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The Senate met at 9:46 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You are our refuge, and we put our trust in You. Thank You for providing us with comfort in times of sorrow and for the gift of friends who encourage us. Thank You also for opportunities to be used by Your spirit. Lord, help us to walk in the light that You cast on our path. Today empower our Senators to be Your faithful agents in planting seeds of goodness in our world. Fill them with faith, knowledge, temperance, patience, and godliness that they may glorify You in words and actions. Again, Lord, we ask that You stand with our troops in harm's way. We pray this in Your strong name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 22, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. CHAFEE 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. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 11 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2555, the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill. One amendment is pending. It was offered by Senator BYRD during yesterday's proceedings. I anticipate further debate on that amendment today, and then it is hoped that a consent will be reached for a time certain to vote in relation to that amendment. There will be no votes prior to the policy luncheons.

In addition, this afternoon, there will be an all-Senators briefing, and therefore I will be discussing with the Democratic leadership the best timeframe for the scheduling of votes today.

It is hoped that once debate is complete on the Byrd amendment, we can set that aside and consider other amendments. We will make further progress on the bill throughout the day and stack rollcall votes for later this afternoon. We will stay in session this afternoon and early evening to dispose of as many amendments as possible.

As I indicated last week, we hope to complete this important Homeland Security bill during Wednesday's session of the Senate. That would enable us to

proceed to other appropriations bills that are available this week.

The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching, and the Senate should continue to work through the constitutionally required appropriations process as expeditiously as possible.

Next week is the final week of legislative work prior to the August recess, and that will be devoted to finishing the Energy bill. I would therefore ask for all Senators' consideration as we continue through this last week and a half. I should add that it would be helpful to both Senator COCHRAN and Senator BYRD if Members would come forward today with their amendments so that we could schedule the debate and votes in an orderly way.

I thank all Members for their attention.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic whip is recognized.

Mr. REID. The leader should be aware that we are going to run a hotline to find out what amendments we have on Homeland Security. Senator BYRD's amendment is a large amendment, and he has a speech that will take close to an hour to talk about. As soon as that is completed, I am sure we will be able to arrive at an end of the debate on that issue and a vote can be scheduled at the pleasure of the leader.

I would ask, through the Chair: We are this morning going to be in morning business until 11. Senator BYRD is preoccupied on other matters until 11:30. The leader has indicated there will be no votes this morning. The party caucuses usually run until 2:15, and we are always jammed for time in ours. I wonder if it would be in the best interest of the Senate that the party caucuses be extended an additional 15

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