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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LINDSEY O. GRAHAM, a Senator from the State of South Carolina.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Our morning prayer will be offered by the Reverend Canon Martyn Minns, Truro Episcopal Church of Fairfax, VA.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You have given us this good land for our heritage, and You have blessed us with freedom, peace, and prosperity. Save us from pride and arrogance that we may be a people of peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the Earth.

We ask that You direct the women and men of this Senate as they take counsel together and enact laws to govern this Nation. Give them wisdom to discern what is pleasing in Your sight and the courage to follow Your will. Remind them of Your love for the poor and oppressed, for those in prison, for children who are at risk, for refugees, and for those whose lives are without hope because of ill health or joblessness.

Protect them from selfish desires and petty divisions. Grant them the desire to do only those things that will glorify Your name and provide for the welfare of all Your people.

All this we pray because of the love first shown to us in the call of Abraham and Sarah and now revealed to us in the life and witness of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LINDSEY O. GRAHAM 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 assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 30, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LINDSEY GRAHAM, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 196, the digital and wireless technology program legislation. Under the consent agreement reached, there will be 1 hour for debate prior to the vote on passage. Senators should therefore expect a vote at approximately 12 noon today. Following that vote, the Senate may consider any other legislative or executive items ready for action.

The two leaders have been working on an agreement to allow for the consideration of several judicial nominations, and it is possible that those nominations would be considered today. The Senate may also resume

consideration of the Owen nomination during today's session. As a reminder, a cloture motion was filed with respect to Priscilla Owen to be a U.S. circuit court judge for the Fifth Circuit. That cloture vote will occur tomorrow.

Finally, there are a number of other legislative matters that also may be considered this week, including the State Department authorization and the bioshield bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we have scheduled to appear in the Capitol today Secretary Wolfowitz from 2 to 3. I think it would be to everyone's best interest if we were not in session at that time. I would ask the acting majority leader to visit with the majority leader and find out if we could enter into a unanimous consent that we could be in recess during that period of time.

Mr. ENZI. I will check with the leader and see if that cannot be arranged.

Mr. REID. We have had a lot of interest on this side. This is the first major briefing we will have the opportunity to have after the recess. I think a lot of people will want to attend.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the 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 exceed beyond the hour of 11 a.m., with the time to be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

ORDER TO RECOMMIT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR NO. 35

Mr. ENZI. As in executive session, I now ask unanimous consent that Executive Calendar No. 35, John Roberts, be

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recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

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

The Senator from Minnesota.

RECOGNITION OF THE GOLDEN GOPHERS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I am proud to stand here with my distinguished colleague, the senior Senator from Minnesota, MARK DAYTON, to offer congratulations to a group of young men of great accomplishment. In these difficult and troubled times, it is wonderful to recognize the accomplishment of young people. This accomplishment is something that is very close to the hearts of Minnesotans and folks in other parts of the country. It is about hockey.

Hockey is a sport in which it is not about individual team stars. It is about folks working as a team and toughing it out and showing courage and determination. Hockey is a family sport. Moms and dads, hockey moms and dads are folks who get up at 4, 5 o'clock in the morning to find ice time for their kids. And if it is not in the formal rink, it is a little rink outside where you kind of dust away the snow so your kids can skate. It represents so much of the best of America.

I am proud to announce I will be introducing, with my colleague Senator DAYTON, a resolution later today commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers men's hockey team for winning the NCAA Division I National Championship. And again, I am pleased to be joined by my colleague.

Hockey is not a partisan sport. I don't know whether hockey players are Democrats or Republicans. They are good Americans, and they are good young people.

I understand that upon this resolution's introduction, the Senate will take up and pass this fitting tribute to the Golden Gophers.

During their championship game against New Hampshire, a Gophers fan in attendance held up a sign that said, "The Dynasty Begins." With this as their second straight championship, the first team to accomplish this in 31 years, I would have to agree. At last year's Frozen Four, they defeated Maine in overtime 4 to 3, and this year's championship win came by a score of 5 to 1. Their first and second round games were also big wins, leading them to face Michigan in the semifinals, where they defeated the Wolverines in overtime.

With their achievements on the ice, it is clear this hockey team has exceptional athletic abilities. But they should also be recognized for their academic excellence; they maintained a grade point average above the university-wide average.

