

## SENATE—Thursday, October 18, 2001

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable EVAN BAYH, a Senator from the State of Indiana.

### PRAYER

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

*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust."*—Psalm 91:1-2.

Let us pray: Almighty God, we praise You for the wonderful way You have answered our prayers for this great Senate family. Today we end this workweek with heads held high with confidence, faces radiant with resoluteness, hearts filled with courage, and wills fired with galvanized determination. With Your help we will calmly finish our work today and, as usual, look forward to the rest and rejuvenation of the weekend. You have cared for this Senate through dynamic leaders. Thank You for TOM DASCHLE and his strong inspiration for his own staff and the Senate as a whole. We began this week praying for his staff; we end the week with admiration for their patriotism under frightening circumstances. We praise You for the friendship and mutual esteem of TOM DASCHLE and TRENT LOTT as they affirm our oneness and work for unity. And under the immense pressure of the nights and days of this week, we have witnessed the relentless commitment of people like Senate Officers Jeri Thomson and Al Lenhardt, Capitol Physician John Eisold and his team, and our friend and counselor, Senator/Doctor BILL FRIST.

Lord, those who tried to create panic with anthrax letters and threatening phone calls have failed. We are stronger than ever and more determined to press on in the battle against terrorism here and throughout the world. Thank You in advance for victory. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable EVAN BAYH 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 assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, October 18, 2001.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BAYH 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. Mr. President, as has been ordered, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m. At 10:30, the Senate will begin consideration of the conference report to accompany the Military Construction Appropriations Act. There will be 30 minutes of debate equally divided between Senators HUTCHISON of Texas and Senator FEINSTEIN. The vote on adoption of the conference report will occur at 11 a.m.

I have been asked by the majority leader to announce this will be the last rollcall vote of the day.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I wonder if the Senator will yield for a question.

Mr. REID. I would be happy to yield.

Mr. THOMAS. I am sorry, I did not understand. What is the proposal in terms of being in session, despite the fact there is just one vote?

Mr. REID. There is a lot of activity expected. There are a number of pieces of legislation that need to be introduced. I have several. I have spoken to people on the Republican side throughout the week, and I know they have wanted time to introduce legislation. So I expect there will be activity in this Senate Chamber throughout the afternoon.

Mr. THOMAS. I thank the Senator very much.

Mr. REID. I say to the Senator from Wyoming, the Democrats have an important meeting we are going to have from 12:30 until 2 o'clock. So during part or all of that time, we will ask to be in recess.

Mr. THOMAS. Until 2 o'clock?

Mr. REID. From 12:30 to 2 o'clock.

Mr. THOMAS. Then at 2 o'clock we would go into morning business for as long as people want to speak?

Mr. REID. Yes.

Mr. THOMAS. I thank the Senator.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Minnesota.

(The remarks of Mr. WELLSTONE pertaining to the submission of S. Res. 172 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, what is the allocation of time between now and 10:30?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Senators may speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Mr. THOMAS. It is not allocated between the two sides?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. No.

Mr. THOMAS. I yield 10 minutes to the Senator from Idaho.

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

### ENERGY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I again rise to focus the Senate on an issue that is without question a high priority one for the Congress and for the American people and one I hope we can deal with before we recess or adjourn this first session of the 107th Congress. I am talking about the critical need for a national energy policy.

For over a decade, we have wandered in the energy world without a policy that truly directed our resources and our public policy toward assuring that our Nation was self-reliant on its primary energy sources. Over that time, we have grown increasingly dependent upon foreign sources for those primary resources.

As a result, if what is now going on in the Middle East were to erupt in a