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Senate

The Senate met at 10:40 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Father Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Lord in whom all place their trust, great Healer of souls and nations, we come before You bent by responsibilities and often weakened by years, yet strong in faith and commitment.

A year ago, this Congress battled not only the threat to humanity, terrorists; within the walls of duty Your people fought against the deadly foe called anthrax. But by Your grace and divine Providence not one life was lost here on Capitol Hill. Today we bless You and thank You for Your care and protection. We ask Your continued blessings on the Office of the Attending Physician and its entire staff who proved to be Your instrument in this victory.

At this time, strengthen once again the Members of the Senate and all who serve this Chamber, that they may lead Your people and accomplish great tasks for the good of this Nation and in the name of justice.

Deliver from illness all relatives and friends who are of concern to Your people today, that freed from their infirmities they may be restored to full potential in Your service and come to the

fullness of life in Your presence now and forever. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ZELL MILLER 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, October 16, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MILLER 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, at 11:40 today the Senate will resume consideration of the election reform conference report with 20 minutes of debate prior to a rollcall vote on adoption of the report. Senators DODD and MCCONNELL will speak at that time.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 today for the weekly party conferences.

At 2:15 p.m. the Senate will consider the Department of Defense appropriations conference report with 15 minutes of debate prior to a rollcall vote on adoption of that report. That debate will be controlled by Senators STEVENS and INOUE, who will manage that bill.

Following the disposition of the DOD report, the Senate will begin consideration of S. Res. 304 regarding budget points of order.

Mr. President, we have votes then scheduled at noon and at 2:30. We hope we can resolve S. Res. 304 on the budget issue today. We hope we can do that.

We hope there are no more votes after 2:30, but that has not yet been determined by the majority leader; depending on what happens on S. Res. 304.

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