

He said: I am going to give the Oxford lecture. I am going over to England.

What are you going to talk about? What are you going to say?

I am going to talk about the rise of ethnicity.

What do you mean?

At the end of the cold war, he talked about the urdu, an Israeli sect, which was very strong, which epitomizes the rise of ethnicity in the world at the conclusion of the cold war. It is so true, if one stops and thinks about it. The world order has collapsed, and we are now almost in a free-for-all when different ethnicities, different countries, different people are pursuing their own dreams, and it is very difficult to find some managed order in this chaotic world today.

That was Senator Moynihan: The rise of ethnicity. It is very true.

Another time, I had a wonderful encounter with him, a wonderful exchange. People often ask us: What is going to happen, Senator? Who is going to win this election? What is going to happen?

I always answered: Well, as Prime Minister Disraeli would always say, in politics a week is a long time. That was before television. That was before radio. Today, it is even a shorter period of time to try to predict what is going to happen in political matters. Sometimes it is just a minute.

I was standing in the well of the Senate and somebody asked me: What is going to happen? And I said: Well, Disraeli said, in politics a week is a long time.

Senator Moynihan happened to overhear me, and very graciously and politely he walked up to me when the other Senators had left. He kind of leaned over to me and he said: MAX, now I think that was Baldwin.

I looked it up. Sure enough, it was Lord Baldwin—it was not Disraeli—who said, in politics a week is a long time.

He was an absolutely amazing man, the Senator's Senator, a professor. I have never known a Senator so gifted as Senator Moynihan. We are all going to certainly mourn his passing, but even more important than that, we are going to have very fond memories of him and I think be guided and inspired by him in so many different ways. We are very thankful he chose to serve our country as his calling.

I yield the floor.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I am going to make a longer speech about Pat Moynihan, who was a close personal friend. That sounds almost presumptuous to say. He was such a towering intellect and profound political figure, to claim a personal friendship with him seems to be somewhat presumptuous. But he was.

Of all that I recall Pat Moynihan said and did, there is one thing that sticks in my mind that seems particularly appropriate on the day after his passing.

He once said, and I am paraphrasing but it is close to a quote, about John Kennedy's death:

There is no sense in being Irish unless you understand the world is eventually going to break your heart.

I want Mrs. Moynihan to understand that there are a lot of us—Irish and non-Irish—who have a broken heart today because of the passing of a man who was truly, truly a giant in 20th-century American politics.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to the brave service men and women from Georgia who are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Several weeks ago I had the privilege of being in Fort Stewart, GA, which is located in Hinesville, to visit with several hundred of our men and women preparing to leave as soon as we finished our visit to board an airplane headed for Kuwait. They are members of the 3rd Infantry Division, one of the more notable infantry divisions in the history of our great country. I swelled with pride as I had the opportunity to visit with those men and women who were so prepared, so well trained, and so well equipped to ensure that democracy and freedom continue to ring and to do what is necessary on their part to free the people of Iraq from the dreaded rule of Saddam Hussein.

The 3rd Infantry Division is known as the "Rock of the Marne." They fought bravely in World War I and they held their ground during the Battle of Marne when surrounding units retreated. Since then they have been operating under the motto "we'll stay there." Their most famous soldier was one of the most decorated soldiers in the history of the United States, Audie Murphy. They have a proud history of serving in World War II, the Korean war, and Operation Desert Storm.

Georgia and America can be proud of the history that the 3rd is making today in Iraq. Currently, there are over 7,000 tanks, humvees, Bradley armored vehicles, and trucks in theater. This is undoubtedly one of the largest convoys ever in the history of the United States Military. They are facing heavy resistance and fierce sandstorms, but because of their training and their preparation, thankfully they have suffered only light casualties.

This morning, as we speak, the 3rd Infantry Division is less than 50 miles from Baghdad, preparing to encounter the elite Iraqi Republican Guard. Over the last 3 days, soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division have surrounded the city of Najaf and taken captive over 500 Iraqi soldiers in their effort to liberate the Iraqi people and overthrow the oppressive Iraqi regime.

In addition to the 3rd Infantry Division, there are many other brave men and women deployed from Georgia to the Middle East and Afghanistan, including the 94th Airlift Wing from Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Atlanta; the 165th Airlift Wing from Savannah; the 4th Supply Battalion from the Marine

Corps Logistics Base in Albany, GA, which is near my home; the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron from the Naval Air Station in Atlanta; the 221st Military Intelligence Battalion in Atlanta, from the Army Reserve, and the 116th Air Control Wing from Robins Air Force Base, who are very proud of flying the Joint Stars weapon system.

