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Mr. President, she concludes by saying:

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It has become clear to me that there will be no enduring peace without justice. History shows that there will be another Darfur, another exodus, in a vicious cycle of bloodshed and retribution. But an international court finally exists. It will be as strong as the support we give it. This might be the moment we stop the cycle of violence and end our tolerance for crimes against humanity.

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Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the article from the Washington Post be printed in the RECORD.

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

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JUSTICE FOR DARFUR

(By Angelina Jolie)

BAHAI, CHAD.—Here, at this refugee camp on the border of Sudan, nothing separates us from Darfur but a small stretch of desert and a line on a map. All the same, it's a line I can't cross. As a representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, I have traveled into Darfur before, and I had hoped to return. But the UNHCR has told me that this camp, Oure Cassoni, is as close as I can get.

Sticking to this side of the Sudanese border is supposed to keep me safe. By every measure—killings, rapes, the burning and looting of villages—the violence in Darfur has increased since my last visit, in 2004. The death toll has passed 200,000; in four years of fighting, Janjaweed militia members have driven 2.5 million people from their homes, including the 26,000 refugees crowded into Oure Cassoni.

Attacks on aid workers are rising, another reason I was told to stay out of Darfur. By drawing attention to their heroic work—their efforts to keep refugees alive, to keep camps like this one from being consumed by chaos and fear—I would put them at greater risk.

I've seen how aid workers and nongovernmental organizations make a difference to people struggling for survival. I can see on workers' faces the toll their efforts have taken. Sitting among them, I'm amazed by their bravery and resilience. But humanitarian relief alone will never be enough.

Until the killers and their sponsors are prosecuted and punished, violence will continue on a massive scale. Ending it may well require military action. But accountability can also come from international tribunals, measuring the perpetrators against international standards of justice.

Accountability is a powerful force. It has the potential to change behavior—to check aggression by those who are used to acting with impunity. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, chief

prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), has said that genocide is not a crime of passion; it is a calculated offense. He's right. When crimes against humanity are punished consistently and severely, the killers' calculus will change.

On Monday I asked a group of refugees about their needs. Better tents, said one; better access to medical facilities, said another. Then a teenage boy raised his hand and said, with powerful simplicity, "Nous voulons une épreuve." We want a trial. He is why I am encouraged by the ICC's announcement yesterday that it will prosecute a former Sudanese minister of state and a Janjaweed leader on charges of crimes against humanity.

Some critics of the ICC have said indictments could make the situation worse. The threat of prosecution gives the accused a reason to keep fighting, they argue. Sudanese officials have echoed this argument, saying that the ICC's involvement, and the implication of their own eventual prosecution, is why they have refused to allow U.N. peacekeepers into Darfur.

It is not clear, though, why we should take Khartoum at its word. And the notion that the threat of ICC indictments has somehow exacerbated the problem doesn't make sense, given the history of the conflict. Khartoum's claims aside, would we in America ever accept the logic that we shouldn't prosecute murderers because the threat of prosecution might provoke them to continue killing?

When I was in Chad in June 2004, refugees told me about systematic attacks on their villages. It was estimated then that more than 1,000 people were dying each week.

In October 2004 I visited West Darfur, where I heard horrific stories, including accounts of gang-rapes of mothers and their children. By that time, the UNHCR estimated, 1.6 million people had been displaced in the three provinces of Darfur and 200,000 others had fled to Chad.

It wasn't until June 2005 that the ICC began to investigate. By then the campaign of violence was well underway.

As the prosecutions unfold, I hope the international community will intervene, right away, to protect the people of Darfur and prevent further violence. The refugees don't need more resolutions or statements of concern. They need follow-through on past promises of action.

There has been a groundswell of public support for action. People may disagree on how to intervene—airstrikes, sending troops, sanctions, divestment—but we all should agree that the slaughter must be stopped and the perpetrators brought to justice.

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Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I conclude by saying that the subcommittee which I chair of the Judiciary Committee, the Human Rights Sub-

committee, had a hearing several weeks ago on genocide in Darfur. We are preparing legislation as a result of that hearing to authorize State and local governments and others to divest of investments in Sudan and businesses that are doing business in Sudan and furthermore to extend the authority of the U.S. Department of Justice to prosecute those whom we find guilty of genocide in foreign lands. That authority currently exists for those whom we accuse and wish to prosecute for torture; the same thing should apply to crimes of genocide.

Those two legislative changes may help, but in the meantime it is time for our Government to help. I commended the Bush administration 4 years ago when they finally used the word "genocide" as it related to Darfur. I thanked then-Secretary of State Colin Powell for his courage in using that word. I said the same to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. But, having said that, we must understand that if we use the word and fail to act, what does it say of us? If we acknowledge that a genocide is taking place and do nothing, what does it say of America?

