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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Lord of heaven's armies, we come to You today seeking Your wise guidance. You asked us to embrace Your wisdom, for it is a treasure more precious than silver or gold. Help us to delight in Your sacred word and thrive like trees planted by streams of water. Lord, give us the faith to trust in You with all our hearts and not to lean only on our understanding. Encourage us to be doers of Your Word and not just hearers.

Bless our Senators and all Senate staff members today as they labor for our Nation and its citizens. Bless also those in harm's way and their families, and protect them from the dangers of the sea, land, and air, and from the violence of their enemies.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL 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.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 29, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

THANKING DR. BARRY C. BLACK

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before we get into the business of the day, I wish to take a minute, while the Chaplain of the Senate is here, Admiral Black, to comment on really a remarkable afternoon. Ted Stevens, who served in the Senate for many decades, was laid to rest yesterday at Arlington National Cemetery. It was strictly a military funeral—caissons came down the hill, the casket was over the grave.

The only speaking at the event was from the Senate Chaplain. It was very good, very spiritual. The setting was wonderful. It was a beautiful fall day. There were hundreds of people there. The Chaplain, with this booming voice he was given at birth, was able to do it without any amplification whatsoever. It was very nice.

The one thing that was stunning to everyone there was that the Chaplain said, "I am now going to recite," and he went through about eight or nine passages in the Bible. He named which passages he was going to recite—one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight—and then proceeded to do it without a note, without anything. It was remarkable. It reminded me so much of Senator Byrd because he also had that ability, the ability to remember. I am sure, for those of us there, it looked so easy for the Chaplain to do

that, but I am sure he prepared as he did as a young boy, learning these verses of Scripture for his mother and grandmother.

While he is here on the floor, I wish to express my appreciation to him. But the appreciation is from everyone who was there who is not capable of doing that because they don't have the ability to speak. So I say to my friend the Chaplain, we appreciate your spiritual leadership of the Senate and your remarkable qualities as a person.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Following any leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business until 10 a.m., with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

At 10 a.m., there will be 2 hours for debate on the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 39, with the time equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees. S.J. Res. 39 is a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of a rule relating to status as a grandfathered health plan under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

At around noon, the Senate will vote on that matter. If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the legislative vehicle we will use to complete work here on the continuing resolution. Senators will be notified when a vote on the continuing resolution is scheduled.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 today for our weekly party caucuses.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— H.R. 388

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 119, H.R. 388, the Crane Conservation Act; that the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any

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