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## Senate

The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

### PRAYER

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

Julian of Norwich in the 15th century prayed,

“God of Your goodness, give me Yourself, for You are sufficient for me . . . If I were to ask anything less I should always be in want, for in You alone do I have all.”

Father, in this quiet moment we seek the ultimate joy of life: We simply come to abide in Your presence. We would not interrupt what You have to say to us with chatter. More than anything that You can provide us—we need You. Make us as ready to listen as we are to talk. You have created us for communion with You. We thank You for speaking to us in our souls. Now we hear what You have been seeking to tell us: We are loved, forgiven, and cherished by You. You have plans for us: A personal will for each of us and a will for our Nation. Bless the Senators now as they wait on You. Inspire the rest of us to follow their leadership as far as they follow You. We open our minds and hearts to receive You—our Lord, Saviour, Peace, and Power. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BLANCHE L. LINCOLN 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, May 20, 2002.

### To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BLANCHE L. LINCOLN, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. LINCOLN 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.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, you will announce shortly that we will be in a period of morning business until 2 o'clock today. The first one-half hour will be under the control of Senator DORGAN, and the second one-half hour will be under the control of the Republican leader or his designee. At 2 p.m. today, we are going to resume consideration of the trade act. There are no rollcall votes scheduled today. The next rollcall vote will occur tomorrow at about 11 a.m. on the cloture motion on the steel amendment to the trade act. There are numerous amendments pending, and others will be filed today. Of course, the leader has indicated that he is going to file cloture tomorrow on the bill itself.

Senators who have amendments to be offered should do so. We are going to do our very best to work out arrangements so we can have as many votes as possible prior to the cloture vote which will take place on Wednesday sometime.

There is a lot of work to do on this trade bill. The leader wants to finish it

this week. We have been on it for a week. It is very possible that we could have some long days this week. There is some talk that the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Senator BYRD, is going to be able to mark up the supplemental appropriations bill. The House has not acted on it yet. It is my understanding they are going to take this matter to the Committee on Rules and rule on it to see if they can get it over to us sometime late Wednesday.

This will be a very busy week, especially with the Memorial Day 1-week recess facing us in a few days.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

### 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 2 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the first half of the time shall be under the control of the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. DORGAN, or his designee.

The Senator from North Dakota.

### THE NEW HOMESTEAD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT

Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, I will not be taking the full half hour. So the Senator from Nevada, if he wishes to make comments, might want to make comments following mine.

It was 140 years ago today that the original Homestead Act was signed into law. I want to comment for a moment about that act and about legislation that was introduced in the Congress.

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