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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

### PRAYER

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

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.—Psalm 103:1.*

Let us pray:

Gracious Father, source of all the blessings of life, You have made us rich spiritually. We realize that You have placed in our spiritual bank account abundant deposits for the work of this day. You assure us of Your everlasting, loving kindness. You give us the gift of faith to trust You for exactly what we will need each hour of this busy day ahead. You promise to go before us, preparing people and circumstances so we can accomplish our work without stress or strain. You guide us when we ask You to help us. You give us gifts of wisdom, discernment, knowledge of Your will, prophetic speech, and hopeful vision. Help us to draw on the constantly replenished spiritual reserves You provide. Bless the Senators this day with great trust in You, great blessings from You, and great effectiveness for You. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW 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, March 14, 2002.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of the energy reform bill. The first amendment will be offered by the Senator from Wyoming, Mr. THOMAS. It is believed that will take several hours this morning. We hope and intend to have a vote before 12:30 today on that amendment one way or the other.

After we complete work on the Thomas amendment, it has been contemplated by the two managers that we will go to a series of amendments dealing with renewability. We know Senator JEFFORDS is going to offer an amendment; we know Senator KYL is going to be offering an amendment. We want to complete that this afternoon as soon as we can.

There are a number of other issues. Certainly one of the issues we need to dispose of—we have spoken to Senator MURKOWSKI in this regard—is whatever he intends to do regarding drilling in the ANWR wilderness. He will make a decision as to whether he is going to do

that late this afternoon or tomorrow—or Monday, whatever he decides.

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 2175

Mr. REID. Madam President, I understand H.R. 2175 is at the desk and due for its second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. I ask that H.R. 2175 be read a second time, but I also object to any further proceedings.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2175) to protect infants who are born alive.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 517, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 517) to authorize funding for the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Daschle/Bingaman further modified amendment No. 2917, in the nature of a substitute.

Feinstein amendment No. 2989 (to amendment No. 2917) to provide for increased average fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles and light trucks.

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