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The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God of new beginnings, who makes all things new, give us a viable hope and vibrant expectancy as we begin the work of the 105th Congress. On this day following the inauguration of President Clinton and Vice President GORE, as fellow Americans and patriots we ask for Your blessing on them. In the same breath, we renew our commitment to work together with them as we seek Your will for what is best for our Nation.

Endow our own Senate leaders, TRENT LOTT, TOM DASCHLE, DON NICKLES, and WENDELL FORD with a special measure of wisdom as they work cooperatively together to foster a spirit of oneness in the Senate. Help the Senators to delight in the diversity that sheds varied shades of light on the truth and debate that exposes maximum solutions. May this Senate be distinguished for its civility, creativity, and courage. Your spirit flourishes where men and women pray for each other, speak truth as they see it without rancor, and listen attentively to one another. When we all seek You and Your guidance, we find each other. The bond of our mutual love for You and for America will sustain us in the rough and tumble of political process. God, bless America and begin here in this Senate, through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Under the order today, the time between now and 12:30 will be

equally divided between myself and the Democratic leader. At 12:30 today, following our remarks, the Senate will recess until 2:15 for the weekly policy conferences to meet. When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15, there will be a period of morning business to enable all Senators to make statements and introduce legislation.

I anticipate that many of our colleagues will be making statements during the morning business period. Therefore, there will be no rollcall votes during today's session. It is my hope that during tomorrow's session the Senate will be able to consider the Executive nomination of Madeleine Albright to be the Secretary of State, and I anticipate a rollcall vote on Wednesday on the confirmation of that nomination.

I also announce to my colleagues that all Members will be notified as soon as the schedule is finalized with regard to a memorial service on Thursday in Lowell, MA, for our former colleague, Senator Paul Tsongas.

Again, I note as we come out of our policy luncheons, Senator DASCHLE and I will be introducing bills. I will introduce the first 10 bills on behalf of the Senate Republican majority, and Senator DASCHLE will introduce the next 10 bills. We will be hearing during the remainder of the day from the leading sponsors of those bills and others who will be introducing bills and want to make statements. We will go, I am sure, a while into the afternoon. It is hoped we will not begin this session by going late into the night on a Tuesday. We would like to quit at a reasonable hour, for all concerned.

INAUGURATION CEREMONIES

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that yesterday's proceedings of the inauguration of the President be printed in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the proceedings were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE VICE PRESIDENT, January 20, 1997

Members of the House of Representatives, Members of the Senate, Justices of the Supreme Court, members of the Cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps, the Governors of the States, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other distinguished guests assembled on the west front.

MRS. GORE

Mr. Martin Paone, Senate Secretary for the Minority, escorted Mrs. Gore, accompanied by Mrs. Lott and Mrs. Gephardt, to the President's platform.

MRS. CLINTON

Ms. Elizabeth B. Greene, Senate Secretary for the Majority, and Ms. Amelia Fields, Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, escorted Mrs. Clinton, accompanied by Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Gingrich, to the President's platform.

THE VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. John Chambers, Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies Deputy Director, Ms. Loretta Symms, Senate Deputy Sergeant at Arms, and Mr. Jim Vary, House Deputy Sergeant at Arms, escorted the Vice President, accompanied by Senator Lott, Representative Gephardt and Representative Arney, to the President's platform.

THE PRESIDENT

Ms. Susan Magill, JCCIC Executive Director, Mr. Greg Casey, Senate Sergeant at Arms, and Mr. Wilson Livingood, House Sergeant at Arms, escorted the President, accompanied by Senator Warner, Senator Ford, Representative Gingrich, Senator Lott, Representative Gephardt and Representative Arney, to the President's platform.

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader, Mr. Chief Justice, Members of the U.S. Congress, their families and guests—all one-quarter million who have joined here today on the grounds of their Capitol.

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[Applause.]

Welcome to the 53rd Inauguration of the President and the Vice President of the United States of America.

[Applause.]

Across our Nation, and around the world, Americans join William Jefferson Clinton as he reconfirms the oath of office as the 42nd President of the United States, and Albert Gore, Jr., as he reconfirms the oath of office as the 45th Vice President of the United States.

