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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Dr. Alan Keiran, chief of staff of the Senate Chaplain's Office.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God of might and power, give our Senators today Your passion. Give them a passion for people that will bring liberty and hope. Give them a passion for justice that will empower them to become our Nation's conscience. Give them a passion for unity that will break down the barriers that divide us. Give them a passion for action that they may not shrink from the new or be satisfied with the comfortable inertia.

Give us all a passion for progress that will enable us to see what is not and dream what can be.

We pray in Your precious Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2006

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will re-

sume consideration of H.R. 3010, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Sununu amendment No. 2214, to provide for the funding of the Low-Vision Rehabilitation Services Demonstration Project.

Sununu modified amendment No. 2215, to increase funding for community health centers.

Thune further modified amendment No. 2193, to provide funding for telehealth programs.

Murray amendment No. 2220, to provide stop gap coverage for low-income Seniors and disabled individuals who may lose benefits or suffer a gap in coverage due to the implementation of the Medicare part D prescription drug benefit.

Harkin modified amendment No. 2283, to make available funds for pandemic flu preparedness.

Clinton/Schumer amendment No. 2313, to provide for payments to the New York State Uninsured Employers Fund for reimbursement of claims related to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and payments to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for treatment for emergency services personnel and rescue and recovery personnel.

Coburn amendment No. 2233, to prohibit the use of funds for HIV Vaccine Awareness Day activities.

Coburn amendment No. 2230, to limit funding for conferences.

Dayton amendment No. 2245, to fully fund the Federal Government's share of the costs under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Dayton amendment No. 2289, to increase funding for disabled voter access services under the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

Santorum amendment No. 2241, to establish a Congressional Commission on Expanding Social Service Delivery Options.

Santorum amendment No. 2237, to provide grants to promote healthy marriages.

Durbin (for Boxer/Ensign) amendment No. 2287, to increase appropriations for after-school programs through 21st century community learning centers.

Bingaman (for Smith/Bingaman) amendment No. 2259, to provide funding for the

AIDS Drug Assistance Program within the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Bingaman amendment No. 2218, to increase funding for advanced placement programs.

Bingaman amendment No. 2219, to increase funding for school dropout prevention.

Bingaman/Salazar amendment No. 2262, to increase funding for education programs serving Hispanic students.

Harkin amendment No. 2322, to prohibit payments for administrative expenses under the Medicaid program if more than 15 percent of applications for medical assistance, eligibility redeterminations, and change reports are processed by individuals who are not State employees meeting certain personnel standards.

Cornyn amendment No. 2277, to increase the amount of appropriated funds available for Community-Based Job Training Grants.

Landrieu amendment No. 2248, to increase appropriations for the Federal TRIO programs for students affected by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

Landrieu amendment No. 2250, to provide funding to carry out the Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act.

Landrieu amendment No. 2249, to require that any additional community health center funding be directed, in part, to centers in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

Collins/Feingold modified amendment No. 2265, to fund grants for innovative programs to address dental workforce needs.

Murray amendment No. 2285, to insert provisions related to an investigation by the Inspector General.

Ensign amendment No. 2300, to prohibit funding for the support, development, or distribution of the Department of Education's e-Language Learning System (ELLS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the time until 10 a.m. shall be equally divided between the majority and the minority.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning the time until 10 a.m. will be equally divided for debate prior to the cloture vote. That cloture vote is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. promptly. We

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