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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. 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, You have called the men and women of this Senate to glorify You by being servant-leaders. The calling is shared by the officers of the Senate, Senators' staffs, and all who enable the work done in this Chamber. Keep us focused on the liberating truth that we are here to serve by serving our Nation. Our sole purpose is to accept Your absolute Lordship over our own lives and then give ourselves totally to the work this day.

Give us the enthusiasm that comes from knowing the high calling of serving in government. Grant us the holy esteem of knowing that You seek to accomplish Your plan for America through the legislation of this Senate. Free us from secondary, self-serving goals. Help us to humble ourselves and ask how we may serve today. We know that happiness comes not from having things or getting recognition but from serving in the great cause of implementing Your righteousness, justice, and mercy for every person and in every circumstance of this Nation. We take delight in the ultimate paradox of life: The more we give ourselves away, the more we can receive of Your life. In our Lord's name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MIKE DEWINE, a Senator from the State of Ohio, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Chair.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate will resume consideration momentarily of the conference report to accompany the District of Columbia, Labor-HHS, and Education bill. By previous consent, at 10 a.m., the Senate will proceed to a vote on the conference report. That vote will be followed up by two cloture votes in relation to the Caribbean/African trade bill. Senators can expect then at least two stacked votes to begin at approximately 10 a.m. Cloture is expected to be invoked on the trade bill, and therefore the Senate will begin 30 hours of postcloture debate during today's session of the Senate. It is hoped this bill can be completed in the next day or so, certainly before the end of the week, because we do have some other very important issues we want to complete this week. We do want to take up the financial services modernization conference report, and we want to move to the bankruptcy bill that Senator DASCHLE and I have been trying to get an agreement on how to bring to the floor. We have had objection so far, but we are going to persist in getting this to the floor in a way that would be fair to both sides.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all second-degree amendments must be filed at the desk by 10 a.m. today.

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

Mr. LOTT. I also ask unanimous consent that all amendments to the pending trade bill must be relevant to the substitute or the issue of trade and all

other provisions of rule XXII be in order.

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

Mr. LOTT. We will work to get a time for those amendments to be filed because we do need to get a look at those amendments, even though they are relevant, just so they can be considered by the managers of the legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all first-degree amendments be filed by 2 p.m. today, notwithstanding rule XXII.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time I am about to use come out of my leader time.

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

WALTER PAYTON

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, Walter Payton was the pride of Columbia, MS. He died all too early this past Monday at the age of 45 years—too young for a person of such integrity, ability, and generosity.

The Clarion Ledger newspaper of my home State this morning wrote a magnificent article about him. It said Walter Payton amazed his Mississippi teammates with his kindness almost as often as he dazzled them with his ability. They tell of a man who studied audiology in college after playing high school football with a deaf friend. That told a lot about the early life of this outstanding young man, and it is the kind of life he lived until his final day this past Monday.

Surprisingly, the man who would become a great football player did not even try out for football until his junior year in high school, choosing instead to play drums in the high school band. But he learned the game of football as fast as he could run, and long

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before the Nation had heard of the Chicago Bear named "Sweetness," Mississippians were cheering a Jefferson High superhero they called "Spiderman" and a Jackson State Tiger known as Walter.

His 3,563 yards rushing at Jackson State University was one of nine school records he set, and he scored a college career total of 66 touchdowns. At Jackson State, in 1973, he led the Nation in scoring with 160 points, and his 464 career points set an NCAA record. But Jackson State was a Division 1-AA school, and Walter did not get the same attention as players from some of the bigger, well-known colleges. Still, the Bears knew a caliber player when they saw one, and they knew about some of the other famous Mississippians who had preceded him, so they drafted him fourth in the overall draft in 1975.

In his first NFL game in 1975, he rushed eight times for a total of zero yards. But that did not tell the story of what was to come. The Bears did not give up on him, and Walter Payton didn't give up on himself. He worked as hard in Chicago as he had in Mississippi. By the end of his rookie year, he had started seven games and rushed for 679 yards and seven touchdowns. The next year he had the first of what would be 10 1,000-yard seasons, rushing for 1,390 yards and 13 touchdowns.

NFL coaches termed him the "complete football player." Just last night, I saw Mike Ditka saying he was the best, most complete football player he had ever seen. He bested Jim Brown's longstanding rushing record of 12,312 yards in 1984.

But he also was more than just a football player. He worked to help mankind. He created the Halas/Payton Foundation to assist Chicago inner-city youth in completing their education. He believed in nurturing young people through education and inspiration, and he knew that the rewards of sports came in the challenges he set for himself, what he learned about himself, and what he accomplished as part of a team.

