

ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE  
WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, as President pro tempore, I send to the desk a letter received from the President of the United States wherein he informs the Congress of his comments concerning his actions consistent with the War Powers Resolution, Public Law 107-40. I ask unanimous consent it be printed in the RECORD.

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

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, March 20, 2003.

Hon. TED STEVENS,

*President pro tempore of the Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: On September 24, 2001, I reported the deployment of various combat-equipped and combat support forces to a number of locations in the Central and Pacific Command areas of operation. On October 9, 2001, I reported the beginning of combat action in Afghanistan against terrorists and their Taliban supporters. In my reports to the Congress of March 20 and September 20, 2002, I provided supplemental information on the deployment of combat-equipped and combat support forces to a number of foreign nations in the Central and Pacific Command areas of operations and other areas. As a part of my efforts to keep the Congress informed, I am reporting further on United States' efforts in the global war on terrorism.

Our efforts in Afghanistan have met with success, but as I have stated in my previous reports, the U.S. campaign against terrorism will be lengthy. To date, U.S. Armed Forces, with the assistance of numerous coalition partners, have executed a superb campaign to eliminate the primary source of support to the terrorists who viciously attacked our Nation on September 11, 2001. The heart of al-Qaida's training capability has been seriously degraded. The Taliban's ability to brutalize the Afghan people and to harbor and support terrorists has been virtually eliminated. Pockets of al-Qaida and Taliban forces remain a threat to U.S. and coalition forces and to the Afghan government. What is left of both the Taliban and the al-Qaida fighters is being pursued actively and engaged by U.S. and coalition forces. Additionally, training missions and combat operations with Pakistani special forces are ongoing near the Afghan/Pakistan border.

Due to our success in Afghanistan, we have detained hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters who are believed to pose a continuing threat to the United States and its interests. The combat-equipped and combat support forces deployed to Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in the Southern Command area of operations since January 2002, continue to conduct secure detention operations. We currently hold more than 600 enemy combatants at Guantanamo Bay. All are being treated humanely and, to the extent appropriate and consistent with military necessity, in a manner consistent with the principles of the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

In furtherance of our worldwide efforts against terrorists who pose a continuing and imminent threat to the United States, our friends and allies, and our forces abroad, we continue operations in other areas around the globe. Our relationship with the Government and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) developed and matured throughout 2002. Last year's actions from February to July 2002 on Basilan Island, with AFP in

command and with U.S. forces in a support role, helped to drive hundreds of Abu Sayyaf Group terrorists from the island, restoring order and reestablishing government services. To ensure that the AFP has the skills to fight terrorism over the long term, we have a robust security assistance training program and a variety of exercises that will provide the AFP much needed counter-terrorism training and equipment. There are approximately 300 combat-equipped and combat support U.S. military personnel working with the AFP and U.S. forces continue to plan with the AFP for possible future activities. Continued U.S. support is warranted as the Government of the Philippines has provided unwavering support in the global war on terrorism.

Additionally, we continue to conduct maritime interception operations on the high seas in the Central and European Command areas of responsibility to prevent the movement, arming, or financing of international terrorists who pose a continuing threat to the United States.

Combat-equipped and combat support forces also have been deployed to Georgia and Yemen to assist the armed forces of those countries in enhancing their counter-terrorism capabilities, including by training and equipping their armed forces. Similar U.S. forces have deployed to Djibouti to command and control operations and other activities as necessary against al-Qaida and other international terrorists in the Horn of Africa region. These activities include providing oversight for urban and maritime counter-terrorism training with the Yemen special operations forces. We continue to assess options for working with other nations to assist them in this respect.

I have taken these actions pursuant to my constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive. In addition, these actions are consistent with Pub. L. 107-40. As I stated in my previous reports, it is not possible to know at this time either the duration of combat operations or the scope and duration of the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces necessary to counter the terrorist threat to the United States. I will direct additional measures as necessary to exercise our right to self-defense and to protect U.S. citizens and interests. Such measures may include short notice deployments of special operations and other forces for sensitive operations in various locations throughout the world.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution and Pub. L. 107-40. Officials of my Administration and I have been communicating regularly with the leadership and other Members of Congress, and we will continue to do so. I appreciate the continuing support of the Congress in our efforts to protect the security of the United States of America and its citizens, civilian and military, here and abroad.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

TRIBUTES TO DR. LLOYD JOHN  
OGILVIE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, who served as our Chaplain in the Senate since 1995.

Dr. Ogilvie has been an outstanding Chaplain to the Senate. He is a person I think all of us have grown to know and love and appreciate. He has been

our mentor, our companion, our friend, our brother, and our Chaplain.

He has provided great leadership, great prayers. He has prayed for us many times, and not just in his official capacity as Chaplain of the Senate. He has prayed for us individually as Members. He has prayed for our families. He has been with us through a lot of difficult times, challenging times, exciting times.

We want him and his family to know they are very much in our thoughts and prayers. His wife Mary Jane is a lovely lady. And she has experienced some very challenging physical tribulations of late. We want both Dr. Ogilvie and his wife Mary Jane to know they are in our thoughts and our prayers.

We certainly miss him as our Chaplain. He has been kind enough to not only meet with us in the morning and lead us in prayer, but he has met with many of us on a weekly basis—Members of the Senate and also our staffs, and also other people who work in the Senate.

He has been a great mentor and friend. We are certainly going to miss him as our Chaplain of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I, too, would like to share a few comments about our Chaplain, Lloyd Ogilvie. I had the honor to get to know him after I came here. We live near one another. We see each other on a regular basis. My wife and Mary Jane are friends, as we are with Lloyd Ogilvie.

He is an extraordinary individual, one of the most educated people I have had the honor to know. He has written over 40 books. His book "One Quiet Moment", a devotional, I believe, is the finest devotional book I have ever seen. Reading those devotions, and thinking about them, is so current in time today while also so consistent with the great traditions of faith that it is really remarkable.

It is a special work he created there.

During his entire ministry, he was successful, whether in Hollywood, CA or in Illinois or here as chaplain. Our prayers are with Mary Jane, his wife. She is suffering substantially now. We worry about her. We care about her. Our prayers are with her. She has such a fighting spirit. She is a champion of life and of the good things of life. She speaks her mind and she has great values. They are a tremendous team.

I, too, join with others in expressing my appreciation for what he means to me, my appreciation for what he does for others in the Senate, including our staff members for whom he has ministered and for whom he has represented an outstanding example of the richest kind of Christian faith.

We have been blessed by having him here. We certainly will miss him. I will miss him.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I wish to comment a moment on our Chaplain who is leaving us.