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Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN EDWARDS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

PRAYER

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

Gracious God, You have promised us that "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15. Thank You for prayer in which we can commune with You, renew our convictions, receive fresh courage, and reaffirm our commitment to serve You. Here we can escape the noise of demanding voices and pressured conversation. With You there are no speeches to give, positions to defend, party loyalties to push, or acceptance to earn. In Your presence we simply can be and know that we are loved. You love us in spite of our mistakes and give us new beginnings each day. Thank You that we can depend on Your guidance for all that is ahead of us. Suddenly we realize that in this quiet moment we have been refreshed. We are replenished with new hope.

Now we can return to our outer world of challenges and opportunities with greater determination to keep our priorities straight. We want to serve You by giving our very best to the leadership of our Nation to which You have called us. In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN EDWARDS 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 15, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN EDWARDS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. EDWARDS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Chair will announce we will be in a period of morning business for the next hour. I ask unanimous consent that Senator KENNEDY be the designee of the majority for that 30 minutes.

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

Mr. REID. As soon as we complete the morning business, we will return to the trade bill. Senator WELLSTONE, under an order entered last night, will be recognized to offer his amendment regarding labor impact. We have a number of Senators who have indicated they want to be recognized shortly thereafter. Senator WELLSTONE's

amendment, I am told, will not take very long. So Senators who wish to offer amendments should be here this morning, and we will be happy to put them in the queue so this legislation can move as quickly as possible.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak up to 10 minutes each. Under the previous order, the time from 10 a.m. shall be under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, as I understand the last request, we have half an hour under my control; is that correct?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator controls the time until 10 a.m.

EDUCATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I appreciate the leadership giving me and others an opportunity to talk about an issue which is of central importance and consequence to families across this country. Families are thinking about education. Families are thinking about the coming days in May and early June when their children will be graduating. They are also thinking about the indebtedness they will face when their children graduate. Others are looking forward to the fall as their children are

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