Our first President, George Washington, was inaugurated in 1789.

Thereafter, every 4 years, our citizens have witnessed this transition of authority as required by the Constitution of the United States.

It is the conferring of this trust and authority—which has occurred without any interruption for 208 years—that is the cornerstone of our representative democracy.

It is a tribute to the providential vision of our Founding Fathers.

It is a tribute to the strength of character of the American people and the endurance of their institutions.

It is a tribute to successive generations of Americans who have guarded our most valuable heritage—our freedom.

And, Mr. President, may I say, on behalf of the millions and millions of Americans, we express to you our gratitude for this past week, having invited to the White House a true man who fought for freedom, and you presented him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Senator Dole. Thank you, Mr. President.

[Applause.]

For two centuries, the American Presidential Inauguration ceremony has represented both national renewal and continuity of leadership.

So it is altogether fitting that as the world's oldest continuous constitutional democratic republic, we gather today to honor this historical triumph, and to recommit ourselves to keep our Nation strong for future generations.

Mr. President, prayer has been an essential part of all inaugural ceremonies.

As I was privileged to drive up with you from the White House, you held the Bible and read the passage that you will read today.

Therefore, we are honored today to have the Reverend Billy Graham to lead our Nation in prayer, as he has at seven previous inaugurations.

Please stand for the invocation and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Graham.

INVOCATION

Reverend GRAHAM. President Clinton, Mrs. Clinton, Vice President Gore, Mrs. Gore, I am going to ask that we all bow our heads in prayer.

Our Father and our God, we thank You today for the privilege of coming into Your presence on this historic and solemn occasion.

We thank You for Your gracious hand which has preserved us as a Nation. We praise You for the peaceful continuity of Government that this inauguration represents.

We recall that the Bible says, "Except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it." You also said that to whom much has been given, much will be required.

We look gratefully to the past, and thank You that from the very foundations of America You granted our forefathers courage and wisdom, as they trusted in You. So we ask today that You would inspire us by their example. Where there has been failure, forgive us; where there has been progress, confirm;

where there has been success, give us humility, and teach us to follow Your instructions more closely as we enter the next century.

Give to all those to whom You have entrusted leadership today a desire to seek Your will and to do it.

So today, we ask Your blessing on President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, and upon Vice President Gore and his wife, Tipper, and their children.

Give to all our leaders the vision of what You desire America to become and the wisdom to accomplish it and the strength to cross the bridges into the 21st century.

We pray also for the Members of the House and the Senate, for the Supreme Court, and for all who bear responsibility of leadership in this Nation which is blessed with such ethnic diversity.

We have not solved all the social problems of our times, such as drugs and racism. Technology and social engineering have not solved the basic problems of human greed, pride, intolerance, and selfishness. We need your insight, we need your compassion, we need your strength. As both President Clinton and Senator Dole urged us in the recent Presidential campaign, may this be a time of coming together to help us deal with the problems we face.

O Lord, help us to be reconciled first to You and secondly to each other. May Dr. Martin Luther King's dream finally come true for all of us. Help us to learn true courtesy to our fellow countrymen that comes from the One who taught us that "whatever you want me to do to you, do also to them."

Remind us today that You have shown us what is good and what You require of us—to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

We ask that as a people we may humble ourselves before You and seek Your will for our lives and for this great Nation. Help us in our Nation to work as never before to strengthen our families and to give our children hope and a moral foundation for the future.

So may our desire be to serve You and, in so doing, serve one another.

This we pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mr. WARNER. Thank you, Reverend Graham.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. WARNER. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Eagle Scout David Morales, Boy Scout Troop 152, Vienna, VA.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eagle Scout David Morales.)

Mr. WARNER. Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my privilege to present the Children of the Gospel Mass Choir, under the auspices of the Washington Performing Arts Society.

More than 100 voices from the Washington metropolitan area make up this unique choir.

Accompanied by the United States Marine Band, the choir will perform an original composition by its director, Mr. Rickey Payton, entitled, "Let's Build a Bridge Across America."

(The Children of the Gospel Mass Choir sang "Let's Build a Bridge Across America.")

