The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Jim Webb, a Senator from the State of Virginia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today’s prayer will be offered by the guest Chaplain, Pastor Sunday Adelaja from Kiev, Ukraine.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

O, Lord of creation, we acknowledge Your lordship today. Your sovereignty, love, and power. We ask that You will bless the United States of America in these days of great uncertainties.

Bless the leaders of this great Nation with the wisdom needed to lead the Nation in the right direction. As leaders, we realize there are some things we want but do not need and some things we need but do not want. You have promised to meet our needs but not satisfy our greed. Help us to realize our decisions have a destiny, our choices have consequences, our path has a purpose, our faith has a foundation, our home has a hope, and this country has a cause.

Acknowledging that as America goes, so goes our world. I ask for a sweeping, weeping, and reaping revival throughout this great Nation. May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in America as it is in heaven. Help us to remember that America is great because America is good. If America ceases to be good, it will cease to be great. God of heaven, please help America to continue to be good.

In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Jim Webb, a Senator from the State of Virginia, 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.