

SENATE—Friday, January 8, 1999

The Senate met at 12:30 p.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Father Paul Lavin, pastor of St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill.

We are pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, the Reverend Paul E. Lavin, pastor of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

In the Book of Wisdom, Solomon prays:

*God of my fathers, Lord of mercy
You who have made all things by Your word
and in Your wisdom have established man
to rule the creatures produced by You
to govern the world in holiness and justice
and to render judgment in integrity of heart;
Give me wisdom, the attendant at Your throne
and reject me not from among Your children.—Wisdom 9: 1-5.*

Let us pray:

We stand before You, Almighty God, conscious of our own sinfulness, but aware that we gather in Your name.

Come to us, remain with us and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know Your will to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by Your wisdom, support us by Your power.

You desire justice for all: Enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor.

May all our decisions be pleasing to You, and to You be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Mr. THURMOND. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ENZI). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. DEWINE. On behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of the articles of impeachment at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:03 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair; whereupon, the Senate, at 4:02 p.m., reassembled when called to order by the President pro tempore.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished majority leader.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, to inform all of our colleagues, I will shortly suggest the absence of a quorum. And when a quorum is established, the Senate will resume sitting as a Court of Impeachment.

QUORUM CALL

Mr. LOTT. I now suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll and the following Senators entered the Chamber and answered to their names:

[Quorum No. 4]

Abraham	Feingold	Mack
Akaka	Feinstein	McCain
Allard	Fitzgerald	McConnell
Ashcroft	Frist	Mikulski
Baucus	Gorton	Moynihani
Bayh	Graham	Murkowski
Bennett	Gramm	Murray
Biden	Grams	Nickles
Bingaman	Grassley	Reed
Bond	Gregg	Reid
Boxer	Hagel	Robb
Breaux	Harkin	Roberts
Brownback	Hatch	Rockefeller
Bryan	Helms	Roth
Bunning	Hollings	Santorum
Burns	Hutchinson	Sarbanes
Byrd	Hutchison	Schumer
Campbell	Inhofe	Sessions
Chafee	Inouye	Shelby
Cleland	Jeffords	Smith (NH)
Cochran	Johnson	Smith (OR)
Collins	Kennedy	Snowe
Conrad	Kerrey	Specter
Coverdell	Kerry	Stevens
Craig	Kohl	Thomas
Crapo	Kyl	Thompson
Daschle	Landrieu	Thurmond
DeWine	Lautenberg	Torricelli
Dodd	Leahy	Voinovich
Domenici	Levin	Warner
Dorgan	Lieberman	Wellstone
Durbin	Lincoln	Wyden
Edwards	Lott	
Enzi	Lugar	

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. A quorum is present.

TRIAL OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Pursuant to rule III of the procedure and guidelines for impeachment trials in the U.S. Senate, the Senate will now resume consideration of the articles of impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton. The Sergeant at Arms will make the proclamation.

The Sergeant at Arms, James W. Ziglar, made proclamation as follows:

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! All persons are commanded to keep silence, on pain of imprisonment, while the House of Representatives is exhibiting to the Senate of the United States articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The majority leader is recognized.

PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF A SUMMONS AND FOR RELATED PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. Chief Justice, I am quite pleased to send a resolution to the desk on behalf of myself and the Democratic leadership, Senator DASCHLE, and, in fact, for the entire U.S. Senate, and I ask consent that if the resolution is agreed to by the Senate, it be considered to have the dignity of a unanimous-consent agreement up to the final paragraph.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Is there objection to the request of the majority leader?

Mr. REID. No objection.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 16) to provide for issuance of a summons and for related procedures concerning the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The question occurs on Senate Resolution 16 submitted by the majority leader, Mr. LOTT. Pursuant to rule XXIV of the Senate rules on impeachment, the yeas and nays are required on this question.

Mr. BYRD addressed the Chair.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. Parliamentary inquiry. Could the clerk read the resolution for the edification of the Senate at this time.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. If that is the will of the body, the resolution will be read.

Mr. BYRD. I ask unanimous consent that be done.

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.