We have the power to do things, to change this. It will take political courage, not only in the White House but here in Congress. History will write in years to come whether we acted or not, as it is written about the lack of response to the Holocaust. I sincerely hope history will judge us late to the cause but rising with a sense of justice that is necessary to end this terrible killing.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

TRIBUTE TO ARCHIE GALLOWAY

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam President, I would like to take a personal moment to express my deepest gratitude and bid farewell to my senior defense policy analyst, Archie Galloway.

For the past 10 years, Archie has dedicated his time, energy and skill to assisting me but more importantly to assisting America and the citizens of Alabama. He has been a friend and an asset to the Senate Armed Services Committee, and his performance stands as a tribute to the professionalism of our military community. Archie leaves us to join the private sector, but our Nation will continue to benefit from his many contributions for many years.

I congratulate Arch on his bright future but with a heavy heart. His experience as a battle-tested Army officer, Ranger, and 101st Airborne Screaming

Eagle, combined with his in-depth knowledge of the workings of Capitol Hill, cannot be matched. Upon joining my team, he quickly became a pillar in my office. His undeniable work ethic and his unwavering dedication to our country and to my State of Alabama were a great example to his fellow staffers.

As my senior defense policy analyst, I have relied on Archie's experience and sound judgment. In the last 10 years, he has been instrumental in the passage of key legislation, such as the HEROES Act that Senator LIEBERMAN and I cosponsored—I believe the Senator was here a moment ago—that doubled the death benefits provided to the families of those who lost a service-member in combat. Alabama's success in the recent Base Realignment and Closure round reflected so much of his hard work. The footprints of his dedication to the needs of this Nation and to the State of Alabama are deep and permanent as he moves on to his next journey in life.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the other half of the Galloway team. Archie's wife Carol is a tremendous contributor to his success. We will always be impressed by the strength of their partnership and the heart and soul they put into everything they do together.

On behalf of myself, my staff, and the people of Alabama, the military community, the Senate Armed Services Committee, and the entire country, may I say thank you to Colonel Archie Galloway.

During these 10 years, Archie has won the admiration and respect of everyone he has worked with. Many have sent their regards, so I thought I would quote a few.

Charlie Able, former Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the former Armed Services Committee staff director had this to say:

Archie is a professional soldier and a dedicated Senate staffer who cares deeply about soldiers and their families. It's equally important to recognize his wife Carol for her dedication and service. This partnership is truly their best asset.

Les Brownlee, the former Senate Armed Services Committee staff director and Under Secretary of the Army had this to say:

Archie wore the uniform of a soldier and brought all of that wonderful experience to the U.S. Senate, where it has been invaluable to Senator Sessions, the Army, and the Nation.

Here are the words of General Cody, Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Army:

Archie Galloway is a patriot in every sense of the word. His commitment to this Nation and the Army has not faltered through 40 years of service. In and out of uniform, Archie has dedicated his life to taking care of the soldiers that defend our freedoms. Although Arch will be missed, he can take great pride in knowing the indelible impact he has made will continue to save lives, strengthen our national security, and protect the liberties from which we all benefit.

Thank you for your service Arch, Army Strong!

Dick Walsh, senior member of the Armed Services Committee, writes on behalf of the Armed Services Committee and their team:

There aren't many people working on Capitol Hill these days who have served in the Armed Forces, and among those, there are even fewer who—like Arch Galloway—served over 20 years on active duty, commanded troops, and achieved the rank of Colonel in the United States Army. We have been fortunate to have Arch working issues in support of Senator Sessions on behalf of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines and working for the people of our country. Whether he learned it from his parents or whether he learned it in the Army, Archie brought the qualities of common sense, good judgment, commitment to duty, honor, and country, wisdom and an inherent understanding of how to get things done the right way in the U.S. Senate. Archie helped us all see each day that the Army is an institution we all have to listen to, support, and advocate for. Any outfit that keeps someone like Arch for a career and then hands him off to more public service is doing something right. No one was able to send a message of appreciation and thanks for support and a job well done with a plate of delicious cookies better than Archie Galloway, and we thank Carol Galloway for her contributions as Archie's G4 to committee morale. Archie like few others understands the "force multiplier" effect of baked goods. All part of being a great leader. The staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee relies greatly on the military legislative assistants who work for our Senators and those who have the kind of experience and qualities that Arch possesses represent a tremendous resource. They are full partners with the committee staff. We are sad to see Archie leave, and he will be missed, but we are very grateful for his friendship and service.

