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The Senate met at 2:01 p.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable MARK WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of mercies, we praise You for Your goodness and kindness to us and humanity. Give strength to the Members of this body as they toil in these fields of time. Cleanse and correct their vision so that they can see the transient in the light of the everlasting. Lord, infuse them with a serenity to meet a sometimes agitated environment with unruffled kindness, thereby reflecting Your image and character. May they be more interested to know the truth about themselves than about others. Keep them ever near to You.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK 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.

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 for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes

each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

At 3 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1586, the Federal Aviation Administration legislation. At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a series of up to three rollcall votes in relation to the FAA bill. Senators will be notified when we know exactly how many rollcall votes will be necessary before we complete action on the bill tonight.

TRIBUTE TO STEWART UDALL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, our country has lost a friend, a patriot, and an environmental pioneer, Stewart Udall. Stewart Udall did more to preserve and protect the American landscape than probably anyone else. He died this weekend. Our thoughts are with his family and many friends.

On my last trip to New Mexico, I had the good fortune of being able to sit and talk with Stewart Udall for about an hour. It was a wonderful experience for me. I had never met him. I had served with his brother in the House of Representatives, but this was the first conversation I ever had with him. It was wonderful. He was physically a little impaired, but his mind was sharp as a tack. We talked about things that had happened or things that were happening. He was in great spirits and good humor. That is how I will always remember him.

The last surviving member of President Kennedy's original Cabinet, Stewart Udall served as Secretary of the Interior for nearly the entire 1960s. In that position for both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, the man who asked us to not spoil our natural surroundings left an indelible imprint on our land.

His legacy as Secretary of the Interior includes four national parks, six

national monuments, eight national seashores, nine national recreational areas, 20 historic sites, and 50 wildlife refuges. That is hard to comprehend.

He was a versatile, talented, and very accomplished man. He served our Nation in the Army Air Corps, later to become the Air Force. He served in Europe during World War II. He was a significantly good basketball player at the University of Arizona. He was an All-Conference guard. He taught students at Yale and wrote books that have been read by millions.

He reached the summits of Mount Kilimanjaro and Japan's Mount Fuji. At 84, he was still rafting the Colorado River and hiking in the Grand Canyon.

Before he was Secretary Udall, he was Arizona's Congressman Udall. Decades later, as I indicated, I served with his famous brother, Mo Udall. Now we are all privileged, we Senators, to serve with Secretary Udall's son and his nephew, TOM and MARK. What a great legacy—two cousins now serving in the Senate. A lot of people do not know their first cousin is Gordon Smith, a former Senator from Oregon. It is an accomplished family.

As a dedicated steward of our environment, Stewart Udall's guiding principle was that our resources are not limitless. They are scarce, he reminded us, and they should be sincerely treasured, always protected, and never taken for granted. The same can be said of Stewart Udall.

HEALTH CARE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the House of Representatives deserves the appreciation of the entire Nation for what it did last night. A clear majority of Congressmen and Congresswomen voted in favor of the bill that a supermajority of Senators passed on Christmas Eve a few months ago. Tomorrow the Senate will begin to put the final touches on this enormous effort.

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