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Senate

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by Rev. Ronald McCrary, Deputy Director of Chaplaincy Services at the Cobb County Sheriff's Office in Marietta, GA.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, from whom we come and to whom we belong, may Your kingdom come. Use our law-makers today to do Your divine will on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give them Your wisdom so that justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.

This we pray, in the matchless Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM UDALL 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. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 21, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM UDALL, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia is recognized.

WELCOMING THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, it is my honor to introduce to the Senate Rev. Ron McCrary, who just gave the prayer on the floor of the Senate. He is here with Chaplain Black.

Reverend McCrary is a great individual from my home county, Cobb County, GA. He is the chaplain to the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, the fourth largest county in Georgia. He is chaplain of the Police Officers Standards and Training facility in Georgia, which covers 40,000 law enforcement offices. He is a great preacher, a great leader, and a great chaplain. He was recommended to me by Sheriff Neil Warren, the sheriff of Cobb County, who because of his graciousness allowed Ron to come and be with us today.

Ron is a father, a minister, and a great witness. He witnessed as an athlete through the Campus Crusade for Christ and Athletes in Action. He witnessed as a pastor by ministering churches. He witnessed to the community by delivering great sermons—one of them about voting, in honor of Coretta Scott King, delivered in 2006 at the Turner Chapel in Marietta, where he empowered everyone to honor Coretta Scott King's life's work by making sure they participated in the political system.

It is an honor and a privilege for me to welcome and host Rev. Ron McCrary of Cobb County, GA, and the Cobb County Sheriff's Department.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED—Resumed

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 250, S. 1940. The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the motion. The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 250, S. 1940, a bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the time until 11 this morning will be equally divided and controlled. At 11 o'clock a.m., we will begin up to 10 rollcall votes. We will complete the farm bill today in the early afternoon. We also hope to have a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the flood insurance bill today.

WORKING TOGETHER

Mr. President, we come here and lament all the bad things happening in the Senate. It is not out of order once in a while to talk about some of the good things happening in the Senate. I think we should look at it as if, as difficult as it has been to get things done, we are making progress. We had that postal bill, which was good work on behalf of the Senate. The highway bill worked out extremely well. We have this 5-year farm bill—very difficult, but it is now near passing, which is good for the country.

We have to make sure before the end of the month we finish our work on the Flood Insurance Program, which is so extremely important to the country. With the construction picking up a little bit everywhere, we have to make sure when a loan is to close it can be

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