Walter Payton's light shown brighter earlier than many people his age. That is why his passing on Monday was even more difficult to take. At his induction in the NFL Football Hall of Fame in July 1993, he asked his son Jarrett to be the first son to present his father for induction into the Football Hall of Fame. His son said:

"Not only is he a great athlete, he's a role model—he's my role model."

Drummer, NCAA champion, college Hall of Famer, Pro Football All Star, NFL Hall of Famer, "Sweetness."

Role model to his son and millions of other Jarretts, that is the title Walter Payton would most cherish as his legacy.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, will the Senator yield a moment to me?

Mr. LOTT. I will be delighted to yield to my colleague from Mississippi.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I join my distinguished colleague in advising

the Senate that today our State of Mississippi, mourns with a heavy heart, the passing of Walter Payton, who died yesterday.

His accomplishments on the football field at Jackson State University and at Soldiers Field in Chicago as a member of the Chicago Bears are well known to all of us. He was the greatest running back in the history of football.

He reflected a great deal of credit on our State not only because he was a great football player but because of his personality, his generosity, and his kindness to his family and friends. I know he would often fly members of his family and friends—including a member of my staff, Barbara Rooks, who is a close friend of the Payton family—to Chicago for football games. He was devoted to his mother, Mrs. Aylene Payton and his sister Pamela and he was very close to his brother Eddie, who was a great football player too as well as a professional golfer. Eddie Payton also coached the Jackson State University golf team to the national championship.

The family is well respected in so many ways. I could go on for a long time and tell you more about his mother and what a dear lady she is and the exemplary community spirit of all the members of Walter Payton's family.

I extend to his wife Connie and their children Jarrett and Brittney my deepest sympathies. The articles in the New York Times today describe well his remarkable career, and they include accolades from fellow players, coaches, and friends. I ask unanimous consent that these articles on the life and career of Walter Payton along with his biography as an Enshrinee of the Pro Football Hall of Fame be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Clarion Ledger, Nov. 2, 1999]

FROM COLLEGE IN MISSISSIPPI TO CHAMPION

(By William C. Rhoden)

The news that Walter Payton died yesterday at his home in a suburb of Chicago came not so much as a shock but as a sorrowful, piercing spike. We were prepared last February by the shock of seeing the once robust Payton looking gaunt and frail as he announced that he suffered from a rare liver disease. Now we mourn a family's loss of a father and husband, and the industry's loss of a great athlete. I mourn the loss of a shared past, life petals that peel away each time someone contemporary dies.

I was not close to Walter Payton, but rather attached to him.

We first met 28 years ago this month, on Nov. 13, 1971. This was the sort of one-on-one introduction that defensive backs dread and outstanding running backs love. We met at the 10-yard line in Mississippi Memorial Stadium.

This was before Payton became Sweetness; before he became a Chicago Bear; before we were paid for plying our particular crafts. We met in the rarefied atmosphere of black college football. He was a freshman at Jackson State University in Mississippi; I was a senior at Morgan State in Baltimore. This was an inter-sectional game between once-beaten, once-tied opponents. We had beaten

Jackson State a year earlier at R.F.K. Stadium in Washington, and now it was our turn to go to the Deep South, deeper than I'd ever been. I was intrigued by Mississippi, the state so tied to civil rights history. All our coach kept talking about was that these Southern boys were still fighting the Civil War: the South thought it was better than the North, he said, and when it came to football, felt it was heartier, better and tougher.

Jackson State had a great football legacy: Willie Richardson, Gloster Richardson, Verlon Biggs, Harold Jackson, Richard Caster, Lem Barney. This particular year it had Jerome Barkum, later a wide receiver with the Jets, Robert Brazile, later a linebacker with the Oilers, and Eddie Payton, Walter's older brother, who became a great N.F.L. punt returner and then a professional golfer. Walter began the year unknown, playing behind his brother. By November he was still playing behind his brother but was Jackson State's secret weapon.

My recollection of the game is reduced to one poignant frame—that first meeting at the 10-yard line. A sweep with Payton slicing past the line, over the linebackers and finally into the secondary. There was Payton, there was me; I hit him and felt solid contact, then felt Payton bounce back to the outside for a touchdown. What I remember thinking at the moment was that this guy had great balance, gyroscopic balance. He was nearly horizontal, legs still churning. Payton was rushing toward the National Football League; I was headed toward journalism, not doing such a good job of tackling but recording the moment.

