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Senate

(Legislative day of Monday, October 19, 2020)

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN KENNEDY, a Senator from the State of Louisiana.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal King, You are great and marvelous. You alone are God. Without Your wondrous deeds, our Nation and planet could not survive. You continue to perform wonders on our behalf, rescuing us from ourselves.

Lord, teach our lawmakers Your precepts so that they may walk in Your truth, experiencing the reverential awe that comes when You are near. Provide them with the inspiration and knowledge that will bring peace and stability to our land. May we not conceal our sins but confess and forsake them. Sovereign God, keep our Senators on the path of wisdom.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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. GRASSLEY).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 23, 2020.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN KENNEDY, a Senator from the State of Louisiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. KENNEDY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION—Motion to Proceed

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

Mr. SCHUMER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

QUORUM CALL

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

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

[Quorum No. 2 Ex.]

Alexander	Cotton	Hawley
Barrasso	Cramer	Hyde-Smith
Blackburn	Crapo	Inhofe
Blunt	Cruz	Johnson
Boozman	Daines	Kennedy
Braun	Enzi	Lankford
Burr	Ernst	Lee
Capito	Fischer	Loeffler
Cassidy	Gardner	McConnell
Collins	Graham	McSally
Cornyn	Grassley	Murkowski

Paul	Rubio	Thune
Perdue	Sasse	Tillis
Portman	Schumer	Toomere
Risch	Scott (FL)	Wicker
Roberts	Scott (SC)	Young
Romney	Shelby	
Rounds	Sullivan	

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. A quorum is present.

VOTE ON MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

NOMINATION OF AMY CONEY BARRETT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, the Republicans, as we all know and as the Nation knows, are running the most partisan, most hypocritical, and least legitimate process in the history of Supreme Court nominations. That is why I suggested the absence of a quorum. We are not going to have business as usual.

I yield the floor.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 215 Leg.]

YEAS—53

Alexander	Burr	Cramer
Barrasso	Capito	Crapo
Blackburn	Cassidy	Cruz
Blunt	Collins	Daines
Boozman	Cornyn	Enzi
Braun	Cotton	Ernst

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