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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by Rabbi Gerald Kane of Temple Beth-El, Las Cruces, NM.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

In these most challenging of times, may this parable from Jewish tradition provide inspiration and guidance to you, the distinguished Senators of our wonder-filled country.

A man, wandering lost in a dark forest for several days, finally encounters another. He calls out: "Brother, show me the way out of here."

The man replies: "Brother, I too am lost. I can only tell you this: the paths I have tried to get out of this forest have led me nowhere. They have only led me astray. Here, take hold of my hand, and let us search for a way out of this dark place together."

"And so it is with us," the author of the parable concludes. "When we go our separate ways, we may go astray. Let us join hands and look for the path out of the darkness together."

Dear God, inspire those gathered in this historic chamber to walk on the path of freedom, respect, and solidarity together in to the light of a sun-filled day.

Imbue them with Your wise guidance, tremendous strength, and awesome courage. Together may we better pursue the high ideals of liberty, justice, and equality for all upon which this, our great Nation, is founded.

Lift up Thy countenance upon us, and grant us Thy most precious of blessings, the gift of shalom, balance, and peace. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ZELL MILLER 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, October 1, 2002.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MILLER thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Chair will shortly announce a period of morning business with the first half under the control of the Republicans and the second half under the control of the majority. I ask unanimous consent that after the Chair's ruling the Senator from New Mexico be recognized for up to 5 minutes to speak, as the guest Chaplain is from the State of New Mexico. I ask unanimous consent that the time not be charged against either the Democrats or the Republicans in that morning business.

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

The Senator from New Mexico is recognized.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I wish to take a moment of the Senate's time to particularly acknowledge the presence of our guest Chaplain, Gerald Kane, who is the Rabbi of Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces, NM.

Rabbi Kane was ordained first in Cincinnati in 1970 at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He has served pulpits in Portland, OR, New Orleans, Phoenix, and in Kansas City, before coming to Las Cruces some 3 years ago.

Las Cruces is the second largest city in my home State of New Mexico, a very vibrant, growing metropolitan area. It is one of only five communities in New Mexico that has a synagogue. It has the third synagogue that was built in our State.

Our Jewish community has always had a special role in the life of Las Cruces. Three of the mayors of that city have been of the Jewish faith.

Following the September 11 attacks, Rabbi Kane, together with other religious leaders in Las Cruces, issued a statement of unity and support at the Las Cruces Islamic Center. He has coordinated clergy participation in this year following 9/11, and has worked very hard to bring the community together in that regard.

We are very proud that he is here. In talking with him this morning, we were at a loss to think when we last had a clergyman from New Mexico as our guest Chaplain in the Senate. But it is entirely appropriate that we do today.

I am very honored that Rabbi Kane was able to be with us.

Also, I wish to acknowledge the presence of his wife Cyrille, who is here with him. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

Let me also acknowledge the very good work of one of the staff people who works with me, Jeff Steinborn, who works in our Las Cruces office and who helped make the arrangements today for Rabbi Kane to be here.

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