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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable LISA MURKOWSKI, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Glen Warner, Second Congregational United Church of Christ in Ashtabula, OH.

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Glen Warner, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Sovereign Lord, Author of liberty, as we gather in this house of strong resolve and mighty decisions, we believe that it must also be a house of prayer for all nations. We pray that You will be with each of us in these difficult and challenging times.

We stand in Your Presence, in awe of the connection of events that has brought us to this moment in history. Our deepest desire is to "be still and know that You are God," we remember with reverence that Your work is only accomplished by vision and courage. In this moment we know that we belong to You whose glory stretches from age to age. May Your "right hand become glorious in power, justice, and righteousness in all the earth!"

We know that everything here, every light switch, every doorknob, every computer chip, every heart, and every brain cell exists only by Your grace. In gratitude for these good gifts, we reverence the work You have entrusted to us. We seek the priceless treasure of Your Divine guidance to do it well.

Living God! Your eternal word tells us "The Lord is the one who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you . . . do not fear nor be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8) In trust, we wait, yielded and still, as Your Spirit brushes the souls of our Armed Forces, the innocent people of Iraq, and the women and men we have chosen to serve America as our Senators. May they know and accept Your comforting wisdom as they fulfill their ordained purposes for this day. And all God's people said "Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LISA MURKOWSKI 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. STEVENS).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 27, 2003.

To the Senate:

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

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, for the information of all Senators, this morning there will be a period for morning business until 11 a.m. Again, this will allow time for Members to make remarks regarding the men and women of our Armed Forces. At 11 a.m. today, we will consider the military tax fairness bill under a 3-hour time limitation. Chairman GRASSLEY and Senator BAUCUS will be here to manage time on

that legislation over the course of 3 hours. I thank them for their hard work in getting that bill ready for floor consideration today.

In addition, we are attempting to reach an agreement for the consideration of S. Con. Res. 30 which would express our gratitude to the nations participating with the United States in the coalition to disarm Iraq. Also, as I mentioned last night, we may also vote on any judicial nominations that may be ready for the Executive Calendar today. Therefore, there will be votes throughout the day. If we are able to finish the work I just mentioned, it would likely be that there would be no rollcall votes on Friday. We would return for business on Monday with a rollcall vote likely to occur at around 5:30 Monday afternoon. I will have more to say about Monday's schedule later today.

In addition, over the course of today, I am sure people will want to come to the floor to make tributes to Senator Moynihan. A number of people took advantage of being able to do that last night. But over the course of today, people are welcome to come down to make those tributes. I do remind my colleagues, we will later, in a week, 2 weeks from now, bind all those tributes together in an appropriate volume for the family.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Madam President, if I can get the attention of the majority leader while he is on the floor, we have a number of people on the floor today, and I would like to speak a few minutes about Senator Moynihan. Senator HUTCHISON is here. How long does she wish to speak?

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Madam President, we were hoping certainly after Senator REID's tribute to Senator Moynihan that we could have the hour evenly divided to talk about our troops in the field, which we are hoping will be the case every morning while our troops

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