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

PRAYER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's opening prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, a guest of Senator MARK WARNER, Rabbi Israel Zoberman, Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, VA.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Our one God of life's blessings, Who brings us together to be one family, gratefully united though gloriously diverse through the Divine commandments of loving-kindness. May the awesome Author of an enchanting yet endangered universe uplift our honored Senators with the essential twin gifts of freedom and responsibility, ever fulfilling the demanding American dream. At these crossroads of compelling challenge, may the Senators be reassured that each human life is a singular jour-

ney of promising purpose, that the Creator's divinity and human dignity are inseparably linked. May the Most High bless the Senators, the Nation, and humanity with Shalom's sacred healing, hope, and harmony.

Recalling my early childhood in a Displaced Persons Camp in Germany's American Zone, and on my 40th anniversary in the rabbinic ministry in the most ecumenical Nation under Heaven, I am grateful. Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

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