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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, a Senator from the State of New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is very pleased today to have as our guest Chaplain Mrs. Anne Graham Lotz, AnGeL Ministries, Raleigh, NC, who will lead the Senate in prayer.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Would you pray with me, please.

Our father, we bow before You and we acknowledge You as the one true living God. In the darkness, You are our light. In a time of despair, You are our hope. And in time of grief, You are our comfort. At this time of war, You are our peace.

In the words of the prophet Daniel: We come to You as the great and awesome God, one who keeps His covenant of love with generations, with those who love Him and obey Him. And we come to You, O God, and we acknowledge that You are righteous, but we are wrong. We have done so many wrong things because we are sinners. And yet You are merciful and forgiving. We have been wicked. We have turned away from Your laws and decrees. We have not listened to Your prophets who spoke in Your name.

Yet, Lord, we come to You now pleading for Your mercy. We ask that You hear the prayers and petitions of Your servants, not because we are righteous but because You are merciful and forgiving. We plead for Your mercy.

Dear God, please hear our prayer. As we pray, forgive us our sin. We pray, God, bless America. And we ask this claiming the promise in II Chronicles, chapter 7, when You have said that a Nation who is identified with You, whether they are shaken economically or financially or personally or nationally or militarily, that if that Nation that is identified with You would hum-

ble themselves and pray and seek Your face and turn from their wicked ways, You would hear our prayer; that You would forgive our sin; that You would heal our land.

So, sovereign Lord, we ask, please, God of the universe, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Father of Jesus Christ, we humbly ask that as we repent of our sin, You would hear our prayer; that You would forgive; that You would heal our land. We pray this for the glory of Your name. And we ask these things in the name of Your son and our saviour, Jesus Christ, who, through his own shed blood on the cross, offers us forgiveness of our sin and reconciliation with You.

It is in the name of Jesus Christ that we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDING OFFICER 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, September 19, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. CLINTON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, I know Senator HELMS wishes to address the Senate, and we will make arrangements for that in just a minute.

The first hour and a half is equally divided between the two parties, with the first 15 minutes under my control. So I ask unanimous consent that Senator HELMS be recognized for up to 4 minutes, and that following that, when the bill is called forward, I would yield my time, my 15 minutes, to Senator BOXER. I ask unanimous consent that the 4 minutes Senator HELMS uses be taken off the time of the minority.

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

Mr. REID. At 11:30, we are going to resume consideration of the Homeland Security Act, and there will be an hour of debate on that matter before the cloture vote. We will vote at approximately 12:30. Members have until 12 noon today to file second-degree amendments to the Lieberman substitute amendment.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for me to make my remarks seated at my desk.

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

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, during my almost 30 years in the Senate, I have been honored to welcome dozens of remarkably gifted guest Chaplains. Today's guest Chaplain, Anne Graham Lotz, of Raleigh, NC, my hometown, is

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