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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the Prince of Peace, give our Senators this day the grace to move away from divisions. Take from them all cynicism and resentment and anything else that may hinder them from experiencing harmony. May the bonds of patriotism, truth, peace, faith, and love provide the glue that will enable them to glorify You with their oneness. Grant in their hearts the love of Your Name, as You nourish them with all goodness and mercy. May they find in You a faithful guide.

We pray in Your great Name. 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 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 28, 2012.

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.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
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.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, following leader remarks, if any, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2230; that is, the Paying a Fair Share Act. The Republicans will control the first 30 minutes and the majority will control the next 30 minutes.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I now ask unanimous consent that following the first hour, the time until 5 p.m. today be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, and that the time from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. be under the control of the majority, and the time from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. be under the control of the Republicans.

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

Mr. REID. Thank you, Madam President.

At 5 p.m. this evening, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the Du and Morgan nominations—prospective judges from Nevada and Louisiana. At 6 p.m. there will be two votes on confirmation of those nominations.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 2682, H.R. 2779, AND H.R. 4014 EN BLOC

Mr. REID. Madam President, there are three bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bills by title en bloc for a second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2682) to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 2779) to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

A bill (H.R. 4014) to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I object to any further action at this time with respect to H.R. 2682, H.R. 2779, and H.R. 4014.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

### NOMINATION OF MIRANDA DU

Mr. REID. Madam President, today the Senate will consider the nomination of a woman by the name of Miranda Du to be a U.S. district judge for the District Court of Nevada. I was very pleased to recommend this woman because she is such an experienced litigator and very proud Nevadan.

Ms. Du has enormous love for the State and this country and a tremendous dedication to public service. Her story is about as inspiring as it gets, and it proves without any question the American dream is alive and well.

Nevada's Asian Pacific population is less than 10 percent. But if confirmed, Ms. Du will be the first Asian American Federal judge in the history of the State of Nevada.

Miranda Du left Vietnam when she was 8 years old with her family in a boat. She was one of the boat people. She was born in Vietnam. She and her family survived the war, and they left. They left voluntarily because they could not get out any other way. I said they left voluntarily—they sneaked

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