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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, You still work wonders in the Earth. Help us to possess the humility to learn. Teach us that prayer still brings results. Teach us that we need not fear what the future holds, for Your mercies endure forever. Teach us that Your blessings come new every day. Teach us to number our days, to appreciate life's precious moments. Teach us to trust Your love and to celebrate Your presence.

Bless our Senators, their families, and their staffs in the days ahead. We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, November 9, 2006.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. SUNUNU thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### MORNING BUSINESS

#### COSPONSORSHIP OF S. 3709

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, on July 24 the Majority Leader placed in the RECORD a list of the Senators that had sought to be cosponsors of S. 3709, the United States-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act.

Mr. President, I ask that an updated list of those who wish to be listed as cosponsors be printed in the RECORD

The names follow.

LUGAR, BIDEN, HAGEL, CHAFEE, ALLEN, COLEMAN, VOINOVICH, ALEXANDER, SUNUNU, MURKOWSKI, MARTINEZ, DODD, KERRY, NELSON, OBAMA, CORNYN, BAYH, HUTCHISON, DEWINE, and LOTT.●

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

##### STAFF SERGEANT JONATHAN ROJAS

• Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude that today I honor the life of a brave young man from Hammond. Jonathan Rojas, 27 years old, died on October 3 after being struck by a sniper bullet while on patrol in Baghdad. Jonathan risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

Jonathan spent several years in the workforce after graduating from Hammond High School before enlisting. He had been due to return home to Indiana 2 months before he was killed but agreed to stay longer, promising his family in Hammond that he would be home in time for Christmas. Jonathan was remembered by his brother William as playful and warm hearted, when he said, "We're going to miss him being himself, doing stupid things, his company, having a brother, someone to talk to."

Jonathan was killed, while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Free-

dom. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. This brave soldier leaves behind wife Tasha Rojas, parents Jose and Catalina Rojas, brother William Rojas, and sister Isaura Rojas.

Today, I join Jonathan's family and friends in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Jonathan, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Jonathan was known for his dedication to his family and his love of country. He was looking forward to civilian life and starting a family with his wife Tasha. Today and always, Jonathan will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero, and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring Jonathan's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Jonathan's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Jonathan Rojas in the official RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy, and peace. When I think about this just

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cause in which we are engaged and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Jonathan's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Jonathan.●

#### HONORING WILLIAM E. OSOS

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, It is with a heavy heart that I pay tribute to a true friend and Hoosier, William E. Osos. Bill, a former director for the United Auto Workers Region 3, passed away on October 6th, leaving behind a loving family and thousands of Hoosiers who benefited from his devotion to working men and women. My thoughts and prayers this week are with his wife Genevieve and their children and grandchildren.

Bill was a man of courage and conviction, who did what was right regardless of the popularity at the moment. He served for 2 years in the Navy during World War II. At home in Michigan City, Bill first became active in the UAW while working at Michiana Products Company. It was the beginning of a commitment he would honor throughout his life. In 1966, he was appointed an international representative of the union by UAW president Walter P. Reuther. He eventually was elected to be director of the union's Region 3 in 1984, a position he served in until his retirement in 1992.

Bill's dedication to the working men and women of Indiana was apparent to everyone who met him. He truly relished his role in leading the fight for good jobs and good wages. In fact, many Hoosiers and UAW members could tell you that it is a role he continued well after his retirement. Even after moving from Indiana to Florida, Bill stayed involved in UAW work, always ready to help serve.

His work in Indiana meant so much to the thousands of UAW workers in our State, and I also owe Bill a personal debt of gratitude. When I was running for secretary of state in Indiana, we didn't have much of a Democratic party organization, but we did have organized labor and the UAW, with Bill as Region 3 director. His support during my first political race was a strong foundation to build on, and with his help, I won that election. I went on to serve two terms as Indiana's Governor, when together, we were able to give 30,000 of our workers collective bargaining rights, more than half represented by the UAW.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with many union leaders over the years, from the days I spent with my father on his campaigns outside plant gates to my work as Governor and through today. But Bill sticks out in my memory for his belief

in the importance of his work and his tireless fighting on behalf of working men and women.

Bill spent his life fighting for good jobs, affordable health care, and secure pensions—all the things that make up the American dream. We need more people fighting that fight today, and we will miss Bill greatly as we continue his efforts to ensure that every American who works hard and plays by the rules can do right by his family.

Indiana and its people are better for his leadership. Bill was my friend, and I will miss him. It is my honor to enter his name into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the U.S. Senate.●

#### ETHAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17-1

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Ethan School District No. 17-1 for being named a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School. The commitment to quality education that has been shown by the faculty, teachers, and students at the Ethan School District is truly invaluable in shaping the future leaders of this country. The work that they are doing to develop higher education standards and greater accountability serves as a model to other schools throughout our State and Nation.

Again, congratulations to Ethan School District No. 17-1 for being named a Blue Ribbon School and for making South Dakota proud.●

#### WHITE LAKE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1-3

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize White Lake Independent School District No. 1-3 for being named a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School. The commitment to quality education that has been shown by the faculty, teachers, and students at the White Lake Independent School District is truly invaluable in shaping the future leaders of this country. The work that they are doing to develop higher education standards and greater accountability serves as a model to other schools throughout our State and Nation.

Again, congratulations to White Lake Independent School District No. 1-3 for being named a Blue Ribbon School and for making South Dakota proud.●

#### COMMENDING DAVID HANSEN

● Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I want to commend the service of David Hansen, who is ending his term on the Northeast-Midwest Institute's board of directors. David served as the institute's vice chair, provided stable leadership, offered a wealth of ideas, and advanced the organization's credibility. He now directs the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions, based in Columbus, OH. The Northeast-Midwest Institute provides policy re-

search for the bipartisan Northeast-Midwest Senate Coalition and its Great Lakes Task Force, which I cochair with Senator CARL LEVIN of Michigan. I thank David Hansen for his service on the board of the Northeast-Midwest Institute. People from Ohio and the entire Northeast-Midwest region appreciate his valued counsel.●

#### COMMENDING TIMOTHY COSGROVE

● Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I also want to commend the service of Timothy Cosgrove who is ending his term as chairman of the board of directors for the Northeast-Midwest Institute. Tim has offered exceptional service to the institute and in the process helped to improve our region's economic development and environmental quality. The Northeast-Midwest Institute provides policy analysis for the bipartisan Northeast-Midwest Senate Coalition and its Great Lakes Task Force. Tim is with the Cleveland-based law firm of Squire Sanders & Dempsey. I thank Tim Cosgrove for his leadership on the Northeast-Midwest Institute's board of directors. He has provided valued service and helped to increase that organization's reputation and effectiveness.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN WHICH WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12170 ON NOVEMBER 14, 1979—PM 58

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice