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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, we rejoice in the hope we receive from Your mercies. Fill our lawmakers with strength for today and faith for tomorrow. Show them Your unfailing love as You provide them with Your wisdom to meet the challenges they face. May they trust You completely, whether in the sunshine or storm. Help them to remember the many times You have helped them when they had no solutions for their problems. Lord, lead them to be such true stewards of our national trust that they will transmit this Nation to our descendants far greater than it is today.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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. LEAHY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U. S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a

Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY 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, following my remarks and those of the Republican leader, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12 noon today. During that period of time Senators will be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each with the time equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees.

At noon the Senate will turn to executive session and proceed on votes on the confirmation of three nominations: Julian Castro, the mayor of San Antonio, TX, to be the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Darci Vetter to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative; and William Adams to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities. There will be a rollcall vote on the confirmation of the Castro nomination, and we expect only voice votes on the confirmation of Vetter and Adams.

Upon disposition of the Adams nomination, there will be a vote on the motion to proceed to S. 2363, the bipartisan Hagan sportsmen's act. We expect that vote to be by voice also.

Senators should expect one rollcall vote then today at noon.

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2569

Mr. REID. Mr. President, S. 2569 is due for a second reading, I am told.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for a second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2569) to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this is legislation sponsored by Senator WALSH of Montana. I object to any further proceedings at this time, and I look forward to working with him in the future on this legislation.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

### SALUTING THE FLAG

Mr. REID. Mr. President, yesterday I mentioned to the Senate that I had been reading a book by Caroline Kennedy called "A Patriot's Handbook." I have been looking at the book. It was given to my wife for Mother's Day a number of years ago.

I mentioned yesterday that I read about one of JOHN MCCAIN's experiences in a Vietnam prison camp. It will take me just a minute and a half or so to read this, but this is what I paraphrased yesterday that I will read today. It is "The Mike Christian Story" by Senator JOHN MCCAIN in his book "Faith of Our Fathers."

Mike was a Navy Bombardier-navigator who had been shot down in 1967, about 6 months before I arrived. He had grown up near Selma, Alabama. His family was poor. He had not worn shoes until he was 13 years old. Character was their wealth. They were good, righteous people, and they raised Mike to be hardworking and loyal. He was 17 when he enlisted in the Navy. As a young sailor, he showed promise as a leader and impressed his superiors enough to be offered a commission.

What packages we were allowed to receive from our families often contained handkerchiefs, scarves, and other clothing items. For some time, Mike had been taking little scraps of red and white cloth, and with a needle he had fashioned from a piece of bamboo he laboriously sewed an American flag into the inside of his prisoner's shirt. Every afternoon, before we ate our soup, we would hang

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