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Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Jim Henry, pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Orlando, FL.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Bow your heads and hearts with me, please.

Dear Father, we acknowledge You as almighty, sovereign, holy God. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty, and the splendor for everything—in heaven and Earth—is Yours. I know, my God, that You test the heart and are pleased with integrity. Grant it for these who serve in this Senate. Remind every one of us that we are servant leaders, so give humility and not arrogance.

May your holy angels protect each household. Bless the staff and all of those who work behind the scenes with joy in their labor. Surround our Senators with people who would speak truth to their ears, so to place principle above temporary favor. Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom, that we might discern the times. Instruct us with the reality that 100 years from now, names will be but print on the pages of history. Let their legacy be a nation that remains free and a lighthouse of hope to the world and that this Senate served this generation nobly. We desire Your "Well done, good and faithful servant." So help us God.

In the name of my God, my Lord, my saviour Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JON TESTER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic 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. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 4, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Florida.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, it is my privilege to start off this session by making some comments about our guest Chaplain, who has been a personal friend of mine in Orlando for the last three decades. He has pastored over those three decades the very significant and very dynamic First Baptist Church of Orlando, just recently handing over the reins to his successor after a transition period of some number of years which have seen that par-

ticular church become one of the dominant institutions in the State of Florida; among spiritual institutions, one of the giants.

Jim Henry is, indeed, a great leader in the church, not only among his flock, which was Orlando, but having risen to the position as the head of the Southern Baptist Convention. All of us in this political realm know the enormous tensions that have been raised in the religious community over various doctrines, the interpretation of the Scriptures, differences that arise and cause strife. As the leader of the Southern Baptist Convention, Jim Henry was the great healer, the great reconciler, bringing together the various sides to, in effect, emulate what Jesus of Nazareth taught.

It is interesting, in Jim's prayer this morning, he asked that we all become servant leaders. Isn't that true about the role model that was set by Jesus of Nazareth, a servant leader who said that if you want to be first, you should be last; if you want to be the master, you should be the servant? That principle, laid out in the Scriptures, is one of the greatest principles for us to follow as public servants. What is our obligation? To serve as servants of the public we represent.

It is with great privilege that I welcome my dear friend and one of the great spiritual leaders of America, Pastor Jim Henry, and thank him for his service as the Chaplain in the Senate for the day.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Mr. NELSON of Florida. I understand that H.R. 2828 is at the desk and due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2828) to provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who

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