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The Senate met at 9:31 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Saviour, we need You every hour of every day. We not only need You during crisis times but also in the solitary moments of daily living.

Lord, our lawmakers need You. As they open their hearts to You, fill them with power for today's tasks. Show them Your will for our times and give them the wisdom to say, "Speak, Lord, for we are listening." May the inspiration they receive from You keep their hearts pure, their minds clear, their words true, and their deeds kind.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND 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. BYRD).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 4, 2009.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND 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. REID. Madam President, after leader remarks, we are going to be in a period of morning business for up to an hour. During that period of time, Senators will be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. The Republicans will control the first half, and the majority will control the second half.

Following morning business, we will proceed to the tobacco legislation, H.R. 1256. Two amendments are currently pending to the Dodd substitute amendment; that is, the Burr-Hagan substitute and a Lieberman amendment regarding TSP. Senator HAGAN will be here as soon as we complete morning business to offer some amendments. The Republican leader and I thought it would be appropriate that Senators who have amendments relating to the bill that are relevant and germane would offer their amendments first, and those Senators are HAGAN and BURR. So we want them to get whatever amendments they want to offer laid down so that we can go to other matters people wish to bring up.

I announce that I have had, frankly, a number of conversations with Senators on both sides, and there are a number of important events today—this evening, I should say—so we are not going to be working late tonight. I think if we go to 6 o'clock, that will probably be about as far as we go. There is a funeral service for one of the employees of the Senate who has worked in the Capitol for many years who was killed in a car accident on

Sunday. We have to make sure the people who want to go to that have that opportunity. There are a number of other events, including something at the Vice President's residence this evening. So everyone should be alerted to that.

I had a conversation with the Republican leader yesterday about the schedule for the next work period. We have 3 weeks left in this work period, and we have things we want to do. I have explained to the Republican leader that we would like to do at least two appropriations bills. I have indicated that to Chairman INOUE, and he has conveyed that to Ranking Member COCHRAN. We want to at least get the legislative branch legislation out of the way and Homeland Security out of the way.

There are other things, of course, we are going to work on during this work period. We have the supplemental appropriations bill that we need to complete within the next couple of days. We have this tobacco legislation which we need to complete. There is a tourism bill which was completed and reported out of the Commerce Committee which is bipartisan and important. It is interesting. In every State in the Union, tourism is important. It is either the No. 1, 2, or 3 most important part of the State's economy. We are going to try to complete that this work period. So we have a lot of things to do.

The next work period, in July, where we have 5 weeks, we will have by then completed, we hope, the legislative branch appropriations, and we will have completed Homeland Security. We have appropriations bills we want to work on. We have health care that will likely be worked on during that period of time.

We have the DOD authorization, which is extremely important. Not only does it have the standard stuff in it that we always did, but we also have to do something about military commissions. This involves the situation we have with enemy combatants and

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