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The Senate met at 2 p.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 Father, we have often stumbled into Your presence not sure why we have come, and yet You continue to show us Your compassionate mercy.

Inspire the Members of this body today with faith, hope, and love. Renew their spiritual vision so that they will continue to please You. Protect them from pride, and deliver them from confusion. Inspire them to persevere. Answer the perplexing questions they face, as You fill them with Your healing spirit.

May they express their gratitude to You by their faithful deeds. Grant them this day the grace to praise You with their lives.

We pray in Your life-changing 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 now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this afternoon, we have an order for a period for the transaction of morning business so that Senators can come to the Chamber to introduce legislation and make statements.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I now ask unanimous consent that the period extend until 5:20 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, at 5:20 p.m., we have an order to proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Francisco Besosa to be U.S. district judge for the District of Puerto Rico. The agreement provides for 10 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the nomination, which will occur at 5:30 p.m.

I have said repeatedly over the last days and weeks that we will be finishing our work at the end of this week. Accordingly, I ask for the cooperation of all of our colleagues as we bring together a lot of legislation that has been produced over a long period of time, but over the course of the week it will be a challenge to consider all of that legislation. It is going to take cooperation and working together to allow us to continue to govern with these meaningful solutions, challenges, and issues which have been set before us.

We have the pending border fence legislation that we will need to complete. We have legislation relating to the terrorist tribunals, the military commissions, the Hamdan decision that will be considered and finished prior to adjournment. In addition, we have several conferences that will be

completed in the next several days—Defense appropriations and Homeland Security appropriations—that we absolutely must finish this week as well. Other legislation, such as port security, is being worked on very aggressively, and I believe we should be able to finish that bill and bring it to the floor as well.

We have a very small window in which to complete our business over the next 6 days. I have said our intention is to finish on Friday, although if we are unable to do that, of course, we will be here on Saturday to wrap things up. I will update my colleagues over the course of the week on progress that is being made and how that affects plans. At this point, cooperation is key and flexibility with people's schedules will be key in order that we get our work done and leave at the end of the week.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3925, S. 3929, S. 3930, S. 3931

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are four bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bills by title for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3925) to provide certain authorities for the Secretary of State and the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 3929) to authorize military commissions to bring terrorists to justice, to strengthen and modernize terrorist surveillance capabilities, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 3930) to authorize trial by military commissions for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 3931) to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings en bloc.

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