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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, from whom all blessings flow, we receive today as a gift from Your bounty. Help us to use these precious hours and minutes for Your glory. Teach us to number our days that we may have hearts of wisdom.

Lord, guide our Senators with strength, courage, hope, and love. Empower them to build bridges that will keep America strong. Pull down walls of contention and replace them with gates that lead to a productive harvest.

Let this season of peace on Earth bring joy to our world and healing and hope to our hearts.

Continue to bless our military men and women. Protect them from the dangers of the sea, land, and air, and from the violence of the enemy. Console all for whom December 7 is an annual reminder of pain and loss. We pray this in Your holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning we return for what I personally hope—and we all hope—is a very short and productive session. We are currently waiting on House action on the intelligence reform conference report, and that should occur today. We will consider that measure whenever it arrives from the House. After consultations with the Democratic leadership,

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