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Senate

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LINDSEY O. GRAHAM, a Senator from the State of South Carolina.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. You are our light and salvation. We will not fear. Thank You for Your goodness and forgiveness. You abound in steadfast love to all who call on You. Lord, sustain us as we put our trust completely in You. Keep us from those who stir up strife and enable us to live in peace. Lord, You know the things that overpower us and You have heard our cries. Thank You for Your deliverance, for keeping our feet from falling.

Bless our Senators and their staffs. May they walk before You in the light of life. Be gracious to them and gladden their spirits with Your eternal presence. Give them strength for this day's journey and surround them with Your favor. We pray this in Your powerful Name. 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, September 8, 2004.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LINDSEY O. 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 MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning we will have 1 hour of morning business, with the first half of that time under the control of the Democratic side of the aisle and the second half under the control of the majority.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate begin the Homeland Security appropriations bill as under the order following that 1-hour period.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding the distinguished majority leader is propounding to the Chair that each side would have a full 30 minutes after the prayer and the pledge has been added in; is that right?

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, that is correct. I will have about a 5-minute statement. After my statement, the Democratic leader has a statement. Then we will have 1 full hour, 30 minutes for each side.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I appreciate that. So I do not interrupt again, I ask unanimous consent that 20 minutes be

designated to the Senator from California, 10 minutes be designated—let's see. What we will do is have 19 minutes for the Senator from California, 8 minutes for Senator KENNEDY from Massachusetts, and 3 minutes for Senator SCHUMER from New York. I ask unanimous consent that be the case.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Would it be OK with Senator FEINSTEIN if we could get the short speeches out of the way first? Would that be OK?

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Yes.

Mr. REID. OK. We would go with SCHUMER, KENNEDY, and FEINSTEIN. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we do expect amendments to be offered on the Homeland Security bill over the course of today's session, and we will have votes today. As a reminder, the Senate will be in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for the weekly party luncheons to meet.

Finally, on behalf of the managers of the bill, it would be helpful if Senators would notify the managers if they intend to offer amendments to the Homeland Security appropriations measure. I believe we have most of those amendments already listed. But what we would like to do is reach an agreement to limit the amendments to allow us to finish the bill as quickly as reasonable and as possible and, therefore, Members should now notify their respective cloakrooms, if they have not already done so.

Again, we did a lot of groundwork yesterday in talking to our Members and in preparing for the Homeland Security appropriations bill. For that, I express my thanks and thanks on behalf of the leadership of the Democrats and the Republicans. As always, Senators will be notified when we come to that first vote.

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