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Pursuant to the order of the Senate, and by appointment of the President pro tempore, Senator Carl Hayden of Arizona, I this day read Washington's Farewell Address.

I have read this, silently, many times before. Somehow the reading of it aloud, in the Senate Chamber, re-constructed for me, for the first time, the great concern, wisdom, patriotism, and love of country which motivated Washington to write it. It is obvious that we have not followed his advice to the letter; but it is also clear that the tremendous moral force which enabled him to lead our country through its perilous early years lives with us still as a powerful example.

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