Mr. WARNER. Ladies and gentlemen, it is now my distinct privilege and honor to present the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who will administer the oath of office to the Vice President of the United States, Albert Gore, Jr.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

Associate Justice GINSBURG. If you are ready to take the oath, Mr. Vice President, please repeat after me.

Associate Justice of the United States Ruth Bader Ginsburg administered to the Vice President-elect the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, which he repeated, as follows:

"I, Albert Gore, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of which I am about to enter. So help me God."

Associate Justice GINSBURG. Every good wish, Mr. Vice President.

Vice President GORE. Thank you.

[Applause.]

Mr. WARNER. Ladies and gentlemen, participating in today's program is a person with talent described by music critics as a catalog of all that is virtuous in singing.

Accompanied by the U.S. Army Chorus and Chorale, please welcome the world renowned Jessye Norman, who will perform a medley of American music entitled "O Freedom."

Miss Norman.

[Applause.]

(Jessye Norman sang a medley of American music entitled "O Freedom.")

Mr. WARNER. Thank you very much. Ladies and gentlemen, as chairman of the Joint Inaugural Committee, it is now my privilege to introduce my cochairman, Senator Wendell Ford of Kentucky, who will introduce the Chief Justice of the United States.

Senator Ford.

Mr. FORD. Thank you, my friend, John Warner. President Clinton, Mrs. Clinton, Vice President Gore, Mrs. Gore, my fellow Americans, and my colleagues.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, wife of the President-elect, will hold the Clinton family Bible. They are joined by their daughter Chelsea.

It is now my great privilege and high honor to present the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, the Honorable William Hobbs Rehnquist, who will administer the oath of office to the President and President-elect of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton.

[Applause.]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Chief Justice REHNQUIST. Are you ready to take the oath, Mr. President?

President CLINTON. Yes, I am.

Mr. Chief Justice REHNQUIST. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

The Chief Justice of the United States, William Hobbs Rehnquist, administered to the President-elect the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution, which he repeated, as follows:

"I, William Jefferson Clinton, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. So help me God."

[Applause.]

(Herald Trumpets play "Ruffles and Flourishes" and "Hail to the Chief", and 21-gun salute.)

Mr. FORD. Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States of America, William Jefferson Clinton.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

President CLINTON. My fellow citizens: At this last Presidential inauguration of the 20th century, let us lift our eyes toward the challenges that await us in the next century. It is our great good fortune that time and chance have put us not only at the edge of a new century in a new millennium, but

on the edge of a bright new prospect in human affairs. A moment that will define our course and our character for decades to come. We must keep our old democracy forever young. Guided by the ancient vision of a promised land, let us set our sights upon a land of new promise.

The promise of America was born in the 18th century out of the bold conviction that we are all created equal. It was extended and preserved in the 19th century, when our Nation spread across the continent, saved the Union, and abolished the awful scourge of slavery.

Then, in turmoil and triumph, that promise exploded onto the world stage to make this the American century.

And what a century it has been. America became the world's mightiest industrial power, saved the world from tyranny in two world wars and a long cold war, and time and again reached out across the globe to millions who, like us, longed for the blessings of liberty.

Along the way, Americans produced the great middle class and security in old age; built unrivaled centers of learning and opened public schools to all; split the atom and explored the heavens; invented the computer and the microchip; and deepened the wellspring of justice by making a revolution in civil rights for African Americans and all minorities, and extending the circle of citizenship, opportunity, and dignity to women.

Now, for the third time, a new century is upon us, and another time to choose. We began the 19th century with a choice to spread our Nation from coast to coast. We began the 20th century, with a choice to harness the Industrial Revolution to our values of free enterprise, conservation, and human decency. Those choices made all the difference. At the dawn of the 21st century, a free people must now choose to shape the forces of the Information Age and the global society, to unleash the limitless potential of all our people, and, yes, to form a more perfect union.

When last we gathered, our march to this new future seemed less certain than it does today. We vowed then to set a clear course, to renew our Nation.

In these 4 years, we have been touched by tragedy, exhilarated by challenge, strengthened by achievement. America stands alone as the world's indispensable nation. Once again, our economy is the strongest on Earth. Once again, we are building stronger families, thriving communities, better educational opportunities, a cleaner environment. Problems that once seemed destined to deepen, now bend to our efforts: our streets are safer and record numbers of our fellow citizens have moved from welfare to work.