Years later in Chicago I teased him about Morgan State's victory in 1970. Payton reminded me that we had won that game when he was still in high school.

Payton represents so much to so many. He carried the banner of black college football to an unprecedented level. To one extent or another we all carried a burden of proof. One success reflected well on the group. Individual success was group success, even if the player went to a different institution. Such as when Grambling sent eight players to the N.F.L. one season, or now when Mike Strahan, who played at Texas Southern, runs in the winning touchdown. Payton was an object of such pride. His success felt good and warm.

He held so many N.F.L. records. He set the career record for rushing yards, 16,726; for career attempts, 3,838; for rushing yards in a game, 275; for seasons with 1,000 or more yards, 10. He broke Jim Brown's N.F.L. career rushing mark, 12,312 yards, in Chicago on Oct. 7, 1984, the same day he broke Brown's mark of 58 100-yard rushing games.

A large part of Payton's legacy is made up of numbers. Yesterday, Robert Hughes, the Jackson State head coach, was an assistant coach in 1971, said that what Payton meant went beyond the numbers. "What's most memorable to me is when he started getting on a roll and started after Jim Brown's record," Hughes said. "Brown was the greatest running back of all time. He didn't come from a predominantly black school; he's from Syracuse. When Walter came in from a little school in Mississippi to top all that, that's what made it great."

Walter Payton, with the aggressive, elusive style that was formed at Jackson State. The N.F.L.'s career rushing leader. The runner who led Chicago to its only Super Bowl victory. Dead so young, at 45.

[From the New York Times, Nov. 2, 1999]

FOOTBALL REMEMBERS PAYTON, THE

ULTIMATE PLAYER

(By Mike Freeman)

Late yesterday afternoon each National Football League team received an e-mail

message from the Chicago Bears. Many executives knew what it said before they read it: Walter Payton, one of the best ever to play running back, had died.

For the past several days it has been rumored that Payton had taken a turn for the worse, so the league was braced for the news. Still, the announcement that Payton had succumbed to bile-duct cancer at 45 rocked and deeply saddened the world of professional football.

"His attitude for life, you wanted to be around him," said Mike Singletary, a close friend who played with Payton from 1981 to 1987 on the Bears. Singletary read Scripture at Payton's side on the morning of his death. "He was the kind of individual if you were down he would not let you stay down," Singletary said.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the N.F.L. family was devastated by the loss of Payton. Tagliabue called him "one of the greatest players in the history of the sport."

"The tremendous grace and dignity he displayed in his final months reminded us again why 'Sweetness' was the perfect nickname for Walter Payton," he said in a statement.

In his 13 seasons with Chicago, Payton rushed for 16,726 yards on 3,838 carries, still both N.F.L. records. One of Payton's most impressive feats was that he played in 189 of 190 games from 1975, his first season, until his retirement in 1987. For someone with Payton's style to participate and dominate in that many games—he enjoyed plowing into defenders and rarely ran out of bounds to avoid a tackle—is remarkable.

"He is the best football player I've ever seen," said Saints Coach Mike Ditka, who coached Payton for six seasons with Chicago.

Ditka added: "At all positions, he's the best I've ever seen. There are better runners than Walter, but he's the best football player I ever saw. To me, that's the ultimate compliment."

What always amazed Payton's opponents was his combination of grace and power. Payton once ran over half dozen players from the Kansas City Chiefs, and on more than one occasion he sprinted by speedy defensive backs.

It did not take long for the N.F.L. to see that Payton was special. In 1977, his third season, Payton, standing 5 feet 10½ inches and weighing 204 pounds, was voted the league's most valuable player after one of the best rushing seasons in league history. He ran for 1,852 yards and 14 touchdowns. His 5.5 yard a carry that season was a career best and against Minnesota that season he ran for 275 yards, a single-game record that still stands.

"I remember always watching him and thinking, 'How did he just make that run?'" Giants General Manager Ernie Accorsi said. "He was just a great player.

Accorsi echoed the sentiments of others that Payton may not have had the natural gift of running back Barry Sanders or the athleticism of Jim Brown, but that he made the most of what he had.

"I think Jim Brown is in a class by himself," Accorsi said. "And then there are other great players right behind him like Walter Payton."

Payton was known as much for his kindness off the field as his prowess on it. He was involved with a number of charities during and after his N.F.L. career, and although he valued his privacy he was known for his kindness to people in the league whom he did not know.

