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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Ever-present and ever-gracious God, touch the hearts of our lawmakers today with the warmth and wonder of Your wisdom and grace. Infuse their lives with an exemplary integrity that illuminates the darkness of cynicism, division, and despair. May our Senators see beyond baffling events to the power of Your prevailing providence, providing them with a vision of a better nation and world. Lord, use our legislators with such power that they may honor their calling by faithfully serving You and country.

We pray in Your great 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 PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will pro-

ceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Bridget S. Bade, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

NOMINATION OF BRIDGET S. BADE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, yesterday the Senate voted to advance the nomination of Bridget Bade of Arizona, the latest of President Trump's qualified judicial nominees. Today we will vote on her confirmation as a judge on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Ms. Bade's nomination comes with the bipartisan support of our colleagues on the Judiciary Committee and a "well qualified" rating from the ABA's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary.

Given that 77 Senators voted yesterday to advance this nomination, it is obviously clear to the vast majority of us that the President has made yet another excellent choice to the Federal bench. I hope each of my colleagues will join me in voting for Ms. Bade later today.

THE GREEN NEW DEAL

Madam President, on another matter entirely, this afternoon the Senate is going to vote on the far-left wish list that many of our Democratic colleagues have rushed to embrace—the so-called Green New Deal.

For a relatively sparse resolution, this proposal has already traveled quite a fascinating path in Congress. It originated with the most radical, farthest left Members of the new House Democratic majority. The Speaker of the House quickly praised its "enthusiasm."

Its principal sponsor rolled out the first version of the plan alongside an extensive background document that laid out the policy's true goals in can-

did detail but which Democrats then rushed to hastily scrub off the internet.

It is not exactly an auspicious start, but, nevertheless, a number of our Democratic colleagues here in the Senate rushed to embrace it as well. Every Democratic Senator who is currently running for President has embraced the Green New Deal.

The energy, the momentum, and the defining new voices in today's Democratic Party seem to be all in for the Green New Deal. "It is ambitious. It captures your imagination," said one current Presidential candidate.

"I'm in all the way," said one of our Senate colleagues, who is also running.

When asked if the proposal might go too far, another of our Senate colleagues running for President replied on this issue: "You cannot go far enough."

So just how far does the proposal go? What exactly is in this thing? What is it?

For starters, the proposal addresses the small matter of eliminating—listen to this—the use of all fossil fuels nationwide over 10 years—get rid of it all. This might sound like a neat idea in places like San Francisco or New York—the places that the Democratic Party seems totally focused on these days—but, frankly, the communities everywhere else would be absolutely crushed by this.

It is killing off entire domestic industries, winding down millions of jobs, and, basically, outlawing the only sources of energy that working-class and middle-class families can actually afford. By one rough estimate, these steps could lead to a spike in household electricity bills of \$300 a month—that much increase in your utility bill. Keep in mind that this is just a warmup act.

While they are at it, our friends on the far left also propose a federally mandated overhaul of every building in America—every building in America. No family home or small business

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