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## Senate

The Senate met at 12:02 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. We will be led in prayer today by the guest Chaplain, the Very Reverend Nathan D. Baxter, Dean of the Washington National Cathedral.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, I commend to Your grace and wisdom this day the Members of this Senate and all who support their labors. I ask that You deepen their passion for the fragile treasure of democracy. As they engage the difficult work of legislating, grant them always to be guided by a love for our great Nation and a respect for its diverse people. Finally, we ask that You grant that the fruits of their labors in this and every session, begun and ended in You, may assist the people of this great land to build lives of mutual respect, well-being and service, so that poverty of body and mind and spirit may be made extinct among us, even in our time. We offer these prayers in the Name of God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. May I ask that the distinguished minority leader lead us in reciting the pledge to our flag.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TOM DASCHLE, a Senator from the State of South Dakota, 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.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today there will be a period of morning business until 4 p.m. At this time, I ask unanimous consent that the time be divided as follows:

The time until 1 o'clock under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; the time from 1 to 1:30 under the control of the Republican leader or his designee; 1:30 to 2 o'clock under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; 2 o'clock to 3 o'clock under Republican control.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. During today's session, the Senate is expected to complete the short-term continuing resolution which was received from the House. I am not aware of any requests for a rollcall vote on that resolution, and therefore we would hope to pass the 1-week extension by unanimous consent. In addition, there are a couple of nominations that are expected to receive committee action shortly. I would expect the full Senate to act on those nominations expeditiously following the committee's reporting of those nominations. This afternoon, we will alert all Members as to the expected schedule for any rollcall votes.

### MORNING BUSINESS

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 224, S. 225, AND S. 228

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, there are three bills at the desk that are due for their second readings. I ask unanimous consent that the three bills now be read for the second time, and I ask unanimous consent that there be an objection, en bloc, to any further action on these bills following the readings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGEL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will now read the titles of the bills for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 224) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the minimum wage.

A bill (S. 225) to provide for emergency unemployment compensation.

A bill (S. 228) to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of social security numbers, to establish criminal penalties for such misuse, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection to further proceedings being heard, the bills will now be placed on the calendar.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

The distinguished minority leader.

### STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I wanted to come to the floor this morning to talk a little bit more about the State of the Union Message we heard last night from the President of the United States. We all had occasion to respond to members of the media last night, but I do think it is important, as we contemplate his message and as we react to it, that, at least to a certain extent, we do so in an official capacity here on the Senate floor.

The President came to Congress to deliver his annual State of the Union Message in fulfilling his constitutional obligation to report to Congress and the American people on where our Nation is and the direction in which we are headed.

The reason our Founders included that obligation is they recognized that democracy requires discussion. So I want to take a moment today to add my thoughts to that discussion.

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