

Last night, I passed beside the blacksmith's door,
 And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime,
 And looking in, I saw upon the floor,
 Old hammers worn with beating years of time.
 "How many anvils have you had," said I,
 "To wear and batter all these hammers so?"
 "Only one," the blacksmith said, then with twinkling eye,
 "The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."
 And so the Bible, the anvil of God's word,
 For centuries, skeptic blows have beaten upon,
 But, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
 The anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone.

EXHIBIT 1

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT AT NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST, WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC

The President: Thank you very much, John. Laura and I are really honored to join you this morning to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Prayer Breakfast. And Admiral Clark, whatever prayer you used for eloquence, worked. (Laughter and applause.) I appreciate your message and I appreciate your service to our great country. (Applause.)

I want to thank Jon Kyl and Judge Sentelle for their words, and CeCe for your music. I appreciate getting the chance to meet Joe Finley, the New York City firefighter. He's a living example of what sacrifice and courage means. Thank you for coming, Joe. (Applause.)

I want to thank Congressman Bart Stupak. I really appreciate the fact that my National Security Advisor, Condoleezza Rice, is here to offer prayer. (Applause.) I appreciate the members of my Cabinet who are here. I want to say hello to the members of Congress.

I'm particularly grateful to Lisa Beamer for her reading and for her example. (Applause.) I appreciate here example of faith made stronger in trial. In the worst moments of her life, Lisa has been a model of grace—her own, and. (Applause.) And all America welcomes into the world Todd and Lisa's new daughter, Morgan Kay Beamer. (Applause.)

Since we met last year, millions of Americans have been led to prayer. They have prayed for comfort in time of grief; for understanding in a time of anger; for protection in a time of uncertainty. Many, including me, have been on bended knee. The prayers of this nation are a part of the good that has come from the evil of September the 11th, more good than we could ever have predicted. Tragedy has brought forth the courage and the generosity of our people.

None of us would ever wish on any one what happened on that day. Yet, as with each life, sorrows we would not choose can bring wisdom and strength gained in no other way. This insight is central to many faiths, and certainly to faith that finds hope and comfort in a cross.

Every religion is welcomed in our country; all are practiced here. Many of our good citizens profess no religion at all. Our country has never had an official faith. Yet we have all been witnesses these past 21 weeks to the power of faith to see us through the hurt and loss that has come to our country.

Faith gives the assurance that our lives and our history have a moral design. As individuals, we know that suffering is temporary, and hope is eternal. As a nation, we know that the ruthless will not inherit the Earth. Faith teaches humility, and with it, tolerance. Once we have recognized God's image in ourselves, we must recognize it in every human being.

Respect for the dignity of others can be found outside of religion, just as intolerance is sometimes found within it. Yet for millions of Americans, the practice of tolerance is a command of faith. When our country was attacked, Americans did not respond with bigotry. People from other countries and cultures have been treated with respect. And this is one victory in the war against terror. (Applause.)

At the same time, faith shows us the reality of good, and the reality of evil. Some acts and choices in this world have eternal consequences. It is always, and everywhere, wrong to target and kill the innocent. It is always, and everywhere, wrong to be cruel and hateful, to enslave and oppress. It is always, and everywhere, right to be kind and just, to protect the lives of others, and to lay down your life for a friend.

The men and women who charged into burning buildings to save others, those who fought the hijackers, were not confused about the difference between right and wrong. They knew the difference. They knew their duty. And we know their sacrifice was not in vain. (Applause.)

Faith shows us the way to self-giving, to love our neighbor as we would want to be loved ourselves. In service to others, we find deep human fulfillment. And as acts of service are multiplied, our nation becomes a more welcoming place for the weak, and a better place for those who suffer and grieve.

For half a century now, the National Prayer Breakfast has been a symbol of the vital place of faith in the life of our nation. You've reminded generations of leaders of a purpose and a power greater than their own. In times of calm, and in times of crisis, you've called us to prayer.

In this time of testing for our nation, my family and I have been blessed by the prayers of countless of Americans. We have felt their sustaining power and we're incredibly grateful. Tremendous challenges await this nation, and there will be hardships ahead. Faith will not make our path easy, but it will give us strength for the journey.

The promise of faith is not the absence of suffering, it is the presence of grace. And at every step we are secure in knowing that suffering produces perseverance, and perseverance produces character, and character produces hope—and hope does not disappoint.

May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America. (Applause.)

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from West Virginia yields the floor and suggests the absence of a quorum. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND RURAL ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2001—Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask for the regular order, and I ask that the Crapo amendment be the regular order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is the regular order.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I appreciate that very much. I didn't know that. Thanks for advising me.

AMENDMENT NO. 2842

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered 2842.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there has been a lot of discussion regarding the Crapo amendment. I spoke at some length this morning regarding my amendment to that amendment. I am sure there will be more discussion on Monday and Tuesday as to this amendment. It is an important amendment. My amendment is supported by virtually every conservation group in America. It is supported by many farm groups. The people who oppose this amendment, as I said this morning, have a lot of imagination because what they are talking about has no relation to the facts, and it is obvious to me it is without foundation.

I hope people will refer to the statement I made earlier today and recognize that all these concerns about the Federal Government taking the water from these poor, unfortunate ranchers and farmers is simply untrue. State law would rule. Any water that would be transferred would be that of a willing seller or a willing lessor. No one can be forced to do anything. It does not change State water law. For example, in the State of Nevada, the water engineer makes those decisions relating to water and would still make those decisions.

MORNING BUSINESS

RUBY RIDGE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition to report on what may be the concluding chapter of the tragic incident at Ruby Ridge where the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI had a standoff with Randy Weaver which resulted in the death of his wife and the death of his son Sammy Weaver and the death of a deputy U.S. marshal.

The Judiciary subcommittee which I chaired conducted extensive hearings on this matter back in 1995. At that time we developed the facts that Randy Weaver was sought out by agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms unit to be an informant. And they sought to buy from him two sawed-off shotguns which he did provide. Then they threatened him with criminal prosecution unless he would be an informant. When he refused to do that, a criminal prosecution was initiated.