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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal God, help us ever to see eternity beyond time. As our Senators labor, may they do so with an eternal perspective. Remind them that they are serving You as well as country, preparing themselves for the higher joy of service in the world to come.

In this season of hope, remind us of Your breakthrough into time to give us eternal life. Help us to seek and count life's blessings so that our lives may

flow in ceaseless praise. Lord, thank You for Your promise to be with us always, to the end of the world and beyond.

We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROUNDS). The majority leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS AND TAX RELIEF LEGISLATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the American people have two principal concerns: our Nation's security and the economy. The legislation we will soon consider will help address both. It would enact permanent tax relief for American families and small businesses. That will lead to more jobs, more opportunity, and more economic growth here in America.

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GREGG HARPER, *Chairman.*

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