The Senate met at 12 noon 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 of new beginnings, who makes all things new, give us a viable hope and vibrant expectancy as we begin the work of the 105th Congress. On this day following the inauguration of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, as fellow Americans and patriots we ask for Your blessing on them. In the same breath, we renew our commitment to work together with them as we seek Your will for what is best for our Nation.

Endow our own Senate leaders, TREN T LOTT, TOM DASCH LE , DON NICK LES, and WENDE LL FORD with a special measure of wisdom as they work cooperatively together to foster a spirit of oneness in the Senate. Help the Senators to delight in the diversity that sheds varied shades of light on the truth and debate that exposes maximum solutions. May this Senate be distinguished for its civility, creativity, and courage. Your spirit flourishes where men and women pray for each other, speak truth as they see it without rancor, and listen attentively to one another. When we all seek You and Your guidance, we find each other. The bond of our mutual love for You and for America will sustain us in the rough and tumble of political process. God, bless America and begin here in this Senate, through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE
Mr. LOTT. Under the order today, the time between now and 12:30 will be equally divided between myself and the Democratic leader. At 12:30 today, following our remarks, the Senate will recess until 2:15 for the weekly policy conferences to meet. When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15, there will be a period of morning business to enable all Senators to make statements and introduce legislation.

I anticipate that many of our colleagues will be making statements during the morning business period. Therefore, there will be no rollcall votes during today's session. It is my hope that during tomorrow's session the Senate will be able to consider the Executive nomination of Madeleine Albright to be the Secretary of State, and I anticipate a rollcall vote on Wednesday on the confirmation of that nomination.

I also announce to my colleagues that all Members will be notified as soon as the schedule is finalized with regard to a memorial service on Thursday in Lowell, MA, for our former colleague, Senator Paul Tsongas.

Again, I note as we come out of our policy luncheons, Senator DASCH LE and I will be introducing bills. I will introduce the first 10 bills on behalf of the Senate Republican majority, and Senator DASCH LE will introduce the next 10 bills. We will be hearing during the remainder of the day from the leading sponsors of those bills and others who will be introducing bills and want to make statements. We will go, I am sure, a while into the afternoon. It is hoped we will not begin this session by going late into the night on a Tuesday. We would like to quit at a reasonable hour, for all concerned.

INAUGURATION CEREMONIES

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent that yesterday's proceedings of the inauguration of the President be printed in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the proceedings were ordered to be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, as follows:


Members of the House of Representatives, Members of the Senate, Justices of the Supreme Court, members of the diplomatic corps, the Governors of the States, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other distinguished guests assembled on the west front.

MRS. GORE
Mr. Martin Paone, Senate Secretary for the Minority, escorted Mrs. Gore, accompanied by Mrs. Lott and Mrs. Gephardt, to the President's platform.

MRS. CLINTON
Ms. Elizabeth B. Greene, Senate Secretary for the Majority, and Ms. Amelia Fields, Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, escorted Mrs. Clinton, accompanied by Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Gingrich, to the President's platform.

THE VICE PRESIDENT
Mr. John Chambers, Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies Deputy Director, Ms. Loretta Symms, Senate Deputy Sergeant at Arms, and Mr. J. Im Varey, House Deputy Sergeant at Arms, escorted the Vice President, accompanied by Senator Lott, Representative Gephardt and Representative Army, to the President's platform.

THE PRESIDENT
Ms. Susan Magill, JCCIC Executive Director, Mr. Greg Casey, Senate Sergeant at Arms, and Mr. Wilson Livingood, House Sergeant at Arms, escorted the President, accompanied by Senator Warner, Senator Ford, Representative Gingrich, Senator Lott, Representative Gephardt and Representative Army, to the President's platform.

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader, Mr. Chief Justice, Members of the U.S. Congress, their families and guests—all one-quarter million who have joined here today on the grounds of their Capitol.

This “bullet” symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.
Standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev-

day.

generation.

mit ourselves to keep our Nation strong for

honor this historical triumph, and to recom-

the world's oldest continuous constitutional

ity of leadership.

Freedom, Senator Dole. Thank you, Mr.

true man who fought for freedom, and you

express to you our gratitude for this past

able heritage—our freedom.

Americans who have guarded our most valu-

interruption for 208 years—that is the cor-

was inaugurated in 1789.