And once again, we have resolved for our time a great debate over the role of Government. Today we can declare: Government is not the problem; and Government is not the solution. We, the American people, we are the solution.

[Applause.]

Our Founders understood that well, and gave us a democracy strong enough to endure for centuries, flexible enough to face our common challenges and advance our common dreams in each new day.

As times change, so Government must change. We need a new Government for a new century, a government humble enough not to try to solve all our problems for us, but strong enough to give us the tools to solve our problems for ourselves. A Government that is smaller, lives within its means, and does more with less. Yet where it can stand up for our values and interests around the world, and where it can give Americans the power to make a real difference in their

everyday lives, Government should do more, not less. The preeminent mission of our new Government is to give all Americans an opportunity—not a guarantee—but a real opportunity to build better lives.

[Applause.]

Beyond that, my fellow citizens, the future is up to us. Our Founders taught us that the preservation of our liberty and our Union depends upon responsible citizenship.

And we need a new sense of responsibility for a new century. There is work to do, work that Government alone cannot do. Teaching children to read. Hiring people off welfare rolls. Coming out from behind locked doors and shuttered windows to help reclaim our streets from drugs and gangs and crime. Taking time out of our own lives to serve others.

Each and every one of us, in our own way, must assume personal responsibility—not only for ourselves and our families, but for our neighbors and our Nation.

[Applause.]

Our greatest responsibility is to embrace a new spirit of community for a new century. For any one of us to succeed, we must succeed as one America.

The challenge of our past remains the challenge of our future: Will we be one nation, one people, with one common destiny—or not? Will we all come together, or come apart?

The divide of race has been America's constant curse. And each new wave of immigrants gives new targets to old prejudices. Prejudice and contempt, cloaked in the pretense of religious or political convictions, are no different.

[Applause.]

These forces have nearly destroyed our Nation in the past. They plague us still. They fuel the fanaticism of terror, and they torment the lives of millions in fractured nations all around the world.

These obsessions cripple both those who hate and, of course, those who are hated, robbing both of what they might become. We cannot—we will not—succumb to the dark impulses that lurk in the far regions of the soul, everywhere. We shall overcome them.

[Applause.]

We shall replace them with the generous spirit of a people who feel at home with one another.

Our rich texture of racial, religious and political diversity will be a godsend in the 21st century. Great rewards will come to those who can live together, learn together, work together, forge new ties that bind together.

As this new era approaches, we can already see its broad outlines. Ten years ago, the Internet was the mystical province of physicists; today, it is a commonplace encyclopedia for millions of schoolchildren. Scientists now are decoding the blueprint of human life. Cures for our most feared illnesses seem close at hand.

The world is no longer divided into two hostile camps; instead, now we are building bonds with nations that once were our adversaries. Growing connections of commerce and culture give us a chance to lift the fortunes and spirits of people the world over. And for the very first time in all of history, more people on this planet live under democracy than dictatorship.

[Applause.]

My fellow Americans, as we look back at this remarkable century, we may ask, can we hope not just to follow, but even to surpass the achievements of the 20th century in America, and to avoid the awful bloodshed that stained its legacy? To that question, every American here and every American in our land today must answer a resounding "Yes."

[Applause.]

This is the heart of our task: With a new vision of Government, a new sense of responsibility, a new spirit of community, we will sustain America's journey. The promise we sought in a new land, we will find again in a land of new promise.

[Applause.]

In this new land, education will be every citizen's most prized possession. Our schools will have the highest standards in the world, igniting the spark of possibility in the eyes of every girl and every boy, and the doors of higher education will be open to all. The knowledge and power of the information age will be within reach, not just of the few but of every classroom, every library, every child. Parents and children will have time not only to work, but to read and to play together, and the plans they make at their kitchen table will be those of a better home, a better job, a certain chance to go to college.

Our streets will echo again with the laughter of our children, because no one will try to shoot them or sell them drugs anymore. Everyone who can work will work, with today's permanent underclass part of tomorrow's growing middle class. New miracles of medicine at last will reach not only those who can claim care now, but the children and hard-working families too long denied.

