

Today the United States stands alone as the world's only superpower. Today, more often than not our foreign policy debates concern trade, rather than war; economic issues rather than military issues. It is at times like this, times of peace, that we should pay extra attention to the true purpose of Memorial Day.

The good news is that American citizens understand and respect the role veterans have played in our Nation's history. If you look at the size of the crowds that visit the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam War Memorial here in DC you get a sense of how Americans feel about their veterans. The same scene is duplicated time and time again at veterans' memorials all across the country. Recently I had the honor of participating in a ceremony marking the progress of the new Veterans' Memorial Park being built in Albuquerque. It is with the creation of special places like this park that our Nation continues to honor the service and sacrifice of all our veterans.

Mr. President, we set aside one day each year to officially honor those who died for our freedom. For all that our military veterans have done for us, it is the least we could do. To all the veterans, thank you.●

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, it is easy to take for granted the freedom we have here, in the United States, and too often we lose sight of that and resort to complaining about one thing or another, but the fact is, we live in the most blessed Nation in the world, we enjoy the greatest freedom of choice, we enjoy so much, but those freedoms were purchased and protected at a very high cost.

As we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day this year, I call upon my fellow Missourians and all Americans to pause and remember the sacrifice of our soldiers, sailors, Marines, and air men and women stationed around the world today protecting us with a blanket woven with the battle flags from places with names like Lexington, Concord, Gettysburg, Belleau Wood, Pearl Harbor, Coral Sea, Iwo Jima, Saint Lo, Bastogne, Chosin Reservoir, Khe Sahn, Beirut, Wadi Al-Batin, and Medina Ridge in Iraq and most recently, those taken from us in Somalia and by the brutal and cowardly bombing of Kobart Towers.

We must remember the sacrifices of those who came before us, and those whom we most recently lost—the fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters who gave their most precious of gifts, their lives, that we might continue to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear.

We must remember them so we will focus our determination, as a nation, that we never, ever, waste a life because it is too hard or too expensive to do the right thing. We must take this opportunity to re-dedicate ourselves to make that effort and to ensure that

our military personnel are the best trained, equipped and prepared in the world, because we ask so much of them.●

ORDERS FOR MAY 27, MAY 30, JUNE 2, AND JUNE 3, 1997

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10 o'clock on Tuesday, May 27, for a pro forma session only and immediately following the prayer, the Senate stand in adjournment until 11 a.m., Friday, May 30, for a pro forma session only. I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the prayer on Friday, May 30, the Senate stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Monday, June 2, and further that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business until 1 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, the Senate proceed to 3 hours of tributes to honor our most distinguished President pro tempore, who will break the all-time Senate record on Sunday, May 25, for the longest Senate service. I know all of our colleagues will want to participate in this worthy tribute to the distinguished Senator from South Carolina, Senator THURMOND.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent on Monday, June 2, at 1 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. 4, the comptime-flextime bill which would guarantee a family friendly workplace. Amendments are expected to be offered. However, votes will not occur prior to the hour of 5 p.m.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO FILE REPORTS

Mr. LOTT. I further ask unanimous consent that committees have between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, to file reports to accompany legislative or executive items.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. For the information of all Senators, it is the hope of the leadership that the budget conference report will be available for Senate consideration on Tuesday, June 3. Therefore, all Senators can expect a rollcall vote on passage of the budget conference report on Tuesday, June 3, hopefully, early in the evening rather than going late into the night.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LOTT. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator CRAIG of Idaho.

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

The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I thank the majority leader for allowing me this time, and I also want to recognize his leadership in the efforts we have just concluded in bringing about a budget and a budget resolution. I think our majority leader, TRENT LOTT, is to be congratulated for a very positive and gallant effort.

TRIBUTE TO NORMAN G. ARSENEAULT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments to recognize a member of my staff who will be retiring next Friday after many years of service to me, the State of Idaho, the Senate, and the Nation.

Norman G. Arseneault came to my office as an American Political Science Association fellow from the Forest Service, USDA more than 6 years ago. He served with distinction in that fellowship program, taking on numerous natural resources problems facing the State of Idaho and working diligently to find solutions. When he completed the fellowship, he returned to the Forest Service to resume what I am sure would have been a distinguished career.

Shortly after he had returned to the Forest Service, it became clear to me that solutions to the natural resources problems we faced—the wilderness debate in my State, endangered species listing, and a host of others—would benefit from Norm's skills. I offered him a permanent staff position, and, fortunately for Idaho, he accepted.

Since then, all in my office have benefited from Norm Arseneault's professionalism, good humor, and integrity. He has developed a reputation on the Hill and in the State of Idaho for honesty, straightforwardness, fairness, and competence. It has been my good fortune to have been among those who have known and worked with him on a day-to-day basis.

As Norm moves on to a new phase in his life, I know the traits that have made him so effective in my office over the past 6 years will service him well in his future endeavors. I am proud to know Norm Arseneault and to have called him friend. I speak for all in my office when I say he will be dearly missed. We wish him the best and God speed.

