

SENATE—Tuesday, October 9, 2001

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, we come to You as intercessors for our beloved Nation at this crucial time of confrontation with the evil forces of terrorism in the world. May this war be decisive, undergirded by Your mighty power and lead toward the extrication of terrorism from the world. We intercede for our President George W. Bush, Colin Powell, Don Rumsfeld, General Richard Myers, General Tommy Franks, Condeleezza Rice, John Ashcroft, and all who seek Your guidance and supernatural power for their leadership in this just war. We pray for Tom Ridge as he assumes his new responsibilities to coordinate all who must work cooperatively for the protection of our land against further terrorist attacks. And Lord, we ask for a special measure of Your wisdom and strength for TOM DASCHLE, TRENT LOTT, HARRY REID, and DON NICKLES as they seek to lead this Senate in unity, in support of our Armed Forces. Protect the men and women now in harm's way both in the strategic bombing and the humanitarian effort. Grant Your peace to the American people, many of whom are gripped with unhealed grief over September 11 and now feel panic over the danger of terrorist attacks.

Dear Father, flood our hearts with Your Spirit, filling us with trust in You. May patriotism for our Nation, and pertinacity to win this battle be the antidote to fear. In the Name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID 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, October 9, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the same previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each. But under the previous order, the Senator from West Virginia, Mr. BYRD, is recognized to speak for up to 30 minutes.

The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

UNDERTAKING A DANGEROUS MISSION

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, this morning I have come to the Senate floor to talk about our late friend and Senate majority leader, Mike Mansfield. But before I do, I shall take a moment to recognize the efforts of the men and women of our Armed Forces who have undertaken a dangerous mission in the past few days. They are fighting to protect our Nation's interests and its security. They are working to ensure the freedom of others across the globe, never wavering in their duty. Throughout America's history, our sons and daughters have always been ready to answer that call to duty. In particular, West Virginians have a proud and enviable record of service to our country in perilous times of war and conflict. This time is no different; mountaineers once again are playing an important role in the defense of our country.

Our soldiers, sailors, and airmen are now engaged in what could be a long battle. In locales stretched around the world, they will put themselves in harm's way. They will fight to protect our freedoms and the freedoms of people around the world. We in the Senate

and House of Representatives will make sure they have the resources they need in order to be successful, but until their return home they and their families will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God watch over them and bring them home safely in the end.

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President:

When I remember all
The friends, so link'd together,
I've seen around me fall
Like leaves in wintry weather,
I feel like one
Who treads alone
Some banquet-hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled,
Whose garlands dead,
And all but he departed!
Thus, in the stilly night,
'Ere slumber's chain has bound me,
Sad Memory brings the light
Of other days around me.

Mr. President, in June 1970, it was my honor and privilege as the then Secretary of the Senate Democratic party conference to go to this floor and make the announcement that Senator Mike Mansfield had become the longest serving majority leader in history.

Today, it is with sadness that I come to the Senate floor to speak of the passing on Friday last of Mike Mansfield, and of his service to this Chamber and to our country.

Mike Mansfield personified both America and the American dream. He was born in New York City, the son of Irish immigrant parents, in 1903, the year in which the Wright Brothers made their historic flight. He was raised in his beloved Montana. When he was only 14 years of age, without completing the 8th grade, he served first in the U.S. Navy during World War I, and eventually in the Army and the Marine Corps—at that time, all of the branches of the U.S. military. After the war, he became a miner, then a mining engineer.

At 30 years of age, he was finally able, with the constant help of his devoted wife Maureen, to obtain the first of several college degrees that would enable him to become a college professor of history and political science for almost a decade.

In 1942, he was first elected to the U.S. Congress and served five terms in the House of Representatives. In 1952, Mike was elected to the Senate—that was the year in which I was elected to the House of Representatives—and began a remarkable quarter-of-a-century of service in this Chamber, a career that included being elected Senate majority whip in 1957.