We will stand mighty for peace and for freedom and maintain a strong defense against terror and destruction. Our children will sleep free from the threat of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons. Ports and airports, farms and factories will thrive with trade and innovation and ideas. And the world's greatest democracy will lead a whole world of democracies.

Our land of new promise will be a Nation that meets its obligations: A Nation that balances its budget, but never loses the balance of its values.

[Applause.]

A nation where our grandparents have secure retirement and health care, and their grandchildren know we have made the reforms necessary to sustain those benefits for their time.

[Applause.]

A Nation that fortifies the world's most productive economy, even as it protects the great natural bounty of our water, air, and majestic land.

And in this land of new promise, we will have reformed our politics so that the voice of the people will always speak louder than the din of narrow interests, regaining the participation and deserving the trust of all Americans.

[Applause.]

Fellow citizens, let us build that America, a nation ever moving forward toward realizing the full potential of all its citizens. Prosperity and power, yes, they are important, and we must maintain them, but let us never forget: The greatest progress we have made, and the greatest progress we have yet to make, is in the human heart. In the end, all the world's wealth and a thousand armies are no match for the strength and decency of the human spirit.

[Applause.]

Thirty-four years ago, the man whose life we celebrate today spoke to us down there, at the other end of this Mall, in words that moved the conscience of a Nation. Like a prophet of old, he told of his dream that one day America would rise up and treat all its citizens as equals before the law and in the heart. Martin Luther King's dream was the American dream. His quest is our quest: the ceaseless striving to live out our true creed. Our history has been built on such dreams and labors, and by our dreams and labors, we will redeem the promise of America in the 21st century.

To that effort, I pledge all my strength and every power of my office. I ask the Members of Congress here to join in that pledge. The American people returned to office a President of one party and a Congress of another. Surely, they did not do this to advance the politics of petty bickering and extreme partisanship they plainly deplore.

[Applause.]

No, they call on us all instead to be repairers of the breach and to move on with America's mission.

America demands and deserves big things from us—and nothing big ever came from being small.

[Applause.]

Let us remember the timeless wisdom of Cardinal Bernardin when facing the end of his own life. He said, "It is wrong to waste the precious gift of time . . . on acrimony and division."

Fellow citizens, we must not waste the precious gift of this time, for all of us are on that same journey of our lives, and our journey, too, will come to an end. But the journey of our America must go on.

And so, my fellow Americans, we must be strong, for there is much to dare. The demands of our time are great, and they are different. Let us meet them with faith and courage, with patience and a grateful, happy heart. Let us shape the hope of this day into the noblest chapter in our history. Yes, let us build our bridge—

[Applause.]

a bridge wide enough and strong enough for every American to cross over to a blessed land of new promise. May those generations whose faces we cannot yet see, whose names we may never know, say of us here that we led our beloved land into a new century with the American dream alive for all her children, with the American promise of a more perfect Union a reality for all her people, with America's bright flame of freedom spreading throughout all the world.

From the height of this place and the summit of this century, let us go forth. May God "strengthen our hands for the good work ahead"—and always, always bless our America.

[Applause.]

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, we thank you for that strong and inspiring message at this very important time in our history.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce the Immanuel Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra of this Little Rock.

The choir and orchestra, under the direction of Reverend Lynn Madden, will present "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

(The Immanuel Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra sing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic.")

Mr. WARNER. Thank you for the singing of that most inspiring of American music.

As he did for his first inauguration in 1993, President Clinton has asked a distinguished American scholar to compose a poem for this historic day.

Please welcome writer, editor, poet, Mr. Miller Williams.

[Applause.]

OF HISTORY AND HOPE

We have memorized America,
how it was born and who we have been and
where.

In ceremonies and silence we say the words,
telling the stories, singing the old songs.
We like the places they take us. Mostly we
do.

The great and all the anonymous dead are
there.

We know the sound of all the sounds we
brought.

The rich taste of it is on our tongues.

But where are we going to be, and why, and
who?

The disenfranchised dead want to know.

We mean to be the people we meant to be,

to keep on going where we meant to go.

But how do we fashion the future? Who can
say how

except in the minds of those who will call it
Now?

The children. The children. And how does
our garden grow?

