The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Jeanne Shaheen, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen 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.

**Recognitions of the Majority Leader**

The Acting President pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

**Schedule**

Mr. Reid. Madam President, following any leader remarks, I will make a motion to concur in the House message to accompany S. 365, the legislative vehicle for the debt limit compromise.

The time until noon will be equally divided and controlled for debate on the legislation.

At noon, the Senate will conduct a rollcall vote on the motion to concur in the House message, with a 60-vote threshold.

**Reservations of Leader Time**

The Acting President pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

**Amending the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002**

Mr. Reid. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 10 minutes under the time allocated to the Republican side.

The Acting President pro tempore. The Senator from Tennessee.

Mr. Alexander. I ask unanimous consent to speak for 10 minutes under the time allocated to the Republican side.

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

**Prayer**

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

> Let us pray.

Give ear to our prayers, Eternal God, and guide us like a shepherd leading his flock. Turn us toward You, as You cause Your face to shine so that we shall be saved. Feed our lawmakers with the bread of wisdom so that they will accomplish Your purposes. Delivering them from the tyranny of the trivial, may they trust You to guide their steps. As they remember the high price and preciousness of freedom, inspire them with the relentless and sacrificial vigilance required to preserve it.

We pray in Your great Name. Amen.

**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. Inouye.)

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

> U.S. Senate, President pro tempore, Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Jeanne Shaheen, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Daniel K. Inouye, President pro tempore.