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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Senator from the State of Hawaii.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

God, our fortress, we live under Your protection. Keep America safe from the forces of evil that come against it. Lead our Senators away from the trap of trusting only in their resources so that they will never forget that nothing truly succeeds without You. You do great things, O Lord. Your thoughts are too deep for us to comprehend without the gift of Your discernment. Give Your spirit's discernment to our lawmakers. Show them Your ways and teach them Your paths. Be their strength and shield this day and always.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ 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. LEAHY).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 7, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BRIAN SCHATZ, a Sen-

ator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. SCHATZ 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 leader remarks, the Senate will resume executive session to consider the nomination of John Brennan to be the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. I ask unanimous consent that the time until 12:30 and the time from 2:00 until 3:00 be equally divided in the usual form, and that I be recognized at 3 p.m.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2 p.m. today. Both the majority and minority have caucus meetings. Cloture was filed on the nomination this morning. If no agreement is reached, we are going to vote Saturday morning. I hope we can arrive at an earlier vote, but everyone should note we have sent directives to all of the Senators on this side indicating we may need a vote on Saturday. We need to do this because we have to be on the continuing resolution on Monday, and we have to finish that next week because the next week is the budget and we have to do that before the break we take for Easter.

### REGULAR ORDER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, my Republican colleagues love to extol the virtues of regular order. If only we could

get back to regular order, they say, we could function again. Yesterday, we saw both sides of that.

On the one hand, my Republican colleagues did practice regular order. On the other, they didn't. Let's take the one they didn't.

They demanded a 60-vote threshold for confirmation of a very qualified nominee, Caitlin Halligan, to be United States Court of Appeals Judge for the DC Circuit. Republicans once again hid behind a cloture vote—filibuster, by another term—to prevent a simple up-or-down vote on this important nomination. They took the easy way out.

On the other hand, one Republican Senator did return to regular order. As is his right, he spoke for as long as he was able to speak. And that is a filibuster. After 12 hours standing and talking, this is how Senator PAUL ended his filibuster:

I would go for another 12 hours to try to break Strom Thurmond's record, but I've discovered there are some limits to filibustering and I'm going to have to take care of one of those in a few minutes here.

Well, I have been involved in a few filibusters, as RAND PAUL was yesterday, and what I have learned from my experiences with talking filibusters is this: To succeed, you need strong convictions but also a strong bladder. It is obvious Senator PAUL has both.

We should all reflect on what happened yesterday as we proceed with other nominations, including a lot of judicial nominations. This can be a Senate where ideas are debated in full public view and obstruction happens in full public view as well or it can be a Senate where a couple Senators obstruct from behind closed doors without ever coming to the Senate floor.

### BLOODY SUNDAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, forty-eight years ago today, a young man by the name of JOHN LEWIS set out on a march across Alabama, from Selma to Montgomery. By his side were a few hundred

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