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.

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.

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 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.

During that period of time, the Republican substitute and a Lieberman amendment relating to TSP will be considered. The majority leader is recognized.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The Bill Clerk read the following letter:

U.S. Senate
President pro tempore

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, 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.