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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, ADM Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Eternal Lord God, who rules the raging of the sea, great and marvelous are Your works; just and true are Your ways. Thank You for smiling upon America and for blessing this Nation with your generous providence. Forgive our tendency to forget Your goodness and our failure to express gratitude for Your gifts. Thank You for these Senators, who seek to produce fruits that will nourish this land. Give them a kindness that remembers those on life's margins and a courage that will narrow the gap between the creed and the deed. Remove the scales from our eyes, that we might discover celestial solutions to Earth's most difficult problems. Today, let our words, thoughts, and actions honor and glorify Your Holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin up to 15 minutes of debate on the nomination of David Campbell to be a U.S. District Judge for the Dis-

trict of Arizona. At 11:45, the Senate will vote on the Campbell nomination. Immediately following that vote, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Victor Wolski to be a judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. Therefore, the first vote will occur at 11:45 and that vote will be the first of two back-to-back votes.

For the remainder of the day, the Senate will resume debate on the motion to proceed to S. 11, the Patients First Act. A cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the bill was filed yesterday and that cloture vote will occur on Wednesday.

I ask unanimous consent that following disposition of the Wolski nomination, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 11.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I ask the majority leader if there were not a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Wolski, would the distinguished majority leader consider allowing several hours this afternoon to debate Wolski? If cloture is invoked, of course, we would have 30 hours. It would seem to me that for the people who have been seeking this vote, we could vitiate the cloture vote and the leader could give us, say, 3 or 4 hours to debate Wolski and then vote.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I would certainly entertain that. I ask if I might have a discussion with Chairman HATCH, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, before committing to that, and I will get back shortly with the assistant Democratic leader.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is the unanimous consent request withdrawn?

Mr. FRIST. No, it is not.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. No.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time during the quorum call be charged equally to both sides.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

PATIENTS FIRST ACT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I would like to speak in morning business on the issue that is pending before the Senate, which is the motion to proceed on S. 11. This is a bill relative to an important issue that really we have to grapple with in this country, and that

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