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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK BEGICH, a Senator from the State of Alaska.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, the fountain of all that blesses us, we thank You for the gift of this new day. These undeserved seconds, minutes, and hours You have graciously given to us provide opportunities to honor You.

As our lawmakers do the challenging legislative labors of this body, may they feel gratitude to You for the privilege of living in these difficult days when faithfulness in service brings even greater glory to Your Name. Let Your kingdom come, and may Your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Lord, use our lawmakers to seek Your guidance to do Your will and to fulfill Your sovereign purposes for our time and for all people. Teach them to listen to each other, to respond in respect, esteem, and wisdom, so that laws written here will represent the best in justice and equity for the welfare of our Republic and the world.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK BEGICH 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. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, September 15, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK BEGICH, a Senator from the State of Alaska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BEGICH 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 any leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators during that time allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each. The Republicans will control the first half of morning business and the majority will control the next half.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 5297, the small business jobs bill. Yesterday, cloture was invoked on the substitute amendment, and the postcloture debate time will expire around 6:15 tonight. Furthermore, cloture was also filed on the underlying bill. I continue to work with my colleagues. Senator MCCONNELL and I have had a number of conversations on how to terminate this legislation and send it to the House. We hope to be able to complete that soon. When we have something worked out, we will notify Senators.

The Senate will recess from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. today to allow for Senators to attend the September 11 remembrance ceremony on the east front center steps of the Capitol.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum and ask that the time be charged equally against both sides.

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

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, staff has informed me that our block of time is fully called for, the full 30 minutes. I again call for the calling of the roll for a quorum, and that time will come off the first 30 minutes of the Republicans' time as the first 30 minutes is theirs.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

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