

SENATE—Wednesday, October 10, 2001

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, a Senator from the State of New York.

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, You have created us to know, love, and serve You, and then live with You forever. We thank You for the life and leadership of Senator Mike Mansfield. We are grateful for this truly great American, distinguished Senator for 34 years, majority leader for 15 of those years, outstanding Ambassador to Japan, and distinguished patriot all through his life. We have all learned so much about leadership from this man of few but firm and pointed words with which he expressed strong convictions and profound concern. We remember the warm twinkle in his eye, his engaging smile, and his abiding faithfulness as a friend. But most of all, we are comforted by the fact of his relationship with You, which was at the core of his being. We thank You for the quiet inner security of his faith in You and his expectation that death would only be a transition in eternal life. Goodness and mercy followed the Senator all his life and now he dwells with You forever. In the name of Him who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON 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 10, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. CLINTON thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, this morning the Senate resumes postcloture debate on the motion to proceed to S. 1447, the aviation security bill. The full 30 hours have to run—and certainly we hope that is not the case—on the motion. Then all time will expire at approximately 5 p.m. today—shortly before that, actually. I am hopeful that we will be able to reach agreement on aviation security as well as the counterterrorism legislation.

I remind Members that it was 1 week ago today that the motion to proceed to S. 1447 was filed. At least from my Nevada perspective, that is too long to have people not recognizing that there are things we could do with aviation security that we have not done. I think it is too bad that we have had to go through this period to get to this bill.

I also remind Senators who are planning to attend the funeral of the late majority leader Mike Mansfield that the vehicles will depart the Capitol steps at 10 this morning.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

AVIATION SECURITY ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1447, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A motion to proceed to the bill (S. 1447) to improve aviation security, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that during today's

proceedings on this legislation now before the Senate, if someone comes to the Chamber and wishes to speak as in morning business, that the time would be charged against the proceedings on this legislation.

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

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

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

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. THOMAS. I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to speak as in morning business.

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

ENERGY POLICY

Mr. THOMAS. Madam President, I want to talk this morning a bit, as we have for some time, about energy. Energy, of course, is something we have talked about for some time—a good long time, as a matter of fact. Our experiences last summer in California emphasized the need for some changes in our energy policy so that we have more stability and reliability in energy. Of course, we also became aware of some of the things we must do in terms of energy, and we have worked on it for a very long time.

Now, since September 11, I think we find some very compelling additional reasons that we need to do some things with energy. Obviously, we have not had an energy policy that we need to have in place over the years, and that is what we are seeking to do—to develop energy policy.

Partly because, I suppose, of the lack of a policy and a real direction where we want to go over time, we have become very dependent on overseas oil sources. We are nearly 60 percent dependent on OPEC and others. So now, in terms of some of the uncertainty in the Middle East and around the world, I think we find ourselves with more concern about where we need to be in terms of energy.

We have at least two compelling reasons, it seems to me, that make energy development and energy security even more important. One is to support our military activities. We have to have