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Present to the Resolution of the Senate, and approved by the Vice-President, the Farewell Address of George Washington was read by me on the 23rd of January, the 22nd day of January.

I noted particularly these words: "Of all the despotisms and brutal institutions lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable elements." and

And, in the opinion of the people, the declaration or modification of the Constitution must be in any particular way, let it be corrected by any amendment, in the way which the Constitution designates. But let there be no change by usurpation; it is the custom of all governments, in the exercise of their authority, to be with the consent of the governed, by which the government are destroyed."

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