Rob Soofer, the chief staffer for the minority side on the Strategic Forces Subcommittee says:

Most legislative assistants view their primary responsibility as supporting the Senator's interests in the State. While Archie was indeed a forceful advocate for defense interests in Alabama, he never lost sight of the broader national security interests and the role Senator Sessions played as chairman of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee. As the liaison between the committee staff and the Senator, he made sure the Senator was prepared to chair subcommittee hearings and address critical strategic force issues during the preparation and passage of the National Defense Authorization Act.

John Little, now the chief of staff for Senator MARTINEZ, a former staffer in my office, said this:

I cannot say enough about Archie Galloway. It was my honor to work with him for 8 years. I have never worked with someone who is more honest, sincere and dedicated. As a native of Alabama, I know how much he has done for my State. America is truly stronger for his service to our Nation. I wish him and Carol much happiness and the best of luck as he embarks on his new professional career. I am very glad that I can call him my friend.

Here are some comments from those with whom he has worked. Rick Dearborn, the Chief of Staff in my office, says:

If James Brown was known as the hardest working man in show business, Arch Gal-

way should be known as the "hardest working military legislative assistant on the Hill." The focus that Arch has placed on men and women in uniform over 10 years, particularly those who served in the State of Alabama, was a tribute to his country and the man who represents them. I know of no one who has worked harder, put in more hours, more thought and sweat than Archie Galloway on behalf of the men and women in uniform and in the name of national security.

Major Shannon Sentell, former military fellow in my office, back now on active duty, said:

Be it the soldier in the field, the constituent in need of assistance, or the numerous relationships he has on the Hill, Archie Galloway always gave 110 percent in making sure the welfare of those individuals and groups was taken care of. His untiring efforts and tenacious attitude made Arch the "go-to" man when a lot of heavy lifting was needed. On a personal note, I refer to him as my colleague, my mentor, but most of all, my friend. Thank you, Arch, for what you do on a daily basis. You have made an incredible difference in so many lives. You will be sorely missed.

Meagan Myers, who now works under Colonel Galloway on my staff, said this:

Though he would never admit it, Arch is my father figure in Washington, D.C. I have truly never learned so much about life from one individual. To call him my mentor would be an understatement at best. Although I will miss Arch in the office, I look forward to his success in the private sector.

Watson Donald, who also worked under Archie Galloway and is now the military legislative assistant for Congressman JO BONNER, said:

Archie Galloway is one of the most dedicated, hard-working, loyal, intelligent people I know. His decade-long service to Alabama has been invaluable and I know our entire congressional delegation will miss his defense-related expertise. Having worked for him personally for 3 years, I am proud to have him not only as a professional mentor, but as a friend.

Leroy Nix, who also worked under Arch and is now in law school said:

I would simply like to express my gratitude to Colonel Galloway for his tireless commitment to excellence and the service of the people of Alabama and this Nation. Having worked with Arch in Senator Sessions' office for the better part of 3 years, I had the luxury of learning from him, not just the finer points of professionalism and personal development, but also those things that I feel will continue to influence the man I am and the man I strive to be. My only hope is that more people, young and old, could have such a fine teacher, mentor, and most importantly, friend.

John Muller, current military fellow and major in the Army says:

Archie is a true patriot and a great mentor. He shows you the way and gives you the freedom to work the issues, but he will not let you fail.

Stephen Boyd—LA, SESSIONS staffer said:

I've had the very good fortune to work about 10 feet from Arch Galloway, day in and day out, for several years now. It's given me a deep respect for all he has done behind the scenes for Senator Sessions and for the State of Alabama. When I came to Washington fresh from law school, I was long on eagerness but short on experience. It didn't take

me long to realize that Arch Galloway, more than any other, knew exactly what he was doing in this town. I decided early on to use Arch's attitude, style, and work ethic as a model for my own, and I think that is one of the best decisions I have ever made. His guidance has never let me down.

Mike Brumas, press secretary, Senator SESSIONS, said:

the use of use of superlatives is all too common these days. But someone trying to describe Arch Galloway's 10-year tenure on Capitol Hill is forced to reach for the highest of accolades—best, brightest, consummate professional, hardest worker. Arch Galloway brought the can-do spirit of a distinguished military career to Senator Sessions's office, and we all benefited by his example. He will be hard to replace and is already missed.

Madam President, I have had the opportunity to travel to Iraq on more than one occasion with Colonel Galloway. He is more than an employee in my office. He is a friend and a partner in service to our country. His career was exceptional in the Army on active duty. His service in my office has been exceptional. No one on the Hill, I think, is more respected than Archie Galloway for his hard work and professionalism. I am going to miss him. Our country is going to miss him.

I don't do this often, but I think on very special occasions, those who serve this Senate exceedingly well deserve a few moments of mention. I think it is true for Archie Galloway. I think all of us appreciate our staff members. So many serve in so many superb ways, but I have to tell my colleagues, this one was special. I am really going to miss him. I wish he and Carol every success. He has been a partner, a friend, and a patriot in his service to America.