States.

as the 45th Vice President of the United

Gore, Jr., as he reconfirms the oath of office

President and the Vice President of the Unit-

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and social engineering have not solved the

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daughter, Chelsea, and upon Vice President

Gore and his wife, Hillary, and their

Mr. President, prayer has been an essential

part of all inaugural ceremonies.

As I was privileged to drive up with you

the White House, you held the Bible and

read the passage that you will read

today.

Therefore, we are honored today to have

the Reverend Billy Graham to lead our Na-

tion in prayer, as he has at seven previous

inaugurations.

Please stand for the invocation and remain

standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Re-

verend Graham.

IN V O C A T I O N

Reverend GRAHAM. President Clinton, Mrs.

Clinton, Vice President Gore, Mrs. Gore, I

am going to ask that we all bow our heads in

prayer.

Our Father and our God, we thank You

today for the privilege of coming into Your

presence on this historic and solemn occa-

sion.

We thank You for Your gracious hand

which has preserved us as a Nation. We

praise You for the peaceful continuity of

Government that this inauguration repre-

sents.

We recall that the Bible says, “Except the

Lord build a house, they labor in vain that

build it.” You also said that to whom much

has been given, much will be required.

We go to the past, and thank You that from

the very foundations of America You granted

our forefathers courage and wisdom, as they trusted in You. So we

today ask that we be inspired by their exam-

ple. Where there has been failure, forgive

us; where there has been progress, confirm;

where there has been success, give us humili-

ity, and teach us to follow Your instructions

more closely as we enter the next century.

Give to all those to whom You have en-

trusted leadership today a desire to seek

Your will and to do it.

So today, we ask Your blessing on Presi-

dent Clinton and his wife, Hillary, and their

daughter, Chelsea; and on Vice President

Gore and his wife, Tipper, and their children.

Give to all our leaders the vision of what

You desire America to become and the wis-

dom to accomplish that and the strength and

time to cross the bridges into the 21st century.

We pray also for the Members of the House

and the Senate, for the Supreme Court, and

for all who bear responsibility of leadership

in this Nation which is blessed with such

ethnic diversity.

We have solved all the social problems of

our times, such as drugs and racism. Tech-

ology and social engineering have not solved the

basic problems of human greed, pride, intoler-

ance, and selfishness. We need

your insight, we need your compassion,

we need your strength. As both President

Clinton and Senator Dole urged us in the recent

Presidential campaign, may this be a time of

crossing together to help us deal with the

problems we face.

O Lord, help us to be reconciled first to

You and ourselves. May Dr. Martin Luther

King’s dream finally come true for all of us. Help us to learn true cour-

tesy to our fellow countrymen that comes from

us. Help us to trust in the power of the

Congress. Help us to understand that “whatever

you want me to do, do also to them.”

Remind us today that You have shown us

what is good and what You require of us—to

do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly

with our God.

We ask that as a people we may humble

ourselves before You and seek Your will for

this Nation. Help us to

in our Nation to work as never before to stren-

then our families and to give our chil-

ren hope and a moral foundation for the fu-

ture.

So may our desire be to serve You and, in

so doing, serve one another.

This we pray in the name of the Father,


Mr. WARNER. Thank you, Reverend Gra-

ham.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. WARNER. The Pledge of Allegiance will

be led by Eagle Scout David Morales, Boy

Scout Troop 152, Vienna, VA.

(TThe Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eagle

Scout David Morales, Boy Scout Troop 152,

Washington, DC.)

Mr. WARNER. Ladies and gentlemen, it is

now my privilege to present the Chief Justice of the

Universe.

Mr. WARNER. Thank you.

The Chief Justice of the United States,

Mr. Chief Justice RENHQUIST. Are you ready
to take the oath, Mr. President?

Mr. FORD. Yes, I am.

Mr. Chief Justice RENHQUIST. Please raise

your right hand and repeat after me.

The Chief Justice of the United States,

William Rehnquist, administered to the

President-elect the oath of office pre-

scribed by the Constitution, which he re-

peated, as follows:

“I, William Jefferson Clinton, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. So help me God.”

(Buttered Trumpets play “Ruffles and Flour-

ishes” and “Hail to the Chief”, and 21-gun

salute.)

Mr. FORD. Ladies and gentlemen, the Presi-

dent of the United States of America, Wil-

liam Jefferson Clinton.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

President CLINTON. My fellow citizens:

At this last Presidential inauguration of

the 20th century, let us lift our eyes toward

the challenges that await us in the next cen-

tury. If our greatest threat at that time

and chance have put us not only at the edge

of a new century in a new millennium, but
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on the edge of a bright new prospect in human affairs. A moment that will define our course and our character for decades to come. We must keep our old democracy forever evergreen. And in the leaves of a promised land, let us set our sights upon a land of new promise.

