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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JON S. CORZINE, a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

PRAYER

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

Dear God, think Your thoughts through us today. We want to love You with our minds and praise You with our intellects. We seek to be riverbeds for the mighty flow of Your wisdom through us. Teach us to wait on You, to experience deep calm of soul, and then to receive Your guidance. We spread out before You the decisions we must make. Thank You in advance for Your guidance. Give us the humility to trust You for answers and solutions, and then, grant us the courage to do what time alone with You has convinced us must be done. You are the author of all truth, the bottomless sea of understanding.

Send Your Spirit into our minds and illuminate our understanding with insight and discernment. We accept the admonition of Proverbs, *Incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*—Proverbs 2:2-6. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JON S. CORZINE, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, 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 read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 11, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON S. CORZINE, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this morning the Chair will announce a period of morning business until 10:45, with the first half under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the second half under the control of the Republican leader or his designee.

At 10:45, the Senate will resume consideration of the hate crimes legislation, with 60 minutes of debate prior to a cloture vote at 11:45 a.m. So Senators would have until 10:45 a.m. today to file second-degree amendments to the bill.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party conferences.

FH UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 2578

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am going to make a unanimous consent request at the present time. I ask unanimous consent that immediately following the cloture vote today, regardless of the outcome of that vote, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 2578,

the debt limit extension; that that bill be read the third time and the Senate vote on passage of the bill without any intervening action or debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, let me express my appreciation to the minority. This is something that the President desires us to do. We tried to work it out last week on the supplemental. We could not do it. This will bring it forward, as painful as it is, to increase the debt if something has to be done. The debt has been incurred, and we have to meet our obligation. That is my opinion.

I appreciate the cooperation of the Republican leadership and the members of the minority for allowing us to do this.

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 10:45 a.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 majority leader or his designee.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

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