MEMORIAL DAY, 1997

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, on Monday, many of us will be about the land, speaking to veterans on Memorial Day. Throughout this Nation's history and

throughout the world's history valiant soldiers have struggled, distinguished themselves, advanced their cause, and fallen in battle. Yet a Memorial Day commemorating America's brave heroes was a long time in coming.

A national memorial occasion was observed for the first time in 1886. It began with the Grand Army of the Republic, the organization of Union Army veterans. They started, on a nationwide scale, what some southern women in several Dixie cities had been doing as a local spring ceremony—remembering the Civil War dead by placing flowers on their graves.

Since then, all too many generations have confronted the savagery of war and added their own list to the role of the fallen heroes. What began as a memorial to casualties of one war is now our day to honor those from all of our wars.

In the beginning, Memorial Day was more popularly known as Decoration Day. I grew up, as probably the President did, knowing it as Decoration Day. I remember my folks saying now we have to go to the graves and to the cemetery to honor our dead. In our family on Decoration Day. It was observed by decorating the graves with flowers and flags. That tradition is still a strong one and many thousands of Americans will go to the graves of their loved ones and to veterans and veterans' graves and memorials on Monday to recognize our veterans.

Our emphasis today should be to remember the supreme sacrifice so many made to protect our great Nation and secure the freedoms we enjoy.

Gen. John A. Logan, the commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, called for the observance of Memorial Day in 1886. Today, his words are still eloquent and meaningful, and it is fitting that we recall them. He said, "Let no ravages of time testify to coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic."

On this Memorial Day, 1997, that we are soon to celebrate, let us acknowledge the terrible cost and honor the fallen heroes who paid for it have made, by rededicating ourselves to their cause. Let us concentrate on preserving our Nation and honoring our cherished freedoms by recognizing those who preserve them for us.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.,
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under a previous order, the Senate now stands in recess until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, 1997.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:40 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 27, 1997, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 23, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES P. RUBIN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE THOMAS E. DONILON.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION IN THE REGULAR ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 611(A) AND 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. PHILLIP R. ANDERSON, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. BURWELL B. BELL III, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. BRYAN D. BROWN, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JULIAN H. BURNS, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL T. BYRNES, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JOHN S. CALDWELL, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. REGINAL G. CLEMMONS, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. GEORGE F. CLOSE, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. CARL H. FREEMAN, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JOSEPH R. INGE, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. PHILIP R. KENSINGER, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. DONALD L. KERRICK, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. LARRY J. LUST, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JOHN J. MARCELLO, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. TIMOTHY J. MAUDE, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. DAN K. MCNEILL, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. PAUL T. MIKOLASHEK, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. MARY E. MORGAN, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. BRUCE K. SCOTT, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JERRY L. SINN, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JAMES R. SNIDER, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. EDWARD SORIANO, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JULIAN A. SULLIVAN, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JOHN D. THOMAS, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. HOWARD J. VON KAENEL, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM S. WALLACE, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM E. WARD, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. DAVID S. WEISMAN, 0000.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. ANTHONY C. ZINNI, 7104.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD

PAUL SIMON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 22, 1998, VICE SHARON DARLING, TERM EXPIRED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

HAROLD W. FURCHTGOETT-ROTH, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 1995, VICE ANDREW CAMP BARRETT, RESIGNED.

WILLIAM E. KENNARD, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 1996, VICE JAMES H. QUELLO, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BONNIE R. COHEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE RICHARD MENFEE MOOSE.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 23, 1997:

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

DONNA HOLT CUNNINGHAME, OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

DAVE NOLAN BROWN, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 1998.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

ARTHUR I. BLAUSTEIN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2002.

LORRAINE WEISS FRANK, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2002.

SUSAN FORD WILTSHIRE, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2002.

NATHAN LEVENTHAL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2002.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

JON DEVEAUX, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 12, 1998.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

MAGDALENA G. JACOBSEN, OF OREGON, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 1999.

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

D. MICHAEL RAPPOPORT, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION FOR TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2002.

JUDITH M. ESPINOSA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

ANN JORGENSEN, OF IOWA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD, FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 21, 2002.

LOWELL LEE JUNKINS, OF IOWA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ANDREW J. PINCUS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TRITRUVARUR R. LAKSHMANAN, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JERRY M. MELILLO, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY.

KERRI-ANN JONES, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DONALD RAPPOPORT, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FUND

HANS M. MARK, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 17, 2002.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD

ANTHONY R. SARMIENTO, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 22, 1998.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

SUSAN E. TREES, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2002.

MARSHA MASON, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2002.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GERALD N. TIROZZI, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STUART E. EIZENSTAT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

THOMAS R. PICKERING, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

KAREN SHEPHERD, OF UTAH, TO BE U.S. DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LETTITIA CHAMBERS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.