The promise of America was born in the 18th century. It was the bold conviction that we are all created equal. It was extended and preserved in the 19th century, when our Nation spread across the continent, saved the Union and abolished the awful scourge of slavery.

Then, in turmoil and triumph, that promise opened the 20th century stage to make this the American century.

And what a century it has been. America became the world’s mightiest industrial power. America learned to live with prosperity and with war. America became a world leader in science and technology, from the moon to world wars and a long cold war, and time and again reached out across the globe to millions who, like us, longed for the blessings of liberty.

Along the way, Americans produced the great middle class and security in old age; built unrivaled centers of learning and opened them to all; split the atom and explored the heavens; invented the computer and the microchip; and deepened the wellspring of justice by making a revolution in civil rights for African Americans and all minorities, and extending the circle of citizenship, opportunity, and dignity to women.

Now, for the third time, a new century is upon us. A new time to come together. And once again, we have resolved for our time a new century. America began the 19th century with a choice to spread our Nation from coast to coast. We began the 20th century, with a choice to harness the Industrial Revolution to our values of free enterprise, conservation, and human decency. Those choices made all the difference. To the people of the 21st century, the free people must now choose to shape the forces of the Information Age and the global society, to unleash the limitless potential of all our people, and, yes, to form a more perfect union.

When last we gathered, our march to this new future seemed less certain than it does today. We vowed then to set a clear course, to renew our Nation.

In these 4 years, we have been touched by tragedy, exhilarated by challenge, strengthened by achievement. America stands alone as the world’s indispensable nation. Once again, our economy is the strongest on Earth. Once again, we are building stronger families and stronger communities, better educational opportunities, a cleaner environment. Problems that once seemed destined to deepen, now bend to our efforts: our streets are safer and record numbers of our fellow citizens have moved from welfare to work.

And once again, we have resolved for our time a great debate over the role of Government. Today we can declare: Government is not the problem; and Government is not the solution. We, the American people, are the solution.

Our Founders understood that well, and gave us a democracy strong enough to endure for centuries, flexible enough to face our common challenges and advance our common dreams in each new day. As time changes, so must Government. We need a new Government for a new century, a government humble enough not to try to solve all our problems for us, but strong enough to give us the tools to solve our problems for ourselves. A Government that is smaller, lives within its means, and does more with less. Yet where it can stand, and its inter_bounds of the world, and where it can give Americans the power to make a real difference in their everyday lives, Government should do more, not less. The preeminent mission of our new Government is to give all Americans an opportunity—not a guarantee—but a real opportunity to build better lives.

Beyond that, my fellow citizens, the future is up to us. Our Founders taught us that the preservation of our Nation and our Union depends upon responsible citizenship. And we need a new sense of responsibility for a new century. There is work to do, work that children alone cannot do. Teaching children to read. Hiring people off welfare rolls. Coming out from behind locked doors and helping people reclaim our streets from drugs and gangs and crime. Taking time out of our own lives to serve others.

Each and every one of us, in our own way, must assume personal responsibility—not only for ourselves and our families, but for our neighbors and our Nation.

Our greatest responsibility is to embrace a new spirit of community for a new century. For any one of us to succeed, we must succeed together. The challenge of our past remains the challenge of our future: Will we be one nation, one people, with one common destiny—or will we all come together, or come apart?

The divide of race has been America’s constant curse. And each new wave of immigration, whether of foreigners or of blacks and Jews and Prejudice and contempt, cloaked in the pretense of religious or political convictions, are no different.

These forces have nearly destroyed our Nation in the past. They plague us still. They fume the fires of terror, and they torment the lives of millions in fractured nations all around the world. These obsessions cripple both those who hate and, of course, those who are hated, robbing both of what they might become. We cannot—we will not—succumb to the dark impulses that lurk in the far regions of the soul, everywhere. We shall overcome them.

We shall replace them with the generous spirit of a people who feel at home with one another. Our rich texture of racial, religious and political diversity will be a godsend in the 21st century. Great rewards will come to those who can claim care now, but the children and hard-working families too long denied.

Taking time out of our own lives to serve our country, to stand in line for freedom and maintain a strong defense against terror and destruction. Our children will sleep free from the threat of nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons. Our airports, farms and factories will thrive with trade and innovation and ideas. And the world’s greatest democracy will lead a whole world of democracies.

