Read according to custom and by appointment of Vice President Dick Cheney and designation of the Republican Leader, Mitch McConnell.

I am proud to be continuing on the Senate's most steadfast tradition today with the reading of our前辈's farewell address. By doing so, I am carrying on a Tennessee tradition. It was Tennessee Senator Andrew Johnson who first introduced the petition in the Senate as a morale boosting gesture during The Civil War. Since then Tennessee Senators Nathan Bland, and my predecessor, Bill Fulbright, have also delivered this address when read today in The Senate.
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Barack Obama

USS Tennessee

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