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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TIM JOHNSON, a Senator from the State of South Dakota.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, a day of responsibilities stretches out before us. As we face them, we thank You for Winston Churchill's reminder that the price of greatness is responsibility. Father, You have entrusted the Senators with heavy responsibilities. Thank You that You will not ask more from them than You will give them the strength to carry. Help them to draw on Your artesian wells of wisdom, insight, discernment, and vision. Be with them in the lonely hours of decisionmaking, of conflict over issues, and the ruthless demands of overloaded schedules. Tenderly whisper in their souls the reassurance, "I have placed you here and will not leave you, nor forsake you." In Your grace, be with their families. Watch over them and reassure the Senators that You care for the loved ones of those who assume heavy responsibilities for You. May responsibility come to mean "responsibility," a response of trust in You to carry out what You have entrusted to them. In the name of Him who lifts burdens and carries the load. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TIM JOHNSON 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. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 31, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM JOHNSON, a Senator from the State of South Dakota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there is going to be a period of morning business today. I ask unanimous consent that the time extend past the hour of 10:30 so that Senator STEVENS may have his full 20 minutes and the Democratic designee may have 10 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, at approximately 10:35, we will begin again consideration of the Labor-HHS appropriations act. We hope there will be a lot of work on this bill today. We have a finite list of amendments. I have spoken to both managers of the bill and they have indicated that even though there is a finite list of amendments, they are not going to wait around forever for people to offer amendments. Both Senators HARKIN and SPECTER have said

that if people don't come and offer amendments, they are going to move to third reading. There will be no one to protect those people who are waiting. Unless there is some type of a problem a Member has coming to offer an amendment, I ask that they do so at the earliest possible time.

We have other things to do. We completed the energy and water conference report last night. I just spoke to the former chairman and ranking member of the Appropriations Committee, Senator STEVENS. With a little bit of luck, we can do three or four more conference reports and send them to the President this week. That would really be good news. He has two.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 3061

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the agreement entered with respect to H.R. 3061, the following filed amendments be in order: Senator CHAFEE, No. 2018; and Senator ROCKEFELLER, No. 2028.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, these amendments were filed at the appropriate time, but they just simply were missed in the list that was submitted to the clerk.

Mr. STEVENS. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. REID. I will.

Mr. STEVENS. Is it still the understanding that there would be an amendment first on the majority side and then back and forth?

Mr. REID. We will be happy to rotate back and forth. In fact, there are more amendments on the Republican side so they will have more offerors than we. But until we run out of amendments over here, we will go back and forth.

Mr. STEVENS. I thank the Senator.

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