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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Joseph Castleberry, president of Northwest University, in Kirkland, WA.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven." As our founding mothers and fathers prayed before us, we ask again that You would make America a shining city on a hill. Make our land a beacon to all the world of the sacred values Your Kingly rule has taught us. Turn our hearts anew toward You, and let righteousness exalt our Nation. Pour out Your Spirit upon us, and hasten the day when peace will reign in the Kingdom.

Protect our military personnel around the world with Your strong hand and heal those who are wounded. Bless their families with the soothing touch of Your presence.

Bless these Senators and their staffs today with love and friendship, health and strength, wisdom and prudence, holiness and hope. Let them feel Your presence in the godly work of justice with which we have charged them. Let the cherished ideals of our Nation rule their deliberations this day and always.

We pray these things in the Name of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. 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 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 bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 10, 2010.

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.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Washington, Mrs. MURRAY, be recognized for whatever time she may take. Following that, I will announce the schedule for today and give an opening statement. We will see if at that time Senator McCONNELL will be here to give a statement.

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

The Senator from Washington.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I am delighted to be here today to wel-

come our guest Chaplain, Dr. Joseph Castleberry, to the Senate. Dr. Castleberry is president of Northwest University in Kirkland, a town not far from where I grew up in Bothell, WA.

Northwest is a Christian university comprised of six schools and colleges, including arts and sciences, business education, nursing, social and behavioral sciences, and ministry. The university offers about 50 undergraduate programs, eight master's degree programs, and a doctor of psychology program.

The school prides itself on its three core values of spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement.

Dr. Castleberry is an ordained minister in the Assemblies of God, the university's sponsoring denomination. His distinguished career has focused on both faith and education. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Evangel University in 1983, a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1988, and a doctor of education degree in international educational development from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1999.

In addition to that impressive background, Dr. Castleberry has a wide array of experience as a missionary, educator, and pastor. For over two decades, in fact, he served communities throughout Central and South America where he was involved in education, church planning, and community development.

Dr. Castleberry is the founder of the Freedom Valley Project. It is a community development ministry among African-American people of Ecuador's Chota Valley region. He is active in a number of academic and cultural programs devoted to furthering interreligious understanding and dialog.

Dr. Castleberry and his wife Kathleen have three daughters—Jessica, Jodie, and Sophie. I was also very amazed to learn that he speaks a remarkable 10 languages.

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