

SENATE—Thursday, September 13, 2001

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DANIEL K. AKAKA, a Senator from the State of Hawaii.

PRAYER

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

Faithful Father, Your words to Joshua so long ago sound in our souls as Your encouragement to us today: "I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage."—Joshua 1:5,6. Thank You for Your faithfulness. Your love and guidance are not an on-again, off-again thing. We can depend on You for a steady flow of strength. Just to know that You are with us in all the ups and downs of political life is a great source of confidence. We can dare to be strong in the convictions You have honed in our hearts and courageous in the application of them in our work in government.

Grant the Senators a renewed sense of how much You have invested in them and how much You desire to do through them in the onward movement of this Nation. It is for Your name's sake, Your glory, and Your vision that You bless them. Guide and inspire them as leaders now in this time of crisis in our Nation. Your word for the day is, "Be not afraid, I am with you!" Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, 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. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 13, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DANIEL K. AKAKA, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. AKAKA thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.
Mr. REID. I thank the Chair.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until approximately 11 a.m., with Senators, as the Chair has announced, permitted to speak up to 5 minutes each regarding S.J. Res. 22. Last night, there was a unanimous consent order entered that the following be the order of speakers today: BOND, LINCOLN, SMITH of New Hampshire, STABENOW, COLLINS, GRAHAM, MURKOWSKI, and BYRD. If there is not one of the Senators here on time, it will go back to the other side.

At 11 a.m. or thereabouts, the Senate will resume consideration of Commerce-State-Justice Appropriations Act, and it is every hope that with the two leaders we can complete action on that CSJ Appropriations Act early today.

There likely will be rollcall votes throughout the day's session. We may be in recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. today. We are awaiting further word from Senator DASCHLE on that matter.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak with respect to S.J. Res. 22 for up to 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Missouri, Mr. BOND, is recognized to speak for up to 5 minutes.

TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, September 11, 2001, will forever be burned into American history as a day of horror without precedent.

Our hearts and prayers are with survivors and families of those who were murdered in New York City, the Pentagon, and in the hijacked airplanes.

Although still appalled by the damage, the United States is in the process of recovering from these attacks.

Fate has written many painful chapters in America's history. Each is sharply engraved into our collective memory. Most are battles and wars: Gettysburg, Pearl Harbor, Iwo Jima, Pork Chop Hill. Others were acts of madmen such as the bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal building and the slaying of our Presidents Lincoln, McKinley, and John F. Kennedy.

The magnitude of Tuesday's attack defies understanding. It is the scale of what happened that day that freezes the mind in horror. The wrenching sights of passenger planes deliberately flown into the largest symbol of America's economic and military strength was an assault on how we think of ourselves, our Nation and our role in the world and in history.

Vehicles of peaceful domestic travel were bent horrifically into missiles of death shot into the heart of our economy—into all of our hearts. The blasts we watched in real-time and in slow-motion reruns in our collective mind's eye have buried splinters deep into our souls.

As shock gives way to action, recovery and the identification of those responsible, we must remember this is not the first time the American people have been tested. History has probed the limits of our strength and patience many times, over many generations of Americans.

As the realization of what has happened continues to sink into our national consciousness, we must never forget that each time our Nation is tested, each time we have survived—as we will again.

And while it seems impossible to believe today, barely days after this horrific attack upon our soil, we must draw strength from the knowledge that each test has failed to diminish our Nation. Just the opposite. America's history is written by a people who rise to every challenge, and history has shown we will prevail.

We are the greatest and most powerful nation today precisely because we have met and triumphed over adversity. This is our national identity. This is what it means to be an American. This is the strength of character that built this Nation over the last four centuries.

Americans do not face challenges. We surmount them. And we grow stronger as a result.

I am confident that we are already seeing this in the days after the disaster. We see it in the faces of the New York firemen and police officers, the dedicated men and women who fought to protect and recover and who have