

**SENATE—Wednesday, January 20, 1999**

The Senate met at 11:01 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, our hearts are filled with praise. You have chosen to be our God and chosen each of us to know You. The most important election of life is Your divine election of each of us to know You and serve You. Thank You that we live in a land in which we have the freedom to enjoy living out this awesome calling. We are grateful for our heritage as "one Nation under God."

We praise You for Your love that embraces us and gives us security, Your joy that uplifts us and gives us resiliency, Your peace that floods our hearts and gives us serenity, Your Spirit that fills us and gives us strength and endurance.

Help us to realize that it is by Your permission that we breathe our next breath and by Your grace that we are privileged to use all the gifts of intellect and judgment that You provide. Give the Senators a perfect blend of humility and hope so that they will know that You have given them all that they have and are and have chosen to bless them this day. May their service be an expression of their gratitude. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

**SCHEDULE**

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will begin a period of morning business until 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the articles of impeachment. It is the majority leader's hope that today's presentation by the White House can be concluded by early evening so that Members may attend the lecture series which begins at 6 p.m. That lecture series will be in the Old Senate Chamber. The guest speaker this evening will be former President George Bush. I remind all Senators that upon recessing this evening, the Senate will reconvene on Thursday at 1 p.m. to resume consideration of the articles.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

**MORNING BUSINESS**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a

period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 1 p.m., with 60 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader and 60 minutes under the control of the Senator from Georgia, Mr. COVERDELL, or his designee.

**MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 40, S. 41, S. 42, S. 43, S. 44, S. 45, and S. 46.**

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, Senator HELMS has seven bills at the desk that are due for their second reading, and I now ask unanimous consent that they be considered as read a second time and placed on the calendar en bloc.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—S. 254**

Mr. VOINOVICH. I understand that S. 254, introduced by Senator HATCH and others, is at the desk, and I ask that it be read for the first time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 254) to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by and rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, and for other purposes.

Mr. VOINOVICH. I would now ask for its second reading.

Mr. NICKLES. I object.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

**PROVIDING FOR AN ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. VOINOVICH. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 11 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) providing for an adjournment of the House.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. VOINOVICH. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 11) was agreed to.

Mr. WELLSTONE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I defer to my colleague from Illinois, Senator DURBIN, but I ask unanimous consent that Senator HARKIN and I be allowed to follow Senator DURBIN in speaking order.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Illinois.

**RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL JORDAN**

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 23 now at the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 23) congratulating Michael Jordan on the announcement of his retirement from the Chicago Bulls and the National Basketball Association.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it is, indeed, fitting that Senate Resolution 23 in this 106th Congress be dedicated to a man who immortalized the No. 23 as a player for the Chicago Bulls.

I rise today to pay tribute to a man who is a true legend both on and off the hardwood. Michael Jordan may have retired last week from the Chicago Bulls and professional basketball, but he is anything but retired. He may well be remembered as the greatest basketball player of all time, but as long as boys and girls and men and women play this uniquely American game, they can also remember a great legacy beyond sports. We all owe Michael Jordan a special tribute, not only for his excellence at the game and his practiced skills on the basketball court but as a decent human being. Michael Jordan is an outstanding citizen of his community, the city of Chicago, the State of Illinois, his native North Carolina, but also of America and the world.

It is often asked in many polls across the Earth: Who is the most popular man, the most well-known man? And it seems, now that the results are in—and not surprising—it is a basketball player from Chicago, No. 23, Michael Jordan.

Those who have not traveled around the world may find that hard to believe, but my own limited personal experience can tell you it is the case. I