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Our Ship of State Is Still on Course

Editor's Note: Below are excerpts from a speech that U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., gave on the floor of the U.S. Senate the day after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Yesterday, America was called to endure yet another day of infamy, but our ship of state is still on course.

Our duty in this Senate and in this Congress and in this country is now to recover the dead, to comfort the families of the victims who have perished, and to restore our institutions and set aright the shaken confidence that they may feel. Then it is our duty to seek retribution that is careful, but certain, and as swift as possible.

Freedom is not free, and I think America knows that in a renewed fashion.

We are the leader of the free world—we must not trample on freedoms as we continue to lead.

We are the leaders of the civilized world and we must not target innocent civilians. They are the leaders of the uncivilized world and we saw their work yesterday. We have been called to lead in a different way. We have been called to lead the civilized world.

Americans Must Act Decisively

Editor's Note: The following remarks concerning the terrorist attacks against the U.S. are from Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

Tuesday morning this nation witnessed an attempt to pitch into darkness the light of American liberty.

It was nothing less than an offensive against the freedom that our nation represents.

It was nothing less than pure evil that cast a shadow over our country, darker than the smoke from any explosion. Fanatics challenged our nation to war, striking at civilians and service members alike.

Today, the United States Senate is making it clear that we will not bow to this brutality. We believe passionately in this country, in due process and the rule of law, but the effort to find justice here cannot be allowed to degenerate into endless debate. America must act decisively.

Families across this country are in their darkest hour right now. At the moment, not all of the victims' names are known, out of the thousands believed lost in this tragedy. In the coming days they will become fa-

miliar to us, and their lives and legacies will be shared with the world. But we already know them.

These victims were husbands and wives, daughters and sons: to every American, brothers and sisters.

And so we honor the memory we have lost. But we also make it clear today that we will not allow the strength of this nation to be sapped by terror. America is not going to be drained by devilish acts of rage.

The light of hope is burning across this country. The voice of a New York Firefighter who says he will not stop searching until the last stone is turned is a voice of hope. The courage of the federal employees who returned to work, here in Washington and across the country, is courage grounded in hope.

Hope shines in the people willing to wait for hours to help, as we saw when they donated blood. It shines in the hearts of the people praying in their churches and synagogues and mosques across the country.

But here is my bottom line: the light that shines in America

will be relentless when it is turned on those who have declared themselves our enemies. The dark forces that perpetrated these acts should make sure today that they are in their hiding places, because we are going to come after them. The blinding beam of our determination and the long arm of the United States of America will expose them, and extract justice.

Our entire Congress stands united behind the President against our enemies and against those who would shelter them. The entire nation stands together with a very clear intention to endure.

Our enemies should know that the entire free and democratic world stands unmoved in its dedication to liberty for all people.

We speak with one voice and will move in concert to protect principles that we hold dear.

The flame of democracy is going to be framed even brighter. We will not just carry the torch, but we're going to make sure that the standard is held higher than ever before.

Our Freedom Will Ring Loudly Forever

Editor's note: Eddie Bernice Johnson, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus released the following statement regarding the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on America:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to stand in solidarity with the people of America and to speak out against the senseless, horrendous tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001. It is a day that will live in infamy.

There are no words, no pictures, no sentiments that can express the magnitude of the evil that showed itself. My heart and my thoughts go out to the families of those who were murdered, and to all those affected. The love of the people of this

great country embraces the spirit of those heroes who gave their lives trying to save others. Those glorious Americans, who worked at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, members of the Police and Fire Departments and EMS, represent the best of America.

We should all be humbled by their sacrifices.

"I would like to pay a special tribute to the American Airlines family. They are unique contributors to Dallas-Fort Worth. They are unique contributors to America. They are a part of all of our lives. They are a part of our souls. We honor the lives they lived as Americans.

"Let it be known, that the United States Congress will stop at nothing, and at no time, to protect our citizens. Let it be known, that the United States of America will never, ever, cower to terrorists and never give up our way of life.

Let it be known that Americans may disagree as Americans, but we are all one American family. Most importantly, let it be known that we will, we will, we will bring those responsible for the horrors of terrorism to complete justice.

Our flags are at half-mast, but our heads are high as Americans. America is a great nation, and our freedom will ring loudly forever."

State Financial Systems Operational

In spite of the tragic events that took place in New York and Washington, the Oregon State Treasury continues to be fully operational, Oregon State Treasurer Randall Edwards said Thursday.

Banking services to state agencies are functioning normally and will continue to operate on schedule. State bond sales will be delayed until the bond markets stabilize. State investments are on hold until the financial markets reopen.

None of the Treasury's equity or bond managers is headquartered in the World Trade Center. The Treasury's financial custodian, State Street Bank, is located outside Boston and is fully staffed and operational. As the financial markets resume activity, State Treasurer Randall

Edwards and his staff will closely monitor the situation.

"We witnessed a terrible attack on this country and on innocent people. We are all in shock at what we've seen. My thoughts go out to all the families directly impacted by this tragedy," Edwards said.

"The state's financial system is sound and operating normally. We will continue to keep a close watch on what is happening around the country," Edwards said. "This time is a time when we in the financial community must not overreact, and keep to our fundamentals that ensure prudent and sound financial management. To that end, I have been working closely with the state's financial partners to maintain Oregon's stable financial situation."

Attacks May Impact Diversity

Daryl Dixon, director of multicultural services at George Fox University, says this week's events will "definitely" affect his day-to-day work on racial reconciliation and diversity issues.

Here are some of his thoughts:

"I can see it coming - the discussion on racial profiling. For example, as I understand events that happened, six or ten hijackers showed up late for their flights and purchased their tickets with cash. Standard security procedures recommend that persons who do this should have their bags checked. This didn't happen. Was it an oversight, or was it a conscious attempt to not racially profile someone?"

"Another piece of discussion will be the unfair actions that are taken against people of certain national origins. I heard one popular radio commentator quoting

the Old Testament teaching of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a foot for a foot, etc." He admonished his listeners to read the Old Testament. His anger and need for revenge wouldn't allow him to go to the New Testament where Jesus gives us a new law, and a new command, "To love our enemies."

"So, with radio talk show hosts getting people stirred up to go to war, I am concerned that some American citizens will become vigilantes. "This particular commentator has already said, 'This is the result of multiculturalism.'"

Dixon is the founding pastor of a Portland-area church and serves on diversity, Affirmative Action and racial reconciliation committees in the Portland area. He holds a master of divinity degree from George Fox.

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