With waving hands—oh, rarely in a row—
and flowering faces. And brambles, that we
can no longer allow.

Who were many people coming together.

cannot become one people falling apart.

Who dreamed for every child an even chance.

cannot let luck alone turn doorknobs or not.

Whose law was never so much of the hand as
the head

cannot let chaos make its way to the heart.

Who have seen learning struggle from teach-
er to child

cannot let ignorance spread itself like rot.

We know what we have done and what we
have said,

and how we have grown, degree by slow de-
gree,

believing ourselves toward all we have tried
to become—

just and compassionate, equal, able, and free.
All this in the hands of children, eyes al-
ready set.

on a land we never can visit—it isn't there
yet—

but looking through their eyes, we can see.

what our long gift to them may come to be.

If we can truly remember, they will not for-
get.

[Applause.]

Mr. WARNER. Santita Jackson will lead the
singing of our National Anthem. She will be
accompanied by the Resurrection Choir, a
group composed of singers from the choirs of
American churches tragically destroyed by
fire in recent months.

This choir's performance is a befitting
commemoration of this day on which we
honor also Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Before we sing our National Anthem, the
Reverend Gardner C. Taylor will deliver the
benediction.

Ladies and gentlemen, please stand for the
benediction and remain standing to sing our
National Anthem.

Reverend Taylor.

BENEDICTION

Reverend TAYLOR. Let us lift up our spirits
before our Creator, eternal God, brooding
over the days of our years. In sovereign judg-
ment, and yet with tender mercy, now close
to the end of this solemn but joyous occa-
sion, we lift our hearts and our hopes before
Thee.

We pray for our President, William Jeffer-
son Clinton, that Thou will give to him ever
increasing vision and vigor and voice, that
he might speak tellingly to the American
promise in history.

We pray for the gracious and gallant lady
at his side, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and for
their daughter.

We ask Thy blessings upon the Vice Presi-
dent of the United States and upon his wife,
Mrs. Tipper Gore. Grant, we pray, that he
may ever be more a partisan of what is best
in our American tradition.

And now, our God, we hold before Thee this
Nation so richly endowed, so grandly blessed,
and yet imperiled, apparently often, by the
very richness of its diversity. Deliver us
from pettiness of heart, from harshness of
speech and from violence of action. Make us
worthy of our history, of patriots' sacrifices
and martyrs' blood, in the vanguard of which
stand Lincoln and King, Thy servants Abra-

ham and Martin. Give us ever a greater dedi-
cation and commitment to the grand defin-
ing words of our democracy—liberty, justice,
equality, opportunity.

And now let the words of our mouths, all of
our mouths, in the meditations of our
hearts, all of our hearts, be acceptable in
Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Re-
deemer, and now unto the old, wise God, our
Deliverer, be glory and majesty, dominion
and power both now and evermore. Amen.

Mr. WARNER. Now, Miss Santita Jackson.

(The National Anthem was sung by Santita
Jackson and the Resurrection Choir, audi-
ence standing.)

[Applause.]

The inaugural ceremonies were concluded
at 12:48 p.m.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest
the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The
clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to
call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unani-
mous consent that the order for the
quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I know of
no Senator having indicated that he or
she desires to make a statement at this
time. No request being given to the
Cloakroom, I ask unanimous consent
that the Senate now stand in recess
under the previous order until 2:15.

There being no objection, the Senate,
at 12:20 p.m. recessed until 2:15 p.m.;
whereupon, the Senate reassembled
when called to order by the Presiding
Officer [Mr. COATS].

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr.
COATS). The majority leader is recog-
nized.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unani-
mous consent that the period for
morning business be divided as follows:
The first 30 minutes under the control
of the majority leader, the second 30
minutes under the control of the
Democratic leader, with the next hour
under the control of the majority lead-
er or his designee, to be followed by 1
hour under control of the Democratic
leader or his nominee.

I do not believe there is a problem
with this. We have cleared it with the
other side of the aisle.

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

SENATE REPUBLICAN AGENDA

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I think we
have the opportunity here today to get
off to a good start, a fast start. It is
one about which we have commu-
nicated with our colleagues on the
other side of the aisle. We have in-
creased the number of bills that we of-
ficially introduce at the start of the