The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Jon Tester, a Senator from the State of Montana.

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

Let us pray.

Lord of our lives, we confess our dependence on You. Give us, today, our daily bread, food for our bodies, minds, and spirits. Let Your goodness guide us. Your providence protect us, and Your love sustain us.

Today, give our Senators a sense of Your precious presence. Imbue them with Your courage for their challenges, Your wisdom for their perplexities, Your peace for their anxieties, and Your faith for their mountains. Guide them with Your loving hand, for we acknowledge You as the way, the truth, and the light.

We pray this in Your glorious Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Honorable Jon Tester 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 Assistant Legislative Clerk read the following letter:


To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Jon Tester, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Robert C. Byrd,
President pro tempore.

Mr. Tester 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. Reid. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business for an hour, with the time equally divided. The majority will control the first half and the Republicans will have the final 30 minutes.

The Senate then will resume consideration of S. 1082, the FDA bill. For the information of the Members, there is a filing deadline at 10:30 this morning for second-degree amendments to the substitute amendment and the bill.

At 11:50 this morning, we will change proceedings with respect to the bill. Then it is my understanding—the Parliamentarian can correct me if I am wrong—that there would be a cloture vote on WRDA at that time, unless some agreement is worked out on that, to move to that bill.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1312
Mr. Reid. I object to any further proceedings with respect to the bill.

The Acting President pro tempore. The Acting President pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

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 be a period for the transaction of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided. The majority will control the first half of the time under the control of the majority and the second half controlled by the minority.