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Senate

The Senate met at 9:31 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:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, as the morning comes new every day, so are Your blessings new to us. Thank You for the blessing of Your presence that brightens this day, restores our faith, and fills us with peace. Thank You for the blessing of friends who support, encourage, and sustain us. Lord, thank You for the blessing of families who nurture and forgive and undergird us with love.

Thank You for the Members of this body, for their love of liberty, for their desire to make a positive impact on our world, and for their commitment to You. Guide them today so that Your will may be done on Earth even as it is done in heaven.

We pray in Your sacred 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, December 8, 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.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, there will be a live quorum to resume the impeachment trial of G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. Senators are encouraged to come to the floor immediately. Once a quorum is present, there will be a series of up to five rollcall votes in relation to the impeachment, the motion and articles in relation to the impeachment.

Upon conclusion of the impeachment proceedings, the Senate will recess subject to the call of the Chair in order to clear the Chamber. When the Senate reconvenes, we will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3991, the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act, with the time until 12:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

The Senate will then recess from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. to allow for a caucus the Democrats are having.

At 3:30 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3991. There will then be a period of 30 minutes of debate. It will be equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees. Upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate will proceed to a series of up to four rollcall votes.

Mr. President, as to how we are going to schedule those votes, I have had in-

quiries from both sides. There are some issues tonight as to time, but we will do our best to be as cooperative as we can. We have a lot of votes we have to complete today. And I am likely going to move to my motion to reconsider on the Defense Authorization Act this evening, allowing, as I will indicate at that time, time for amendments to that piece of legislation. But I will be meeting with the Republican leader.

There is work being done on the tax issue. It is further along than most people would think. I do not think there is a great deal more work to be done on that, and then people can decide what they are going to do on it. I have a meeting contemplated with the Republican leader sometime later today to decide how we will proceed on that.

The votes this afternoon will be on the motion to proceed to the public safety matter I have just spoken about, the motion to proceed to the Emergency Senior Citizens Relief Act, the motion to proceed to the DREAM Act, and the motion to proceed to the Zadroga legislation which is the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

If cloture is invoked on a motion to proceed, there would then be 30 hours of debate, as we know.

IMPEACHMENT OF JUDGE G. THOMAS PORTEOUS, JR.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 8]

Akaka	Bennett	Bunning
Alexander	Bingaman	Burr
Barrasso	Bond	Cantwell
Bayh	Boxer	Cardin
Begich	Brown (MA)	Casey
Bennet	Brown (OH)	Chambliss

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