I have had the privilege of representing Robins Air Force Base for the last 8 years as a Member of the House. I have flown with the Joint Stars about four times. They are so proud of the work they do, and justly so. They are the eyes of the Army when it comes to gathering intelligence on the enemy and its movement.

Sadly, they are also prisoners of war and brave soldiers that have been killed and wounded in the line of duty from Georgia. Just this week, there was an Apache helicopter shot down. On that helicopter were two chief warrant officers, Rob Young from Lithia Springs, GA, and David Williams. Both of these men now are prisoners of war of the Iraqi Army.

I had the opportunity to visit with Officer Young's father on Tuesday this week. He was obviously, like all of his family and all Americans, very concerned about the health and safety of his son. But he was so proud of the work that his son was doing and so proud that his son was doing exactly what he wanted to do. I share in that pride with his family.

Killed in action in Iraq over the last couple of days have been Specialist Jamall R. Addison of the 507th Maintenance Company from Fort Bliss, TX, who is a resident of Roswell, GA; Specialist Gregory P. Sanders from Company B, 3rd Battalion of 69th Armor, stationed at Fort Stewart, GA.

Unfortunately, also killed in the helicopter crash in Afghanistan over the last few days, they were flying a Pave Hawk search and rescue helicopter, 1LT Tamara Archuleta, SSgt Jason Hicks, MSgt Michael Maltz, SrA Jason Plite, LTC John Stein, and SSgt John Teal, all from Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, GA. We will be praying for them and their families in this time of hardship and sorrow.

The men and women I have described are all part of the All-Volunteer Force that make up the best and brightest our country has to offer. They have chosen to put their lives on the line for the freedom of their families and their country, and we could never adequately express our gratitude for the sacrifice they and their families have made and will continue to make for the United States.

I am proud of all of these young men and women. I salute them. We want to make sure they and their families know they continue to be in our prayers. We wish for immediate success and a safe return of all.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, in the early stages of the conflict with

Iraq, my State of Oregon is already mourning, already forced to count the cost of this war in real and human terms.

This morning I expressed my condolences to the families and friends of all of those who have given their lives in this war, but I particularly recognize the brave soldiers being mourned today by the people of Oregon. Army Reserve Specialist Brandon Tobler, who was only 19, lost his life in a humvee accident during a sandstorm. Brandon was the only son of Leo and Gail Tobler of Portland. He grew up there and joined the military to help pay for college. He was in a convoy headed to Baghdad providing engineering support to the combat troops. Private Tobler's death reminds us that a soldier doesn't have to be on the combat line to face tremendous danger and possible death.

It reminds us how brave each and every person who puts on a uniform for the United States must be regardless of their particular assignment.

Air National Guard MAJ Gregory Stone was a 20-year veteran of military service. He was killed in the grenade attack at the base of the 101st Airborne in Kuwait. He leaves behind two young sons today, Evan and Joshua, as well as his mother in Ontario—who I just spoke with—and others across our State who loved him dearly. Major Stone graduated from Oregon State University, and from Benson High School in my hometown of Portland. He died far from the front lines but, again, called to sacrifice in war.

Army SGT Donald Walters is now missing in action after his convoy was ambushed in Southern Iraq. His wife and kids are in Missouri. His parents, Norman and Arlene, are in Salem, OR, awaiting word on his safety. Sergeant Walters comes from a family with a rich tradition of service across the military, including the Army, Navy, and the Air Force. He is a specialist in decontamination. His convoy was moving to support troops in battle when they took a wrong turn into terrible circumstances. The people of Oregon now are praying for his family and his friends. I join with all of them in hoping for his safe return.

Each of these very brave Oregonians, in my view, is an example of the best of the American spirit. We mourn the deaths of those killed. We pray for the safe return of Sergeant Walters and, above all, we give thanks for all of those living as well, who still serve so bravely in this time of war.

Madam President, the special people who are serving our country cross generations, and they represent every ethnic group. They serve in a wide variety of capacities. Some come from Reserve units or the National Guard. Others are in the permanent services. They are members of very different fighting forces—Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, and Air Force. Amidst all of this diversity, there is so much that they share—especially a deep love for our country, and a common willingness to risk their lives for the lives of others.

