

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:39 a.m. at the U.S. Postal Service Vehicle Maintenance

Facility. In his remarks, he referred to Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman.

Remarks on White House Press Secretary Tony Snow *March 27, 2007*

This morning I got a phone call from Tony Snow. He called me from the hospital. He told me that when they went in and operated on him, they found cancer. It's a recurrence of the cancer that he thought that he had successfully dealt with in the past. His attitude is, one, that he is not going to let this whip him, and he's upbeat. My attitude is, is that we need to pray for him and for his family.

Obviously, a lot of folks here in the White House worry a lot about their friend, as do Laura and I. And so my message

to Tony is, stay strong; a lot of people love you and care for you and will pray for you. And we're hoping for all the best. I'm looking forward to the day that he comes back to the White House and briefs the press corps on the decisions that I'm making and why I'm making them. In the meantime, I hope our fellow citizens offer a prayer to he and his family.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:54 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House.

Remarks to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association *March 28, 2007*

All right. Thanks for having me. Thank you. Please be seated. Not a bad introduction by a cowboy. *[Laughter]* Thanks for having me. Welcome to Washington. I'm glad to be with you. I was telling Laura this morning, "I'm really looking forward to going over to talk to the Nation's cattlemen." I appreciate being with people who understand the importance of faith, family, hard work, good values. I like to remind people, every day is Earth Day if you make a living off the land. It's good to be with fellow conservationists.

I'm going to talk a little bit about two big priorities: One, how to keep this economy strong so people can make a living; and secondly, how this country needs to stay resolved and firm in protecting the security of our country. And I appreciate you giving me a chance to come over and visit.

I do want to thank John Queen. I want to thank the board of directors. Thanks for being here and making your voices heard. You can influence the debate in Washington. And this is a town where people do listen to other people's voices. I've got a few suggestions for you when you go up to Capitol Hill. *[Laughter]* But before I give them, I do want to recognize Senator Craig Thomas from the State of Wyoming and Marilyn Musgrave from Colorado. Appreciate you both being here.

Let me talk about how to keep this economy growing. You know, one of the main jobs of government is to create the conditions for economic growth. A main job of government is not to try to create wealth. In other words, the fundamental question we've got to ask here in Washington is,