

messages. The very chamber in which oral arguments on this case were heard is decorated with a notable and permanent—not seasonal—symbol of religion: Moses with the Ten Commandments. Congress has long provided chapels in the Capitol for religious worship and meditation.”

(13) On June 4, 1985, in the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Wallace v. Jaffree*, 472 U.S. 38 (1985), in which a mandatory moment of silence to be used for meditation or voluntary prayer was held unconstitutional, Justice O'Connor, concurring in the judgment and addressing the contention that the Court's holding would render the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because Congress amended it in 1954 to add the words “under God,” stated “In my view, the words ‘under God’ in the Pledge, as codified at (36 U.S.C. 172), serve as an acknowledgment of religion with ‘the legitimate secular purposes of solemnizing public occasions, [and] expressing confidence in the future.’”

(14) On November 20, 1992, the United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, in *Sherman v. Community Consolidated School District 21*, 980 F.2d 437 (7th Cir. 1992), held that a school district's policy for voluntary recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance including the words “under God” was constitutional.

(15) The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals erroneously held, in *Newdow v. U.S. Congress*, (9th Cir. June 26, 2002) that the Pledge of Allegiance's use of the express religious reference “under God” violates the First Amendment to the Constitution, and that, therefore, a school district's policy and practice of teacher-led voluntary recitations of the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional.

(16) The erroneous rationale of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in *Newdow* would lead to the absurd result that the Constitution's use of the express religious reference “Year of our Lord” in Article VII violates the First Amendment to the Constitution, and that, therefore, a school district's policy and practice of teacher-led voluntary recitations of the Constitution itself would be unconstitutional.

SEC. 2. ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

(a) REAFFIRMATION.—Section 4 of title 4, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§4. Pledge of allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery

“The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: ‘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.’, should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.”

(b) CODIFICATION.—In codifying this subsection, the Office of the Law Revision Counsel shall show in the historical and statutory notes that the 107th Congress reaffirmed the exact language that has appeared in the Pledge for decades.

SEC. 3. REAFFIRMING THAT GOD REMAINS IN OUR MOTTO.

(a) REAFFIRMATION.—Section 302 of title 36, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§302. National motto

“‘In God we trust’ is the national motto.”

(b) CODIFICATION.—In codifying this subsection, the Office of the Law Revision Counsel shall make no change in section 302, title 36, United States Code, but shall show in the historical and statutory notes that the 107th Congress reaffirmed the exact language that has appeared in the Motto for decades.

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent the Senate agree to the House amend-

ment, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

COST TO TAXPAYERS OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S CAMPAIGN TRAVEL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, at the same time President Bush is telling us that because of severe budget constraints there is no money for important programs, he, Vice President CHENEY, and other members of the administration are spending taxpayer dollars to jet around the country for political fundraisers and campaign events.

Many people wonder why President Bush is traveling around the country so much for political reasons, to give political speeches regarding political candidates, when our Nation is at war on terrorism and we are facing what he called an imminent and serious threat to our national security posed by Iraq.

Many people believe it is improper for President Bush to be racing from one campaign event to another—raising record amounts of campaign cash for Republican candidates—instead of spending time solving America's severe economic problems. I agree with them.

I, too, wish the President would focus on the issues that we in Nevada—and I believe all Americans—are concerned about, such as jobs, Social Security, pension protection, corporate scandals, stock market declines, high cost of health care, access to affordable quality education, and other priorities.

I understand that President Bush has a role. He is not only the Commander in Chief, but also the Republican Party's cheerleader in chief. I understand and accept that. What I don't accept is this constant campaigning being paid for by taxpayers. If he decides to campaign 100 percent of the time for Republican House and Senate candidates, or gubernatorial candidates, whatever he chooses, that is his business. But it should not be at the expense of taxpayers in Nevada and in other places. That is what it is. Flying this corporate entourage around is very expensive, whether it is the President or Vice President. Flying that big jet—I am glad the President has it, and I was here when we paid for it for President Reagan. It is important they have that airplane, but it should be for the business of the people, not for the business of the Republican Party or the Democratic Party.

I wrote to Mitch Daniels and said I want to know how much this costs. Of course, I received no answer. I guess the letter is in the mail. It has been

weeks. So I have asked the General Accounting Office to find out. The Vice President met with them during the establishment of a so-called national energy policy, and they even took the GAO to court so they would not have to disclose who they met with, when, or what they talked about. The courts will decide that. We are going to find out how much this cost. It should not be paid for by taxpayers. It should be paid for by the Republican National Committee, or whatever Republican arm they believe should pay for it.

If we have a Democratic President, the same thing should apply. But this has to stop. People have a right, if they are President, to make campaign speeches, but they should be paid for by their political parties, political fundraisers; but the President seems to be devoting an excessive amount of time on these activities. He has scheduled the last 14 consecutive days for campaign travels, every day from next Monday to the election on Tuesday. The taxpayers are paying for that. That is wrong. They have a little program where they have incidental expenses paid for by the local people—maybe extra police or something. But that won't do the trick. That is not right, fair, or equitable.

I think that rather than spending—this is my personal opinion—14 days on the campaign trail, he should be spending 14 days trying to do something about this economy, which is stumbling, staggering, faltering. That is what he should be doing. Given the amount of staff and transportation resources required for Presidential travel, the President's fundraising trips are costing the taxpayers not a few hundred dollars or a few thousand dollars but millions of dollars.

Why should the taxpayers foot the bill for that? They should not. The scheduling of these trips is largely driven by the administration's political agenda of electing more Republicans. Mr. President, I repeat: If he wants to spend 24 hours a day campaigning, he is the President and he can do that. I think it is wrong, but he has that right. It should not be paid for by taxpayers.

President Bush pledged that his administration would do business differently, that there would be a new atmosphere in Washington. I would think that spending taxpayer money on political campaigning and fundraising is the type of frivolous spending he vowed to curb. According to newspaper articles and TV reports, the President has traveled more to political fundraisers than any past President.

On September 26, almost 3 weeks ago, I sent a letter to Mitch Daniels. No answer. I have asked the GAO to investigate the President's campaign travel, including the expenses charged to the taxpayers. The President said he wanted to change the atmosphere in Washington. The American people took him at his word. They didn't realize it would change for the worse. This is an example. I think it is wrong.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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Today's Senate proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.