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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CLAIRE MCCASKILL, a Senator from the State of Missouri.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, who is above all, You are the source of our joy. Continue to lead our lawmakers on the right road. Enter their hearts and enlighten their minds so that they become instruments of Your glory. Strengthen them to take up their daily cross with willing hearts and open hands. May they abandon all of life's petty concerns and embrace Your loving providence. Make them exemplary models of merciful service. May the matter-of-fact orientation of this scientific age never blind them to the glory, the wonder, and the mystery of life.

We pray in Your faithful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CLAIRE MCCASKILL 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. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 26, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CLAIRE MCCASKILL, a

Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. MCCASKILL thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum and ask unanimous consent that the time be charged equally against both sides.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, this morning, following any time used by the two leaders, the Senate will resume consideration of the two motions to proceed to H.R. 800 and S. 1639. Debate time will extend until 11:30 this morning. That time will be equally divided and controlled between Senators KENNEDY and ENZI or their designees. At 11:30, the two leaders will control 10 minutes each, with the Republican leader controlling the time from 11:30 to 11:40 and the majority leader controlling the time from 11:40 to 11:50. Therefore, if the leaders use the time available to them, the first vote will occur about 11:50. The first vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 800, the Employee Free Choice Act. Regardless of the outcome of that vote, even if cloture is invoked on that motion, the Senate will then proceed to vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1639, the immigration bill. Following the second vote, the Senate will then recess until 2:15 in order to permit the respective party conference meetings.

The schedule is difficult. Last week, we worked things out so we didn't have to be in on the weekend, and that was because the cloture vote did not succeed and we saved some 30 hours. Had that succeeded, we would have had to work into the weekend.

### IRAQ

Mr. REID. Madam President, yesterday the U.S. Conference of Mayors highlighted the toll of the Iraq war, the toll it is taking on our health, safety, and well-being here at home, by voting for a resolution to bring the war to a responsible end. Stanford, CT, Mayor Dan Malloy said the war has drained desperately needed funds from classrooms and municipal services. David Cicilline, Mayor of Providence, RI, said:

Continued U.S. military presence in Iraq is resulting in the tragic loss of American lives and wounding of American soldiers . . . reducing federal funds for needed domestic investments in education, health care, public safety, homeland security and more.

The mayors understand this as much as any other political body in the country. They are the ones who are seeing that desperately needed funds are not going to projects they believe are so important to their constituents, the people who live within those cities, because the money is going at the rate of \$10 billion a month to Iraq. I appreciate the Conference of Mayors for taking the important stand they did.

Finally, last evening, just before the Senate went out, RICHARD LUGAR, former chairman of the Agriculture Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, and ranking member on the Foreign Relations Committee today, made a very important speech, one of the most important speeches we have had in the Senate in a long time. He is a soft-spoken man and doesn't really talk a lot. He is a Rhodes scholar, a brilliant man, an academic with experience, prior to coming here, as

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