Together, they stand between the citizens of our Nation and those who would do America harm. They all know that at any time they could be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice. Yet, each day, they go in and put their uniform on and charge into harm's way for all of our sakes.

Throughout American history, members of our military have made the sacrifices that allow our great Republic to survive. Today, as the pictures of this war play out on television screens across the Nation, people in this country can see as never before just what a war requires of men and women who fight on behalf of all of us. As we watch, it is important to remember these images are not created in Hollywood. They are the actions of real human beings. The soldiers are real people, loved by countless Americans here at home who worry every single hour for their safety, and mourn them when they are lost.

I will close today by expressing my gratitude to all of the Americans who serve our great Nation, and take special time today to reflect on the contributions of the Oregonians we have lost. Our concern for the missing people of this country today is great. The people I represent at home in Oregon offer their prayers every day for the success of the mission of those who serve and for their safe and speedy return.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Arkansas is recognized.

Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, I am truly pleased and honored to be here today for the second continuing day of the Senate's tribute to the troops. I want to say to my good colleague from Oregon, Senator WYDEN, that the purpose really of us being here today and the time we are trying as a body to take is to recognize and to speak out to his constituents in Oregon; and it is not just his thoughts and prayers that go out to those families but all of our prayers.

When it comes to our troops and the tribute we pay to these men and women who serve us, serve this great Nation, we act as one body. We come together with collective thoughts and prayers for each and every one of these service men and women.

Regarding the two Oregonians whose lives were lost and the two who are missing, each of us feels what Senator WYDEN does. We want to express that as a body. I think it is so important at this time in our country's history that we as a body are not divided, that we are here as individuals to say our thoughts and prayers are collective for the men and women who have put their lives on hold here, left their families, and gone to a foreign land to defend our freedom and our security against the tyranny of this individual who has the unbelievable capabilities of weapons of mass destruction.

So I am pleased the Senator from Oregon was able to join us, and I hope his

constituents understand they have the entire body's thoughts and prayers with them. I want to expand on that a little bit.

I come to this body a little bit differently than many of the other Senators. I don't have a long list of elected positions that I have held, and in terms of the time I have been here, it is probably shorter than a good many. I really come as a farmer's daughter and, I guess more recently, as a mother. I thought this morning, as I put my twin boys who are in the first grade on the school bus, sending them off to school, having sat at the breakfast table and made sure they had a good breakfast—one of my boys is in a school play and we were practicing his lines—when I put them on that bus this morning, I thought about the other mothers in the country whose sons and daughters are in a faraway land, who they cannot communicate with; all they can do is look up in the sky and realize that the same moon, and the same sun, and the same stars are shining above their precious children today in a foreign land where their lives are in danger. I just lifted up my own prayer of thankfulness that I live in this great country, where people want to be a part of other people's lives, where men and women are willing to give of themselves to defend the things we believe in: freedom, fairness, hard work, community, and helping each other.

Yesterday, I paid tribute to the troops from Arkansas, from all across our great State—so many of whom were from small communities, almost every community in our State represented. Those proud men and women, measuring well over 2,000, are now over there in that conflict.

Today, I want to talk about how each of us can honor all of the individuals who are there serving us right now. As I said earlier, not having served in the military myself, and not having a long-standing history of elected positions, I look back to my own background, and I remember the stories my mother told me. She remembered every detail. She had gone to the movies, and when her mother picked her up from the movies, she told her that World War II had begun and that her big brother would be shipping out in the next couple of days. She remembered everything: She remembered the movie, she remembered the clothes she was wearing, she remembered the thoughts in her mind. She thought, what is it that I can do to make a contribution and honor these individuals who are going overseas to defend me, and who I am in this great country that I belong to? She thought about that. She was immediately introduced to rations and victory gardens and making sure that there were plenty of bandages for the Red Cross.

We must all look at and never underestimate the ways we can honor those individuals.

I think one of the most important ways we can honor these men and women who have sacrificed and are giving so much on our behalf is to look at

ourselves as a body. As we stood here this morning and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which always makes me proud, to be indivisible, to come together as one body when it comes to our troops—we are going to have our differences. We always have and we always will. But I think it is so important in this time of paying tribute to our armed services, the forces that are out there to defend our freedoms, that we act in a nonpartisan and indivisible way.

I was really saddened today when I picked up the paper and, in what has become a very common manner, there was a sense of making fun about some of the priorities that many of us Democrats had in this recent budget debate. Budgets are all about priorities, and in our household, I run our budget. We sometimes have to cut our spending to make sure we have enough money for college education and other priorities in our household budget.

