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Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the Honorable JEFF SESSIONS, a Senator from the State of Alabama.

PRAYER

The Honorable JEFF SESSIONS offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we praise You for the constancy and consistency of Your faithfulness in blessing and guiding the Senate of the United States through the years of our Nation's history. We turn to You today again to know that You will be faithful, to give the women and men of this Senate exactly what is needed in each hour, each challenge, each decision. Give us light when our vision is dim, courage when we need to be bold, decisiveness when it would be easy to equivocate, and hope when others are tempted to be discouraged.

So we commit ourselves to be Your faithful servants, examples of patriotism to our people and crusaders of the best for our Nation. In Your holy name. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 21, 1997.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF SESSIONS, a Senator from the State of Alabama, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. SESSIONS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Arkansas.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m. The Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. We will be recessed for the weekly policy luncheons.

When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, the ISTEPA reauthorization bill. Members are encouraged to participate in debating this important legislation during today's session. In addition, the Senate may turn to any appropriations conference reports that become available. Therefore, roll-call votes are expected throughout today's session.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] is recognized to speak for up to 10 minutes.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. HUTCHINSON pertaining to the introduction of S. 1299 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. HUTCHINSON. I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Hawaii.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REVEREND DR. ABRAHAM AKAKA, PASTOR EMERITUS, KAWAIAHAO CHURCH

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of the Reverend Dr. Abraham Akaka, my brother

Abe, who passed away last month. Brother Abe, as our family knew him, was "kahu," meaning shepherd in Hawaiian, to people of faith in Hawaii. For 28 years, he was pastor of Kawaiahao Church, the Westminster Abbey of the Pacific, Christianity's mother church in Hawaii. A true man of God, he dedicated his life to serving our church and its congregation, while attending to the spiritual needs of our people and communities across our State, and Nation. In a life marked by numerous achievements, honors, awards, and titles, the appellation "kahu" best describes Brother Abe.

He was also a beloved husband and wonderful father to his five children, aided in his ministry by his wife Mary Lou Jeffrey Akaka. He was a source of comfort and inspiration, a bulwark of strength, and font of love for our family, and will be sorely missed.

Mr. President, I ask that a tribute I offered at my brother's memorial service at Kawaiahao Church be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATEMENT OF TRIBUTE BY SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE REVEREND DR. ABRAHAM KAHIKINA AKAKA, KAWAIAHAO CHURCH, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1997

Aloha ke Akua!
Mama Kahu, Mary Lou, Fenner, Pua, Sally, Sandy, Jeff—the family of Abraham Akaka. Spiritual, Community, Governmental, Business Leaders of Hawai'i, our sister States and the World; and friends, all who were personally touched by the ministry of this Man of God, Rev. Dr. Abraham Kahikina Akaka.

Aloha! I rise on behalf of my family, the descendants of Simeon, Pulu and Kahikina Akaka to give honor and pay tribute to brother Abe. He was truly a distinguished human being who believed deeply in God, our Lord Jesus Christ and the "pono" (making things right) as the destiny for mankind—those with needs on every level of human existence. He was the Kahu, the Shepherd to all people.

Words and time do not permit me to tell you of his untold accomplishments. Brother

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