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The Senate met at 9:45 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, who gives sunshine to the just and the unjust, thank You for not treating us as we deserve. We hear Your voice, wooing us through the whispers of conscience and the promptings of Your spirit. You beckon to us through lofty ideals and through Your unfolding providence in the events of history. We see Your stately footprints in the courses of our lives.

Today, use our lawmakers as Your hands and feet on Earth. Through their work, transform discord into harmony, conflict into peace, despair into hope, and sadness into joy. Grant that their lives will teach us the lessons You desire our world to learn: Love, forgiveness, and peace. Remind each of us daily that there is always a road back to You.

We pray in 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.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business for up to 60 minutes, the first half of the time under the control of

the Democratic leader or his designee, and the second half of the time under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning we have set aside a period of 60 minutes for morning business, which is equally divided to allow Senators to make statements. Following that time, Senators BENNETT and KOHL will be here to manage consideration of the Agriculture appropriations bill.

Before adjourning last night, the Democratic leader on behalf of Senator NELSON called up an amendment regarding rulemaking on Japanese beef. The managers have had time to review that amendment, and we may be able to set a vote on that issue for this morning. We will be recessing from 12:30 to 2:15 for our weekly policy luncheons, and we expect to vote prior to that recess.

I urge my colleagues, once again, to come to the floor and debate their amendments on this bill. If Senators have not contacted the managers about their amendments and no one comes to the floor to propose them, then the managers will be asking for third reading and passage of the bill.

We have a lot of work to do this fall. We need to use every day wisely, so Members should not delay with their amendments. I do thank everyone for their help and patience as we go through these appropriations bills.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from North Dakota is recognized.

### AMERICA'S AGENDA

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, this country is reminded virtually every morning that we are at war. This morning we learned that additional Americans—these, I believe, civilian contractors—have been killed in the country of Iraq.

I have been listening in recent days to the discussions in the Senate and discussions from President Bush about where we find ourselves and what our obligations are. We not only are at war, we have just experienced the most significant natural disaster in the history of this country along the gulf coast, with a million people displaced from their homes. Yet the discussion in recent days from the President and others is that nothing has changed. Nothing has changed. Our agenda is the same.

I went back and pulled out a speech of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a fire-side chat on April 28, 1942. I want to read what the discussion was by someone who provided, I thought, great leadership to this country at a time of war. He said:

As we here at home contemplate our own duties, our own responsibilities . . . our soldiers and sailors are members of well disciplined units. But they are still and forever individuals—free individuals. They are farmers, and workers, businessmen, professional men, artists, clerks. They are the United States of America. That is why they fight. We too are the United States of America. That is why we must work and sacrifice. It is for them. It is for us. It is for victory.

That is from Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The thing is, leadership is not about accounting or numbers. Leadership is calling this country together to say we are all in this together; yes, in a war, and in a response to a devastating hurricane. Yet we continue to hear around this Chamber and at the White House: No, things haven't changed. The agenda is the same. More tax cuts. Repeal the death tax—which, incidentally, doesn't exist. There is no death tax.

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