuilding this airplane, and an exhaustive investigation determined the cause. The FBI assigned 600 agents to the case and conducted 4,000 interviews with eyewitnesses, mechanics, people at the airport—anyone they could find who might be able to provide answers.

As a nation, we gladly undertook this massive effort so that millions of people who step on airplanes every day, who pack their suitcases and their briefcases and board airplanes, can feel secure that their Government is trying to keep them safe.

I suggest we undertake a similar effort, that we most certainly should spend the time and the resources to find out what happened in Colorado, in Mississippi, in Oregon, in Arkansas, so that these parents and children and other children can have some answers as to what happened and how we can

prevent this before it spreads to more places in more States.

I am hopeful that as we talk among ourselves and hear from the public at home and listen more carefully, we think about the possibility of creating a strong bipartisan commission that is given the resources and the time to ask these questions and to find answers. Hopefully, a commission such as this could be led by some of the strongest Members on both sides of the aisle, to come up with the answers so we can craft the proper solutions. Some of them will be government solutions as in a Federal law; some will be government solutions at a State and local level; others will be solutions that can happen through our churches, our non-profit organizations, our communities, and in every home in America.

I suggest now is not the time to rush into action, even though that is a natural tendency, but now is a time to listen. If we can spend millions of dollars and thousands of manhours to find out why airplanes explode, why can't we match that effort to find out why some children explode?

I look forward to working with the Members of this body to find the proper solutions to this critical challenge before our Nation.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Democratic leader, pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the appointment of Elizabeth Scott of South Dakota to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 28, 1999.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:47 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 28, 1999, at 10:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 27, 1999:

FOREIGN SERVICE

JOYCE E. LEADER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.