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Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1919.

The Senate met according to adjournment and was called to order by the President at 4.30 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. C. O. Perry of Hallowell.

Journal of the preceding session read and approved.

Mr. DEARTH of Penobscot: Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate: Every thoughtful man of this country and of every civilized country on the face of the globe at this time stands bowed in grief and sorrow at the news of the death of that great American, Theodore Roosevelt. A man whose honesty, integrity and sincerity was never questioned. A man, it is true, who was strenuous and earnest in supporting his ideas on any proposition. Therefore, at times he made enemies, but now, in a time of calm repose, as we look back over the brilliant career of that man, we cannot but say that he was a man always right. He was a man who loved his country, who fought unceasingly for the best interests of his country; a man, it is true, that some of us felt at times that we

could not agree with, but I am not one of those who would say today but he was right. How interested he was through the years after the beginning of the Great War through which we have passed, up to the time when this country entered the war. And the fact that he sent upon the battlefield not only his four sons, but his son-in-law, shows that what he had said prior to that time was sincere. One of those sons is in a hospital nursing a paralyzed arm, resulting from an injury upon the battlefield. The remains of another son sleep upon the sacred soil of France, made sacred by the mingling of his blood with that of his comrades and those of the Allied nations.

Ah, gentlemen, this of course, is no time for me to go into an extended discussion of the lifework of this great man. He will stand in history in the list of a few of the leading Americans. And it seems to me that at this time it is eminently fitting that this body take some action as a mark of respect to his memory, and as an act of appreciation of his public service.

I therefore move, Mr. President, that this body adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned.