



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 111th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Vol. 155

WASHINGTON, MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009

No. 84

Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

God of wonder, majesty and grace, You have promised that wherever two or three or a thousand gather in Your Name, You are in their midst. Come and dwell with us today. Be with our Senators but also with all beyond this Chamber who daily join us in prayer. Lord, raise up an army of praying people, whose love for You and country will bring a new birth of spirituality and patriotism to our land. Today, we claim Your promise that the earnest fervent prayers of righteous people produce powerful results. In response to our prayer, give us wisdom to discern Your will and the power to do it. We pray in Your mighty Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 8, 2009.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a

Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER 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. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. Following that, the Senate will resume consideration of the tobacco legislation. We will immediately proceed to a cloture vote on the Dodd substitute amendment.

The first vote will occur at 5:30 p.m. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments is 3 p.m. today. The filing deadline for second-degree amendments is 4:30 p.m. today.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I ask unanimous consent that the time from 5 until 5:30 be equally divided and controlled between Senators DODD and ENZI or their designees.

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

FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

Mr. REID. At 5:30, we are going to have an extremely important vote on whether this body will invoke cloture on the tobacco legislation.

Sunday—yesterday—3,500 children who had never smoked before tried their first cigarette. Today, another 3,500 will do the same and Tuesday it will be the same and Wednesday it will be the same. For some, it will also be

their last cigarette but certainly not all.

We all have had our experiences of when we tried our first cigarette. In a little book I wrote about myself, I talk about that experience, and I will relay it here briefly.

My Brother Don is 12 years older than I am. He came home from the Marine Corps smoking Kool cigarettes. He smoked a lot of them. He agreed to take his little brother hunting. There isn't much to hunt in Searchlight, but it was a time to get together with his brother. We had a little .22 rifle, and we were hoping we would see a rabbit or something. Mostly, it was a chance for my big brother to be with his little brother. He was smoking, and he smoked a lot. We were driving down a dirt road, what we called the railroad grade. I kept saying: Don, give me a puff. I kept asking, as a little boy would do; I was maybe 10 or 11 at the time. Finally, he said: OK. Here is what you do. Take it like I do and suck in as hard as you can. I did anything my brother asked me to do, so I did that. I can still feel it. That was the last cigarette I ever smoked or ever wanted to smoke. Even though my entire family smoked, not me; it hurt too bad.

For others not having had the experience that I had, smoking would become part of their daily lives, as happened with the kids I grew up with in the little town of Searchlight. They all smoked as little kids. If you think 3,500 is a scary number, how about 3.5 million. That is a pretty scary number. That is how many American high school kids smoke—3.5 million. Nearly all of them aren't old enough to buy cigarettes. That means there are at least a half million more students who smoke than there are men, women, and children living in Nevada. It means we have as many boys and girls smoking as are participating in athletics in high schools. We have as many as are playing football, basketball, track and field, and baseball combined. When

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

S6231