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Senate

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

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

Gracious God, You have made gratitude the powerful antidote to grief. As a Senate family we thank You for our dear friends Paul and Sheila Wellstone. We are grateful for Senator Wellstone's courageous leadership and his indefatigable commitment to help the poor and disadvantaged of our society. We praise You for his prophetic zeal for righteousness and justice for all people. Thank You for the way Senator Wellstone befriended all the Senate staff and employees, particularly police officers, maintenance personnel, pages, and those who serve to make the Senate run smoothly. He knew people's names, always had time to stop and visit, and made people feel valued. Dear God, You have enriched all our lives with the affirmation and encouragement communicated so generously through Paul and Sheila Wellstone. They have done justly, loved mercy, and walked humbly with You. Heal our grief over their untimely deaths and fill us with Your Shalom. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW 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, November 13, 2002.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, today the Senate will have a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m. The Chair

will shortly announce that. That time is equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

We will have our regular party conferences from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. today. At 2:15, there will be a period of morning business for one-half hour, and at 2:45 p.m. the Senate will vote on cloture on the Gramm-Miller amendment to the homeland defense bill.

There are additional rollcall votes expected today and tomorrow and Friday. We hope we can complete most of the business. It is my understanding the House is going to recess, and they may be in pro forma sessions for some time after that, but basically they are going home this week. So there is a lot of work to do with conference reports. We need cooperation from all Members. We hope we can get that done.

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 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, and with the time to be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

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