

I suggest the absence of a quorum.  
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period of morning business, with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to 29 young Americans who have been killed in Iraq since September 3. All of them were from California or were based in California.

PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS ERIC L. KNOTT, AGE 21

Petty Officer Knott was killed September 4 when the area in which he was working was struck by enemy fire. He died of shrapnel wounds and had been supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, Port Hueneme, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL LAMONT N. WILSON, AGE 20

Lance Corporal Wilson died September 6 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CORPORAL MICK R. NYGARBKOWSKY, AGE 21

Corporal Nygardbekowsky was killed in action September 6 from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Concord, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL JOSEPH C. MCCARTHY, AGE 21

Lance Corporal McCarthy was killed in action September 6 from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL QUINN A. KEITH, AGE 21

Lance Corporal Keith died September 6 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL DEREK L. GARDNER, AGE 20

Lance Corporal Gardner was killed in action September 6 from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

He was from San Juan Capistrano, CA.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DAVID BURRIDGE AGE 19

Private First Class Burridge died September 6 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL MICHAEL J. ALLRED, AGE 22

Lance Corporal Allred died September 6 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER E. WETHERBEE, AGE 27

First Lieutenant Wetherbee died September 12 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JASON T. POINDEXTER, AGE 20

Private First Class Poindexter died September 12 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPECIALIST EDGAR P. DACLAN, AGE 24

Specialist Daclan died September 10 in Balad, Iraq when his patrol was responding to indirect fire and an improvised explosive device exploded.

He was assigned to the first Battalion, 18th Infantry, first Infantry Division from Schweinfurt, Germany.

He was from Cypress, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL DOMINIC C. BROWN, AGE 19

Lance Corporal Brown died September 13 due to a non-combat related incident in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

STAFF SERGEANT GUY S. HAGY, JR., AGE 31

Staff Sergeant Hagy died September 13 in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device detonated near his observation post.

He was assigned to the first Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, first Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

He was from Lodi, CA.

MAJ. KEVIN M. SHEA, AGE 38

Maj. Shea died September 14 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL MATTHEW D. PUCKETT, AGE 19

Lance Corporal Puckett died September 13 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CORPORAL ADRIAN V. SOLTAU, AGE 21

Corporal Soltau died September 13 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL DREW M. UHLES, AGE 20

Lance Corporal Uhles died September 15 from injuries received due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

CORPORAL JAYGEE MELAUT, AGE 24

Corporal Melaut died September 13 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ANDREW K. STERN, AGE 24

First Lieutenant Stern died September 16 from injuries received due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Tank Battalion, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

CORPORAL STEVEN A. RINTAMAKI, AGE 21

Corporal Rintamaki died September 16 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER S. EBERT, AGE 21

Corporal Ebert died September 17 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, first Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL GREGORY C. HOWMAN, AGE 28

Lance Corporal Howman died September 15 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL STEVEN C.T. CATES, AGE 22

Lance Corporal Cates died September 20 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SERGEANT BENJAMIN K. SMITH, AGE 24

Sergeant Smith died September 22 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to first Tank Battalion, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL RAMON MATEO, AGE 20

Lance Corporal Mateo died September 24 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SERGEANT TIMOTHY FOLMAR, AGE 21

Sergeant Folmar died September 24 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province.

He was assigned to second Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, first Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LANCE CORPORAL AARON BOYLES, AGE 24

Lance Corporal Boyles was killed in action September 24 from small arms