I thank the Chair and I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut is recognized.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Madam President, I wish to very briefly thank Senator SESSIONS for his tribute to Archie Galloway. I had the privilege to work with Arch and traveled with him at least a couple of times. He is a patriot. He served his country in many different roles, including the last period of time working with Senator SESSIONS, to the benefit of the Senate and his country. I wish him the best in the years ahead, and I look forward to continuing our friendship.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I wish to take a moment, as they are talking about the way to proceed further, to read a letter I have read every year since I have been in the Senate on or around March 2, which is Texas Independence Day. Today is the 171st anniversary of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence. This is a document that declares that Texas would be a free and independent republic. This is a tradition that was started by my colleague, Senator John Tower. It is a most historic time for Texas be-

cause we celebrate Texas Independence Day every year because we know that fighting for freedom has made a difference in what our State has become. We love our history. We were a republic for 10 years, and then we came into the United States as a State.

The defense of the Alamo by 189 courageous men, who were outnumbered 10 to 1, was a key battle in the Texas Revolution. The sacrifice of Colonel William Barret Travis and his men made possible General Sam Houston's ultimate victory at San Jacinto, which secured independence for Texas. Sam Houston and Thomas Rusk, who was the Secretary of War for the Republic of Texas, were the first two United States Senators to serve from the State of Texas.

I will read the letter that was sent by William Barret Travis from the Alamo, asking for arms.

Fellow citizens and compatriots: I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna—I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man—the enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison is to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken—I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the wall—I shall never surrender or retreat.

Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country—Victory or Death.

WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS,
Lt. Col., Commander.

As everyone knows that battle did continue. Colonel Travis did not receive any help, but it was the delay of those brave soldiers, numbering under 200, that allowed Sam Houston to reinforce his own army and take a stand at the battle of San Jacinto that happened April 21 of that year and did, in fact, determine that Texas would become an independent republic.

TAX RELIEF

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise to discuss the tax relief that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bush in 2001 and 2003, and to bring some reality to an upcoming debate this month that involves the budget resolution. Since that tax relief was enacted in 2001 and 2003, and especially since last November, we have heard from the liberal establishment in Washington and elsewhere that this bipartisan tax relief must be ended and that taxes should be increased on millions of Americans of all income levels.

Today, I am going to look at what is driving the tax increase crowd and talk about why they are wrong and why increasing taxes is a bad idea. The liberal establishment uses deficit reduction as a primary excuse for their craving to

raise taxes, but before we applaud their efforts to balance the budget, let's think about their solution. When anyone says we need to increase taxes to balance the budget, what they are saying is they are unwilling to cut Government spending. In actuality, the tax increase crowd wants to increase Government spending.

Yesterday, I focused on what extending the bipartisan tax relief package means to nearly every American who pays income tax. So today, as I promised yesterday, I want to examine the tax relief and to look at the impact it has on our economy.

Regardless of whether you look at Federal revenues, employment, household wealth, or market indexes, the impact of tax relief has been overwhelmingly positive. I am going to put a chart up that gives the figures I want you to consider as I go through the points I am making.

The first chart illustrates the growth of revenue with the red line and the growth in GDP with the green line. As we can see, revenues are currently increasing, and are projected to increase in the near future, even before tax relief is scheduled to sunset under current law in the year 2010. Clearly, tax relief has not destroyed the Government's revenue base. I want to point out that this chart shows percentage changes in revenue and percentage changes in GDP. So if the lines are flat in places, it means revenues and GDP are increasing at a constant rate.

The next chart graphs the Standard & Poor's 500 equity price index over a period of several years. So, here again, the lowest point of both the red line, representing the weekly S&P, and the green line, representing an average, seems to correspond closely with May of 2003, which, not coincidentally, is when dividend and capital gains tax cuts were signed into law. Aside from benefiting Americans directly invested in the stock market, this is good news for anyone with a pension who invests in the stock market as well. Of course, that happens to be well over half the people. I think somewhere between 56 and 60 percent of the people, either through pensions or directly investing in the stock market, have money reserves in the stock market. So this is not something that affects 10 or 15 percent of maybe the wealthiest people in the country, as it did 20, 25 years ago; more people are vested in the stock market, mostly through pensions.

According to the Federal Reserve—I have another chart—net wealth of households and nonprofit organizations has increased from a low of around \$39 trillion in 2002 to more than \$54 trillion in the third quarter of 2006. Since tax relief went into effect, our Nation's households and nonprofit organizations have benefited from more than \$15 trillion of new wealth.

This trend is also apparent when we are looking at employment. I show you yet another chart. Total nonfarm employment was calculated to consist of