I had an amendment on the budget which I thought was very important. When the men and women who serve in our Reserves and National Guard are activated, they have health care at that point, but prior to that point, they do not have health care. I think it is equally as important to honor them not just when they are serving but when they are at home preparing and willing to serve.

I do not think it is comical in terms of a Democratic "spend-o-meter." It is my priority that these men and women are important enough to me that I am willing to ask some to delay a tax cut so we can provide that kind of health care to their families and to our men and women serving when they are willing and preparing to serve us in the armed services.

In these continuing debates—we certainly come to the floor to talk about the men and women from our States who serve us in the armed services, who have put their lives in harm's way, to talk about their families at home who are heartbroken, who are anxious, who are in thoughtful prayer—I hope we will also remember in this body as we debate these priorities—whether it is a budget, tax cuts, or any other issue—that we also remember what they fight for: Our ability in this country to have the freedom to disagree but to disagree with respect.

My priorities in that budget were for the service men and women who serve, and I will continue to put them as a priority because when I put my son on that bus this morning, I thought about the rest of those mothers across this country. I thought about those men and women serving us who left family members behind who maybe did not have health care, and I think it is critical. Whether or not we disagree, we certainly respect the differences of opinions that we may have in this body and, for the sake of those men and women who have put their lives in harm's way, that we will not be frivolous with our comments or comical in

the priorities each of us may have, even though there is a difference.

I thank the Chair.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Arkansas be allowed to speak for as long as she would like. She is making a good statement, and there is no other Member on the floor. I make that request.

Mrs. LINCOLN. I thank the Senator from Montana. I thank him very much for what he is going to begin, a tax package that really does serve the men and women in uniform. I appreciate his hard work and leadership on that issue.

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#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SUNUNU). Morning business is closed.

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#### ARMED FORCES TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2003

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1307, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H. R. 1307) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be 3 hours of debate on the bill.

The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, we are now awaiting the arrival of the chairman of the committee. Pending his arrival, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, it is a privilege for me to be before the Senate again in a working relationship with Senator BAUCUS, the ranking Democrat of the Senate Finance Committee. It is another example of legislation that comes out of our committee in the bipartisan tradition of our committee, and this one came out, I believe, with unanimous support.

I very much appreciate not only the cooperation of Senator BAUCUS, but other members on the Democratic side of the committee, for helping us move along a very important piece of legislation, one that was very important last fall when we did not get it passed but

more important now because it deals with our people in the military and because of what is going on in Iraq at this moment.

We are here today to consider the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act which the Finance Committee developed during this and the last Congress. This is a particularly somber time in our country as we continue our dangerous operations in the country of Iraq.

The contributions of the men and women of our uniformed services, our reservists and our National Guard, are foremost in our minds, and our thoughts and prayers remain with their loved ones and with families. I particularly wish to extend my condolences to the family of SGT Bradley Korthaus of Davenport, IA, whose death was reported yesterday. SGT Korthaus died while serving his Marine Corps engineering unit in southeast Iraq. So we have before us legislation affecting all of these men and women, legislation to ensure that our service men and women and their families are treated fairly under tax law. It seems to me this legislation is particularly timely.

The military bill we consider today rectifies a number of inequities faced by the uniformed services, our National Guard, and even Foreign Service personnel. For example, this legislation before the Senate now ensures that the families of military personnel called into active duty are not disadvantaged under the home sale exclusion provisions that affect many homeowners in the United States because most Americans are permitted to exclude built-in gain on the sale of their personal residence if they meet certain residency requirements.

The situation for military personnel owning a home is entirely different because we know that military personnel, called to active duty or asked to relocate, do not have the flexibility to meet these residency requirements and are consequently then adversely impacted by these rules. The Tax Code is unfair to them because they have no control over where they are going to live because they are called to meet the command of a military commanding officer to move out to someplace else.

The legislation, then, would suspend the residency test for periods of active duty aggregating no more than 10 years. We should obviously not punish members of our military and their families who are asked to relocate in the name of serving their country and protecting our national security, protecting our freedoms. To that extent, the Tax Code is unfair so that they get punished in ways that people who are nonmilitary and can control more of their lives would not be punished.

Another important issue weighing on the minds of many military personnel called into active duty is the well-being and the care of their children. The Federal Government works to ensure that military families have adequate and affordable access to child