Lott resigns as GOP leader Prime time

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or she must confront the Republican Party's record on race and embrace policies that promote genuine healing and greater opportunities for all Ameri-

Lott became the first Senate party leader ever to step down in the wake of a wrenching national controversy.

"We've never had a Senate Republican leader or Senate Democratic leader step down like this before," said Senate historian Don Ritchie.

Lott's resignation — a terse statement released from the office of Senate Republican leader here — culminated a weeks-long controversy over Lott's racially insensitive comments.

His decision amounted to a 180-degree about-face. Lott had vowed to stay and fight to keep the top leadership job. His fall followed a tribute that Lott gave earlier this month at Sen. Strom

Thurmond's 100th birthday party. The Mississippian at the time hailed the venerable South Carolinian and tial bid.

said he thought the nation would have his campaign for the presidency in 1948. Thurmond ran as a Dixiecrat at the time, on a mostly segregationist

Senior Republicans said Lott's decision caught many senior White House officials by surprise, including top political adviser Karl Rove and political director Ken Mehlman, who got no advance notice. As Lott's decision leaked to news organizations, his office informed the White House that the but not the Senate.

Despite speculation that Lott would one official said the White House was

Lott, 61, has been the Senate GOP leader since 1996, when Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., left the Senate to devote full time to his unsuccessful presiden-

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The remarks drew immediate criticism from black leaders and Democrats. They were quickly joined by conservatives worried that the comments would create a distracting firestorm that would harm the White senator was leaving his leadership post House's and GOP's efforts to advance their legislative agenda.

Incoming House Democratic leader demand a committee chairmanship or Nancy Pelosi of California said that some other consolation prize, he Lott's stepping down was an "imporstepped down with no strings attached, tant step" but that Republicans still needed to do more to address the issue of race.

> While Lott initially attempted to stomp out the controversy with a terse press release and telephone interviews on radio and television, it began to spin out of control after Bush issued a forceful denunciation of his remarks last

Fearing Lott's comments had hurt the party and his own re-election prospects, Bush called the remarks "offensive" and "wrong." At the same time, he instructed White House spokesman Ari Fleischer to say Lott should not

Senate leadership elections, conducted by secret ballot, are notoriously unpredictable affairs in which promised votes fail to materialize and lawmakers' decisions are based on personal relationships, past conflicts and any number of unpredictable factors.

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