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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable E. BENJAMIN NELSON, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

### PRAYER

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

A voice from the past calls us to make our work an expression of our faith. In 1780, the father of the American Revolution, Samuel Adams, said:

"If you carefully fulfill the various duties of life from a principle of obedience to your heavenly Father, you will enjoy a peace which the world cannot give nor take away."

Let us pray: Gracious Father, we seek to be obedient to You as we fulfill the sacred duties of this Senate today. May the Senators and all who assist them see the work of this day as an opportunity to glorify You by serving our country. We renew our commitment to excellence in all that we do. Our desire is to know and do Your will. Grant us a profound experience of Your peace, true serenity in our souls that comes from complete trust in You, and dependence on Your guidance. Free us of anything that would distract us or disturb us as we give ourselves to the task and challenges today. In the Lord's name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable E. BENJAMIN NELSON 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, April 30, 2002.

#### To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable E. BENJAMIN NELSON, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 3009, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to the bill (H.R. 3009) to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that act, and for other purposes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the time until 12 noon shall be equally divided and controlled between the proponents and opponents of the motion.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

#### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. As the Chair has announced, we are now on the Andean trade bill. Until noon there will be remarks of those who favor it and those who are opposed to it. At noon we will vote on Michael Baylson and Cynthia Rufe to be United States District

Judges for the State of Pennsylvania. There will be a half hour of debate on those two matters. Then we will vote this afternoon at 2:15, following our normal weekly party conferences.

Following disposition of these nominations, we will again go back to the Andean trade bill. A rollcall vote on adoption of the motion to proceed is expected today, sometime this evening. We hope those who wish to speak on this matter will do so. In the meantime, I ask unanimous consent that time under the quorum call I will initiate be equally charged against the proponents and opponents of this legislation.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### COLLEGE EDUCATION COSTS

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, last year, the Senate made significant strides in easing the burdens of American families facing the mounting costs of a college education. In an initiative that I have sponsored, and in which I take enormous pride—the tax reduction legislation of last year—there is a provision allowing partial tuition, for the first time in American history, to become tax deductible.

Another measure that I successfully authored raised a cap on interest on student loans so that they could become deductible. In many ways, for middle-income families—indeed, for all American families—this was enormously helpful in easing the burden of an expensive college education.

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