Our land of new promise will be a Nation that meets its obligations: A Nation that balances its budget, but never loses the balance of its values.

A nation where our grandparents have secured retirement and health care, and their grandchildren know we have made the reforms necessary to sustain those benefits for their time.

A Nation that federates the world’s most productive economy, even as it protects the great natural bounty of our water, air, and mineral wealth.

And in this land of new promise, we will have reformed our politics so that the voice of the people will always speak louder than the narrow interests, regaining the participation and deserving the trust of all Americans.

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Fellow citizens, let us build that America, a nation ever moving forward toward realizing the full potential of all its citizens. Prosperity and power, yes, they are important, and we must maintain them, but let us never forget: The greatest progress we have made, and the greatest progress we have yet to make, is in the human heart. In the end, all the world’s wealth and a thousand armies are no match for the strength and decency of the human spirit.

Thirty-four years ago, the man whose life we celebrate today spoke to us down there, at the other end of this Mall, in words that reverberated the conscience of a Nation. Like a prophet of old, he told of his dream that one day America would rise up and treat all its citizens as equals before the law and in the classroom, and in the workplace, and in the air, and in the law of the land. The American dream. His quest is our quest: the ceaseless striving to live out our true creed. Our history has been built on such dreams, and by our dreams and labors, we will redeem the promise of America in the 21st century.
To that effort, I pledge all my strength and every power of my office. I ask the Members of Congress here to join in that pledge. The American people returned to office a President of one party and a Congress of another. Surely, they did not do this to advance the politics of petty bickering and extreme partisanship they plainly deplore.

[Applause.]

No, they call on us all instead to be repairers of the breach and to move on with America’s mission. America demands and deserves big things from us—and nothing big ever came from being small.

[Applause.]

Let us remember the timeless wisdom of Cardinal Bernardin when facing the end of his own life. He said, “It is wrong to waste the precious gift of time . . . on acrimony and division.”

Fellow citizens, we must not waste the precious gift of this time, for all of us are on that same journey of our lives, and our journey, too, will come to an end. But the journey of our America must go on.

And so, my fellow Americans, we must be strong. For this is much to dare. The demands of our time are great, and they are different. Let us meet them with faith and courage, with patience and a grateful, happy heart. Let us shape the hope of this day into the noblest chapter in our history. Yes, let us build our bridge—a bridge wide enough and strong enough for every American to cross over to a blessed land of new promise. May those generations who face us here—now and long after—say of us here that we led our beloved land into a new century with the American dream alive for all our children, with the American promise of a more perfect, and finally, a reality for all her people, with America’s bright flame of freedom spreading throughout all the world.

From the height of this place and the summit of this century, let us go forth. May God “strengthen our hands for the good work ahead”—and always, always bless our America.

[Applause.]

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, we thank you for that strong and inspiring message at this very important time in our history.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce the Immanuel Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra of Little Rock.

The choir and orchestra, under the direction of Reverend Lynn Madden, will present “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

(The Immanuel Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra sing “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.”)

Mr. WARNER. Thank you for the singing of that most inspiring of American music.

As he did for his first inauguration in 1993, President Clinton has asked a distinguished American scholar to compose a poem for this historic day.

Please welcome writer, editor, poet, Mr. Miller Williams.

[Applause.]

Mr. WARNER. Now, Miss Santita Jackson will lead the singing of our National Anthem. She will be accompanied by every child in attendance, a group composed of singers from the choirs of American churches tragically destroyed by fire in recent months.

This choir’s performance is a befitting commemoration of this day on which we honor also Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Before we sing our National Anthem, the Reverend Gardner C. Taylor will deliver the benediction.

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Mr. WARNER. Now, Miss Santita Jackson.

[Applause.]

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest unanimous consent that the Senate now stand in recess under the previous order until 2:15 p.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:20 p.m. recessed until 2:15 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer [Mr. COATS].

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the period for morning business be divided as follows: The first 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader, the second 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader, with the next hour under the control of the majority leader or his designee, to be followed by 1 hour under control of the Democratic leader or his nominee.

I do not believe there is a problem with this. We have cleared it with the other side of the aisle.

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

SENATE REPUBLICAN AGENDA

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I think we have the opportunity here today to get off to a good start, a fast start. It is one about which we have communicated with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle. We have increased the number of bills that we officially introduce at the start of the