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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal Savior, who promised to never forsake us, be a shield for this land we love. As flags fly at half staff in remembrance of the victims of yesterday's Washington Navy Yard shooting, teach us to use wisely all the time You give us. Show Your mighty power during seasons of distress, transforming negatives into positives and dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows.

Today, guide our lawmakers, inspiring them in their going out and coming in, as You give them the wisdom to labor not simply for time but for eternity. Lord, bless us all with strength of will, steadiness of purpose, and power to persevere.

We pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDING OFFICER 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 17, 2013.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable EDWARD J. MARKEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATRICK J. LEAHY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MARKEY 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 FOR MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I wish we could do more, but I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now observe a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tragedy at the Navy Yard and those killed and those suffering from the wounds inflicted on that terrible day, yesterday, that occurred not far from the Capitol.

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

(Moment of silence.)

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with the majority controlling the first 30 minutes and the Republicans controlling the second 30 minutes.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that at 11:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order to consider the Campbell-Smith and Kaplan nominations, both nominees to the Federal Claims Court; further, that following the disposition of those nominees, the Senate recess until

2:15 this afternoon to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; and, finally, that at 2:15, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1392, the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act.

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

Mr. REID. We are trying to come up with a finite list of amendments to move forward on that legislation. We hope that, in fact, can happen.

It is my understanding Senator VITTER has an amendment he wants to offer. He has been on the floor a few times during the time we have been in session. We would have an amendment, or second-degree side-by-side, to his amendment. In order to do that, we have to have a finite list of amendments. We can't go on with unrelated amendments forever on this bill. So there will be one rollcall vote and we hope to vote on energy efficiency amendments whenever there is an agreement that can be made.

NAVY YARD TRAGEDY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there are no words that can ease the pain of the rampage and certainly the deaths involving a dozen human beings who were killed yesterday at the Navy Yard. I hope it is some small comfort that this city, this institution, the U.S. Senate, and a whole Nation, mourn alongside them. To my knowledge, there is no explanation for the violence that occurred yesterday. My thoughts are with those who are suffering as a result of the loss of their loved ones as well as those people who are recovering from their wounds, and some of them are very serious. We wish them a speedy recovery. My heart goes out to all of the 16,000 military and civilian employees who work at the Navy Yard complex, as well as their friends and family members who were affected by this tragedy.

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