Accorsi saw Payton at the 1976 Pro Bowl, and even though it was one of the first times the two had met, Payton told Accorsi, "I hope God blesses you."

"When some guys say stuff like that, you wonder if it isphony," Accorsi said, "but not

with him. You could tell he was very genuine."

Bears fans in Chicago felt the same way, which is why reaction to his death was swift and universal.

"He to me is ranked with Joe DiMaggio in baseball—he was the epitome of class," said Hank Oettinger, a native of Chicago who was watching coverage of Payton's death at a bar on the city's North Side. "The man was such a gentleman, and he would show it on the football field."

Several fans broke down crying yesterday as they called into Chicago television sports talk show and told of their thoughts on Payton.

Asked what made Payton special, Ditka said: "It would have to be being Walter Payton. He was so good for the team. He was the biggest practical joker and he kept everyone loose. And he led by example on the field. He was the complete player. He did everything. He was the greatest runner, but he was also probably the best looking back you ever saw."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues from the State of Mississippi who are justifiably proud of Walter Payton. His home State of Mississippi can look to Walter Payton with great pride. There is a great deal of sadness in my home State of Illinois, particularly in the city of Chicago, with the passing of Walter Payton at the age of 45.

Later today, I will enter into the RECORD a statement of tribute to Mr. Payton, but I did not want to miss this opportunity this morning to mention several things about what Walter Payton meant to Chicago and Illinois.

He was more than a Hall of Fame football player. He ran for a record 16,726 yards in a 13-year career, one of those years shortened by a strike, and yet he established a record which probably will be difficult to challenge or surpass at any time in the near future.

The one thing that was most amazing about Walter Payton was not the fact he was such a great rusher, with his hand on the football and making moves which no one could understand how he pulled off, but after being tackled and down on the ground, hit as hard as could be, he would reach over and pull up the tackler and help him back on his feet.

He was always a sportsman, always a gentleman, always someone you could admire, not just for athletic prowess but for the fact he was a good human being.

I had the good fortune this last Fourth of July to meet his wife and son. They are equally fine people. His son, late in his high school career, in his junior year, decided to try out for football. The apple does not fall far from the tree; he became a standout at Saint Viator in the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights and now is playing at the University of Miami. I am sure he will have a good career of his own.

With the passing of a man such as Walter Payton, we have lost a great model in football and in life—the way he conducted himself as one of the most famous football players of all time.

The last point I will make is, toward the end of his life when announcing he faced this fatal illness, he made a plea across America to take organ donation seriously. He needed a liver transplant at one point in his recuperation. It could have made a difference. It did not happen.

I do not know the medical details as to his passing, but Walter Payton's message in his final months is one we should take to heart as we remember him, not just from those fuzzy clips of his NFL career but because he reminded us, even as he was facing his last great game in life, that each and every one of us has the opportunity to pass the ball to someone who can carry it forward in organ donation, and the Nation's commitment to that cause would be a great tribute to him.

I yield the floor.

THE DEATH OF WALTER PAYTON

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I rise today to express my sadness at the news of the death of one of football's greatest stars ever, Chicago's own Walter Payton.

Walter Payton was a hero, a leader, and a role model both on and off the field. For 13 years, he thrilled Chicago Bears' fans as the NFL's all-time leading rusher—perhaps one of the greatest running backs ever to play the game of football. After retiring from professional football in 1987, Payton continued to touch the lives of Chicagoans as an entrepreneur and a community leader.

Walter Payton's historic career began at Jackson State University, where he set a college football record for points scored. The first choice in the 1975 NFL draft, Payton—or "Sweetness" as he was known to Chicago Bears fans—became the NFL's all-time leader in running and in combined net yards and scored 110 touchdowns during his career with the Bears. He made the Pro Bowl nine times and was named the league's Most Valuable Player twice, in 1977 and 1985. In 1977, Payton rushed for a career-high 1,852 yards and carried the Bears to the playoffs for the first time since 1963. He broke Jim Brown's long-standing record in 1984 to become the league's all-time leading rusher, and finished his career with a record 16,726 total rushing yards. In 1985-86, Walter Payton led the Bears to an unforgettable 15-1 season and Super Bowl victory—the first and only Super Bowl win in Bears' history. Walter Payton was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993, and was selected this year as the Greatest All-Time NFL Player by more than 200 players from the NFL Draft Class of 1999.

More important, Walter Payton matched his accomplishments on the football field with his selfless actions off the field on behalf of those in need. He earned a degree in special education from Jackson State University and worked throughout his adult life to improve the lives of children. In 1988, he