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Senate

The Senate met at 1 p.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:

Almighty God, Sovereign of this Nation and Lord of our lives, grant us Your peace for the pressures of this week. May Your peace keep us calm when tensions mount and serene when strain causes stress. Remind us that You are in control and that there is enough time to do what You want us to accomplish.

Fill this Senate chamber with Your presence. May we hear Your whisper in our souls: "Be not afraid; I am with you." Bless the women and men of this Senate with a special measure of Your strength for the demanding schedule ahead. You are our Lord and Saviour. 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 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. E. BENJAMIN NELSON 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.

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 2 p.m., with the Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the first half of the time shall be under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, originally we had announced there would be a vote this afternoon, but there will not be a vote today. The first vote will be approximately 12 p.m. on Tuesday on cloture on the Gramm-Miller amendment on homeland security.

I ask unanimous consent notwithstanding rule XXII, first degree amendments may be filed until 3 p.m. today and the live quorum with respect to the cloture motion filed be waived; further, the cloture vote on the Gramm-Miller amendment No. 4738 occur at 12 p.m. tomorrow, without further intervening action or debate.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S.J. RES. 45, S. 3009, AND H.R. 4691

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that S. 3009, H.R. 4691, and S.J.

Res. 45, are now at the desk, having been read the first time. Is that right?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent it be in order for these bills and joint resolutions, en bloc, to receive a second reading, but then I would object to any further consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the titles of the resolution and the bills for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S.J. Res. 45) to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

A bill (S. 3009) to provide economic security for America's workers.

A bill (H.R. 4691) to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Senator LANDRIEU is in the Chamber to report to the Senate on the devastation of the hurricane that struck her State. I ask unanimous consent she have the full 30 minutes, which would extend the time to 1:35 and then the minority have their full 30 minutes.

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

TROPICAL STORM ISIDORE

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I come to the floor today regarding Tropical Storm Isidore, which made landfall last Wednesday just south of New Orleans and dumped nearly 25 inches of rain in 24 hours. This massive and destructive storm brought winds of 60 miles per hour to Southeast Louisiana and a storm surge of up to 6 feet.

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