On a side note, allow me the opportunity to mention that the Minnesota-New Hampshire match in the final led

to a similar competition here in the Senate between my good friend and colleague, Senator GREGG. As to that outcome, let me just say I am looking forward to my lobster and maple syrup. I will be presenting this very stylish Minnesota necktie with the Golden Gopher colors to my good friend, the senior Senator from New Hampshire, for him to wear proudly as a sign of the great triumph for the people of Minnesota over the folks from New Hampshire. On behalf of all Minnesotans, I am pleased to make this addition to his wardrobe and, again, I look forward to his wearing this good-looking gopher tie on one of his many high profile days in the Senate.

I am proud to stand today to commend the Golden Gophers hockey team for winning the national championship and to recognize the outstanding achievements of all the team players, their coach Don Lucia and his staff.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. DAYTON. I rise with my colleague on the morning after a difficult night for Minnesota sports fans with both of our teams, the Timberwolves and the Wild, losing playoff games at home. This is a way to remind ourselves of days of former glory, and certainly with my distinguished colleague, Senator COLEMAN, who was instrumental and probably deserves more credit than any other person in Minnesota for bringing professional hockey back to St. Paul and Minnesota. The Minnesota Wild, which is now in its third year, is performing so well, it is fitting that we can rise together here for the second time this year to pay tribute to a Minnesota team, its collegiate hockey team; in this case, the Golden Gophers of the University of Minnesota, who have repeated now as national champions for the second time, the first time in 31 years that a college team has repeated for the men's championship.

They join the University of Minnesota women's team, the Duluth Bulldogs women's team, who earlier this year won their third consecutive national collegiate hockey championship.

As they were playing the Golden Gophers for the national title, I happened to be flying across the Pacific Ocean on a codel headed by Majority Leader BILL FRIST, and it turns out that his press secretary was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. So we had a friendly wager on the outcome. I am delighted to soon be the recipient of a quart of maple syrup, which makes it as sweet a victory for me as for the team, and certainly for all the hockey fans throughout Minnesota.

This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for this team. Nobody thought they would make the playoffs, much less win the national championship. They had a new goalie and were the defending national champions. That made them everyone's target. They kept getting better and better as the

year went on. When they reached the playoffs, they were unbeatable. They won four straight victories to win the WCHA championship and then four straight victories, over stiff competition—the best in the Nation—in order to win the national championship for the second straight year. Once again, they accomplished this with almost entirely Minnesota talent.

Some people ask why it took 23 years—from 1979 to 1992—for Minnesota, which is the hockey capital of the Nation, to repeat as the national collegiate champion. In 1979, when they won, there were only two Division I college teams in Minnesota. Presently there are five. There is that increase in competition among the Minnesota colleges themselves and for our Minnesota hockey talent. In addition, the other programs—in the West, WCHA, and in the east, the CCHA—recruited extensively in Minnesota, and even eastern hockey spent heavily on Canadian talent. In my days of playing, in the 1960s, for example, in Division I hockey, it used to be said that Canadian boys dreamed of playing in the National Hockey League, and if those hopes and dreams were dashed, they went on to college in the United States.

Despite all that fierce competition for the talent and the pressures on that team, Coach Don Lucia has built, in just 5 years, an extraordinary program, a world class program in Minnesota that has restored collegiate hockey to its rightful place, at the very top in Minnesota. It is a real tribute to Coach Lucia and his entire team, all the players who performed extraordinarily well under the circumstances, and who are now, once again, the national collegiate champions.

It is Senator COLEMAN's and my hope that the President will be gracious enough to invite our two teams, the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers men's team and the University of Minnesota Duluth women's team, to the White House for recognition, as he had in the previous year with both teams, and before that with the women's team.

I went to college with the President. He was a year ahead of me, and he was not a hockey player. He was a rugby player. He was a sports fan. He roomed in college with a college All-American from Minnesota, Jack Morrison. He was a frequent attendee at our hockey games at Yale University. Two years ago, when the UMD women won the first championship, the President was gracious and responded instantaneously and invited the women's team, as he had previously invited the men's championship team from Boston College, to be feted at the White House. It could not have been a more exciting moment for the players, their families, friends, and the coaches at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Last year, we had the good fortune of having both championship teams, and the President was gracious enough to invite them both, along with the families, friends, and coaches, to the White House.