

SENATE—Tuesday, October 31, 2000*(Legislative day of Friday, September 22, 2000)*

The Senate met at 2:01 p.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

O Gracious Father, all that we have and are is Your gift. Sharpen the memories of our hearts so that we may have an attitude of gratitude. You have been so faithful to help us when we have humbly asked that You would give us Your guidance and strength. May we be as quick to praise You for what You have done in the past as we are to ask You to bless the future. We have come to You in difficulties and crises and You have been on time and in time in Your interventions. Thank You, Lord, for Your providential care of this Senate as it deals with the immense challenges in completing the work of this 106th Congress. Grant the Senators a heightened sense of the dynamic role that You have given each of them to play in the unfolding drama of American history.

And Lord, the Senators would be the first to express gratitude for their staffs who make it possible for them to accomplish their work. Together we praise You for all of the people who enable this Senate to function effectively—all of those here in the Chamber, the parliamentarians and the clerks, the staff in the Cloakrooms, the reporters of debates, and the doorkeepers. We thank You for the Capitol Police, elevator operators, food service personnel, and those in environmental services. Help us to express our gratitude to all of them as essential members of the Senate family.

And today we share grief at the recent death of Betty Bunch, who served the Senate so faithfully for 23 years and was strategic in implementing the Sergeant at Arms' Postal Square facility.

Most of all, we are thankful for You, dear God, Sovereign of this free land, Source of all of our blessings that we have, and Lord of the future. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CHARLES GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa, 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING
MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH of Oregon). The Senator from Iowa is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, for the majority leader, I wish to announce today's program.

The Senate will be in a period of morning business until 6 p.m. with Senators LOTT, REID, and WELLSTONE in control of the time. Today the Senate will agree by unanimous consent to the continuing resolution that funds the Government until tomorrow.

As a reminder, cloture was filed on the bankruptcy bill yesterday, and that vote will occur tomorrow morning possibly around 9:30 a.m. A vote on a continuing resolution will also take place during Wednesday's session. The President has vetoed the important legislative branch and Treasury-Postal appropriations bills. However, negotiations will continue to try to come to a consensus to fund all Government programs throughout the year.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I say to my friend from Iowa, the acting leader today, that, of course, we are very disappointed that the tremendous work done by all the participants, Republicans and Democrats, Senator STEVENS, Senator BYRD, Senator HARKIN—it was a bipartisan effort—yesterday morning we had an agreement on the very important Labor-HHS bill. As a result of the actions of the whip of the House, TOM DELAY, that bill fell through. It was a terrible disappointment for everybody. We hope that there is a way to complete action on these bills. Each day that goes by, I become less encouraged, but I hope that something can be worked out.

Yesterday, we had the makings of a very important compromise. I am disappointed that it fell through.

Mr. President, we are going into, as has already been announced by Senator GRASSLEY, 4 hours of morning business. On this side, we have 2 hours, or whatever part thereof remains from the brief statements of Senator GRASSLEY and I. The time was basically set aside for Senator WELLSTONE. He has another issue that he wants to speak about; namely, bankruptcy. But he graciously

has consented to allowing Senators BOXER, BAUCUS, DORGAN, DURBIN, and HARKIN to have 5 minutes each during his time.

I personally express my appreciation to the Senator from Minnesota for allowing these Senators to speak. I again say that it is too bad we are not completing all of our work here today rather than figuring out some way to get out of town in the next few days.

So I would ask unanimous consent that those people—Senators BOXER, BAUCUS, DORGAN, DURBIN, and HARKIN—be allowed 5 minutes each during the time of morning business today.

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

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 6 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the time until 4 p.m. shall be under the control of the Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID, or the Senator from Minnesota, Mr. WELLSTONE.

Mr. WELLSTONE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I will grant 5 minutes to the Senator from Montana.

I say to the Senator from Iowa, if I can get his attention, following the Senator from Montana, I think the Senator from Iowa wants to speak. So the Senator from Iowa will follow. I think he is going to take that time out of the Republican time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana is recognized.

Mr. BAUCUS. I thank the Chair. I thank my good friend from Minnesota.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL
PATRICK MOYNIHAN

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, Mike Mansfield, Scoop Jackson, Richard Russell, Russell Long, Lyndon Johnson, Lloyd Bentsen, Bob Dole, John Chafee, DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN,