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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, fountain of wisdom, reveal to us the path that leads to the fulfillment of Your will. Illuminate the minds of our Senators that they will accomplish Your purposes. Thwart the plans of the enemies of peace.

As Veterans Day approaches, we ask You to give wisdom to our military people in harm's way that they will be instruments of Your providence. Lord, hasten the day when peace will reign.

Empower the citizens of this Nation to live with integrity so that You will hear our prayers and heal our land. Give us wisdom today to see what we ought to do, courage to begin it, fidelity to continue it, and skill to complete it.

We pray in Your powerful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, November 10, 2005.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. SUNUNU thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today, following the 1 hour for morning business, we will resume work on the Department of Defense authorization bill. Under the agreement reached last night, we have two rollcall votes to begin at 11:30 this morning. The first vote is on Senator TALENT's amendment relating to C-17s, and the second vote is in relation to the Dorgan amendment on a special committee. Yesterday, we made good progress on the bill, and we will finish the bill today.

In addition to a couple amendments already pending, there are only a few remaining amendments in order to be offered. Senators should be prepared to offer those amendments this morning. I hope we can finish this bill at a reasonable time today. I encourage the two managers to move forward with the bill if Senators do not show up to offer their amendments. We must finish the Defense bill today, along with three appropriations conference reports that are now at the desk. I do not expect a great deal of debate on those conference reports, but we will need to schedule rollcall votes on each.

Having said that, we will have a full day of voting to finish our work, but with the cooperation of Senators, we can complete our work at a reasonable time today.

### JORDAN BOMBINGS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, yesterday the world received the sobering news that a series of three explosions struck Jordan's capital city of Amman. At least 57 innocent civilians were killed in the immediate blast, and well over 100 were wounded.

In an apparently coordinated attack, terrorists targeted three large hotels that are frequented by Americans. Indeed, when I traveled to Jordan, I stayed at one of those hotels, as many in this body have in the past. One of the blasts occurred during a wedding party of over 300 guests. We have seen over the course of the night and the morning those pictures displayed on television.

On behalf of the Senate and the American people, I express my heartfelt condolences to the victims, their families, and the Jordanian people. I condemn in no uncertain terms the perpetrators of this grievous attack. It is an attack on all free peoples. It is an attack on civilization. Together, we will help the Government of Jordan, if requested, to hunt down the criminals responsible for this egregious event and bring them to justice.

Throughout the global war on terrorism, Jordan has been our steadfast partner, a reliable partner of our country. King Abdullah has bravely spoken against Islamic terrorism and extremism in the Arab world. Under his leadership, Jordan has demonstrated their commitment to peace, stability, and moderation.

Yesterday's violence against the Jordanian people is another reminder of the indiscriminate brutality and vicious nature of the terrorist enemy. My Senate colleagues and I renew our call on the international community to redouble its efforts to defeat the terrorists and dismantle their networks. Defeating terrorism is the duty of all civilized nations. It is the challenge of our age.

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