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## Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m., and was called to order by the PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Monsignor Robert Fuhrman, the Church of St. Gabriel, in Saddle River, NJ.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, terror and tyranny are our enemies. Disunity is our enemy too. But United States are States that endure! At this time of international stress we stand before You and wonder: Could there one day be worldwide tranquility? May we know peace? Will all Your people ever recognize their responsibilities to each other as the one human family?

Loving God, our countless personal freedoms distinguish us and allow us to fulfill our potential and Your plan. Help all Americans to count our blessings so that we will remain unified, especially so the war may end quickly, with evil suffering a singular defeat.

Lord, the Congress leads by serving, by representing and expressing the will of the people who are privileged to be Americans. Guide the Senate in the light of Truth. Give these men and women the support and the challenge of a united people who never let patriotism wane. A house divided against itself will fall. May this House never fall.

We make all our prayers with confidence in You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CONRAD BURNS, a Senator from the State of Montana, 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 PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. MURKOWSKI). The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, this morning the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 10 a.m. Members who wish to make statements in support of our troops are encouraged to do so over the next hour.

At 10 a.m., the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Timothy Tymkovich, to be Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. Under the previous order, there will be up to 6 hours for debate on the nomination. It is hoped that the nomination will not require all of the 6 hours and that we will be able to yield back time and have a vote a little bit earlier.

The Senate will recess at 12:30 p.m. for the weekly party luncheons.

We are also attempting to reach agreements on several other pieces of legislation, including the CARE Act, the FISA bill, and other bills relating to our Armed Forces personnel. We will also continue to process nominations, including judges, as they become available.

As a reminder, a fourth cloture vote will occur on the Estrada nomination during tomorrow's session.

Finally, I expect the Senate to begin the supplemental appropriations bill on Wednesday, if that bill becomes ready for floor action. I hope we can expedite the consideration of that bill this week so that we are able to continue the flow of resources to our troops in the field.

Therefore, all Senators should expect a very busy week with rollcall votes each day.

Madam President, I yield the floor. I wish to make a brief statement about our troops, but I will be happy to yield.

Mr. REID. I do not have anything.

### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, we are now 12 days into Operation Iraqi Freedom. As I mentioned yesterday, I had the opportunity to visit the post of the 101st Airborne Division this weekend. It was a remarkable opportunity for me, and I wish to share with you a couple of my thoughts on that visit.

Our troops over the last 12 days have advanced 220 miles and now are sitting about 50 miles outside of Baghdad. We are all exposed, on the television and through our briefings, to the repetitive pounding of military targets day and night throughout Iraq. The key point, I believe, is that we do keep building our momentum both in Iraq and in America.

We have achieved many key objectives, and we will—there is no question—we will achieve our ultimate objective, and that is to disarm Saddam Hussein and to liberate the Iraqi people from his oppressive rule.

I am confident about that for so many reasons, but a lot of it has become real to me in a very personal sense after my visit to the 101st Airborne Division. For example, SP John G. Young is assigned to the A Company, 8th Battalion, 101st Airborne Division. He left Fort Campbell on March 1 of this year for Kuwait. He is crew chief on a CH-47 somewhere in the Iraqi desert. He is newly married. He is expecting a child in a few months and is doing an extraordinary job in Operation Iraqi Freedom. We thank him, we thank his mother, and we thank his wife for their courage.

At the 101st Airborne Division, Karyn, my wife, and Jonathan, my son, and I attended church services with the spouses and children of the Fort Campbell 101st Airborne Division. There are 50 chaplains as part of the 101st Airborne Division and 46 of those chaplains are overseas in Iraq and Kuwait. Seeing these families and the faces of these very young children as the pastor gathered them around the pulpit and

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