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The Senate met at 11 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Lord of creation, You have written Your signature in the bursting beauty of this magnificent spring morning in our Nation's Capital. The breathtaking splendor of the cherry blossoms blankets the city with fairyland wonder. The daffodils and crocuses have opened to express Your glory. Now Lord, tune our hearts to join with all of nature in singing Your praise.

We thank You for the rebirth of hope that comes with this season of renewal. You remind us, "Behold I make all things new!" As the seeds and bulbs have germinated in the earth, so You have prepared us to burst forth in newness of life. We forget the former things and claim Your new beginning for us. Help us to accept Your forgiveness and be giving and forgiving people. Clean out the hurting memories of our hearts so that we may be open channels of Your vibrant, creative spirit as we tackle problems and grasp the possibilities of this day.

Lord, we want to live this day in the flow of Your grace. We put You and truth first, our Nation and its future second, and our party third. Help us not to reverse the order. For the sake of the future of our beloved Nation and by Your power. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

Mr. THOMAS. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, this morning the leader time has been reserved. There will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak up to 5 minutes each.

At 12 noon today, following ascertaining a quorum, a cloture vote will occur on the conference report to accompany H.R. 831, the Self-Employed Health Insurance Act. Additional roll-call votes are expected throughout the day today.

Also, as a reminder to all Senators, Members should be in their seats at 2:15 tomorrow for the official photograph of the 104th Congress.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 12 noon with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The Senator from Connecticut is recognized.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. I thank the Chair.

UCONN NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, for those who have followed NCAA basket-

ball this year, not only through the sports pages and TV and radio coverage, but through the statements of various Members of this Chamber, I did not want to disappoint my colleagues by not rushing to the floor this morning to express my pride at the extraordinary victory of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team in defeating Tennessee yesterday and claiming the national championship.

Mr. President, there is a part of me that wants to do a Dick Vitale impersonation here on the floor—raise the voice, shake the hands—but I am going to abide by the rules of appropriate discourse, at least in this Chamber, and simply say with quiet pride what a great season this has been for this University of Connecticut women's basketball team.

How much they have taught us, not just in the fact that they had an undefeated season, which makes them only the second women's team in NCAA history to finish a championship season undefeated; not just that they won the championship yesterday against a very formidable Tennessee team, but for all they have done for our State of Connecticut to make us proud, to make us feel a little bigger than we normally feel in a relatively small State, not only helping us through the winter and raising our sights as we come out of the recession, but reminding us what sports is all about.

Women's basketball at the collegiate level has reached the big time. It has not, obviously, at the professional level, and in some ways because of that inequity, this sport remains as pure as sport was meant to be. And in the midst of strikes and contract disputes in other sports, in the midst of extraordinary competition for enormous salaries and promotional contracts, it is great to see a sport, and in this case, to focus in on this team of UConn Huskies, that plays the game for the

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