

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ENSIGN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, what is the parliamentary procedure that we find ourselves in?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is in morning business.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I will address the Senate in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida is recognized.

#### CULTURAL ISSUES IN AMERICA

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, it seems that several things have happened with regard to questions of matters of faith and what some would call cultural issues that seem to be upside down in America.

Just in the last few days, we have seen several ABC stations across the country that have had a fear of being fined by the Federal Communications Commission for showing the award-winning movie, "Saving Private Ryan," because of some of the language that is used in this extraordinarily heroic film that is one of the most accurate portrayals of the fog and heat of war that has ever been made.

At the same time, we find that ABC, in its leading up to Monday Night Football, has fostered an advertisement to promote one of its nightly network prime time shows in which a risqué kind of setting is displayed for an audience that would inappropriately include children, particularly, who are watching at around 6 o'clock in the Pacific time zone of this country. On the one hand, ABC stations are taking off the air a movie that really has a great deal of portrayal of the strength of this country and all of its patriotic values and, at the same time, the network, ABC, is then promoting what some would find questionable.

It seems to me we have lost our sense of balance, our sense of direction, that it is entirely upside down as to what we should be doing.

So, too, I have noted in a Washington newspaper today the fact that Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld is urged to defend the Boy Scout movement, the title of the headline, and of which critics are pointing out that a settlement by the Department of Defense of an ACLU suit back a few years ago is going to continue to drive, to force the military to cut off all taxpayer support to the Boy Scouts of America which, in this case, uses military bases for meetings and events, such as their annual Boy Scout jamboree that is held on a Virginia military base.

It seems that we have it, again, upside down, for if the objection is that the Boy Scouts of America have, as part of their oath, an allegiance to God, and if that is the reason for the suit, might I remind the Members of the Senate that when we took the oath of office, it said at the end of the oath, "so help me God."

But isn't it interesting that the U.S. military has taken a position in a settlement which, if taken to its logical conclusion, would keep the Boy Scouts of America off a military facility when, in fact, every military officer in the U.S. military, including this former officer of the U.S. Army, took an oath that said the following:

That I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of this office upon which I am about to enter, so help me God.

That is the part of the oath every U.S. military officer takes, and it is the one I took decades ago when I entered as an officer of the U.S. Army.

It seems to me there is a great deal of inconsistency then that the U.S. Department of Defense would take a position where every one of its officers has sworn to uphold their oath, and at the end of that oath state, "so help me God," and yet they are moving to a position to knock the Boy Scouts out of being able to use public facilities—in this case, military facilities—because they have a similar oath.

I come back to my opening comments. We have something that is upside down. There is not a Senator here who does not passionately believe in freedom of expression, freedom of speech, and freedom of belief in what any person chooses to believe, but are we getting so mixed up that we lose sight of what are the accepted ways in which we conduct ourselves and the respect we have for one another in our respective beliefs?

Really, is there anyone who wants to kick the Boy Scouts out of their annual jamboree on a Virginia military facility? Of course there isn't.

In this week that has just passed where we see the ABC network saying to some of these stations that we are not going to allow "Private Ryan" because it has bad words in it, and at the same time promoting a commercial that certainly has questionable viewing characteristics for young children at the 6 o'clock timeframe on the west coast of this country, and where today's news is bringing us to the point at which our own Department of Defense is taking a position that ultimately would lead to kicking off the Boy Scouts because the Boy Scouts believe in God, then I think this country has gone too far. It is time to stand up and speak out about common sense and principles that were set in place for this country by its Founding Fathers of a belief in Divine Providence and a respect for that belief.

So what I will be doing is offering a resolution to the Senate today, and that resolution will conclude that:

It is the sense of the United States Senate that the Department of Defense should continue to exercise its longstanding statutory authority to support the activities of the Boy Scouts of America, in particular the

periodic national and world Boy Scout jamboree.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.  
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURNS). The Senator from Kentucky.

#### TRIBUTES TO RETIRING SENATORS

ZELL MILLER

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the late Senator Paul Coverdell was a great Senator and dear friend of many of us in this body. His untimely passing left a great hole in our hearts. But it also took from Georgia and from America a great leader.

At the time, none of us had any idea how we would ever manage without him. I remember when we were doing tributes to him after his death. There was great emotion on the floor of the Senate. I remember Senator Phil Gramm tearfully giving Senator Coverdell a farewell. We all felt great affection for him.

So when the Governor of Georgia, Governor Barnes, needed someone to step into Paul Coverdell's place to be the voice for Georgia, he called upon a fellow whom I had not previously met but had heard of for some time, former Gov. ZELL MILLER.

Happily retired and without personal ambition for further public office, ZELL MILLER responded to the call of duty. And what a difference he has made in this body. In a time of turmoil, a time of terrorist attacks, of economic challenge, of foreign war, when America needed somebody to lead, Providence blessed America with a great Senator, ZELL MILLER.

During his short tenure here, this old marine has been critical to our efforts to obtain economic opportunity, homeland security, and national security for this Nation. I can say with total certainty that Paul Coverdell would be proud—proud—of the accomplishments of ZELL MILLER. They have been good for Georgia, and they have been good for America.

A review of every major battle this administration had in the last 4 years shows that ZELL MILLER was in the middle of each one and the linchpin to each success. ZELL MILLER was instrumental to the economic recovery our Nation now enjoys. ZELL MILLER was the key to the homeland security our Nation has attained. ZELL MILLER was one of the strongest voices to harden our Nation's resolve to fully wage the war against terrorism. On these, the most critical issues upon which history will judge this Nation, this President, and this Congress, it was ZELL MILLER whose vote and voice made the difference.

ZELL made the difference when the numbers didn't add up to victory. Like our mutual friend, Phil Gramm, apparently being outnumbered was never a cause for concern to ZELL. ZELL served in the proud line of Truman Democrats. Like Harry Truman, he called for unity during a time of war and, like