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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, the source of our peace, again at the beginning of another day's deliberations, we crave Your guidance and peace. Lead our lawmakers. Take away any blindness that would prompt them to travel down the wrong path. Lord, lift their hearts and minds into the light of Your presence, empowering them to fulfill Your purposes on Earth. Help them to hear Your voice above the hum of their daily labors and beyond the clamor of the noises that distract them from their ethical resolve. Give them special gifts of understanding, wisdom, patience, and strength.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER, 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, February 26, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER 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 proceed to a period of morning business. Senators will be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. There will be no rollcall votes during today's session.

However, there will be a vote Tuesday morning before the caucus, probably an hour after we come in, but we will make that decision a little later today. We will see if we can get agreement. If not, that is what we will try to do.

We will continue to try to reach an agreement to consider an act to extend for 30 days certain expiring provisions, including unemployment insurance, COBRA, flood insurance, highway funding, small business loans, and small business provisions of the American Recovery Act, the Satellite Home View Act, the SGR, and poverty provisions.

All these are extremely important, especially to those people who are unemployed, and those people who on midnight Sunday night will lose the ability—1.5 million people in rural America—to watch local television.

### RECOGNIZING THE CABBAGE PATCH SETTLEMENT HOUSE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, when the great-great granddaughter of U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall estab-

lished a safe place for Louisville's troubled and indigent children in 1910, few perhaps could have imagined the impact her actions would make a century later. Yet as The Cabbage Patch Settlement House celebrates its centennial year, the contributions of its alumni to our community and Nation will stand as Louise Marshall's legacy for another 100 years.

Named after the 1901 best-selling novel, "Mrs. Wiggs and the Cabbage Patch," which was written by fellow Louisvillian Alice Hegan Rice, The Patch now serves 1,100 children and their families through a variety of education and counseling programs. Included among its alumni are: an NFL Super Bowl coach, public officials and community leaders, military officers, teachers, coaches, firefighters, and police officers. Thousands of alumni credit their involvement with The Cabbage Patch as a critical factor in their development of strong values and strong faith.

The Louisville Courier-Journal recently recounted the impact this institution has had on my home city, and I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Louisville Courier-Journal,  
Feb. 15, 2010]

THE CABBAGE PATCH: A BEACON FOR 100 YEARS

(By Larry Muhammad)

Sherman Lewis won Super Bowl rings coaching for the San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers, was a college football All-American at Michigan State University and finished third in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy in 1963.

The duPont Manual High School graduate partly credits his career success to the character-building sportsmanship he learned as a teenager at Cabbage Patch Settlement House, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

"My first year there, in the ninth grade, I even won a turkey trot," said Lewis, most

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