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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LINDSEY O. GRAHAM, a Senator from the State of South Carolina.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Our morning prayer will be offered by the Reverend Canon Martyn Minns, Truro Episcopal Church of Fairfax, VA.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, You have given us this good land for our heritage, and You have blessed us with freedom, peace, and prosperity. Save us from pride and arrogance that we may be a people of peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the Earth.

We ask that You direct the women and men of this Senate as they take counsel together and enact laws to govern this Nation. Give them wisdom to discern what is pleasing in Your sight and the courage to follow Your will. Remind them of Your love for the poor and oppressed, for those in prison, for children who are at risk, for refugees, and for those whose lives are without hope because of ill health or joblessness.

Protect them from selfish desires and petty divisions. Grant them the desire to do only those things that will glorify Your name and provide for the welfare of all Your people.

All this we pray because of the love first shown to us in the call of Abraham and Sarah and now revealed to us in the life and witness of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LINDSEY O. GRAHAM 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. STEVENS).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 30, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LINDSEY GRAHAM, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 196, the digital and wireless technology program legislation. Under the consent agreement reached, there will be 1 hour for debate prior to the vote on passage. Senators should therefore expect a vote at approximately 12 noon today. Following that vote, the Senate may consider any other legislative or executive items ready for action.

The two leaders have been working on an agreement to allow for the consideration of several judicial nominations, and it is possible that those nominations would be considered today. The Senate may also resume

consideration of the Owen nomination during today's session. As a reminder, a cloture motion was filed with respect to Priscilla Owen to be a U.S. circuit court judge for the Fifth Circuit. That cloture vote will occur tomorrow.

Finally, there are a number of other legislative matters that also may be considered this week, including the State Department authorization and the bioshield bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we have scheduled to appear in the Capitol today Secretary Wolfowitz from 2 to 3. I think it would be to everyone's best interest if we were not in session at that time. I would ask the acting majority leader to visit with the majority leader and find out if we could enter into a unanimous consent that we could be in recess during that period of time.

Mr. ENZI. I will check with the leader and see if that cannot be arranged.

Mr. REID. We have had a lot of interest on this side. This is the first major briefing we will have the opportunity to have after the recess. I think a lot of people will want to attend.

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 exceed beyond the hour of 11 a.m., with the time to be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

ORDER TO RECOMMIT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR NO. 35

Mr. ENZI. As in executive session, I now ask unanimous consent that Executive Calendar No. 35, John Roberts, be

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