

## SENATE—Thursday, November 1, 2001

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

### PRAYER

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

Gracious God, the source of inner grace and outward joy, You have taught us that it is not just our aptitude, but our attitude, that determines the altitude of our success in our work and in our relationships. We confess that often it is not You but the danger and difficulties of these days that dominate our inner feelings and control our attitudes. It is hard to be up for others when we get down on ourselves. So thank You for this attitude adjustment time we call prayer when we can admit any negative attitudes and submit to the transforming power of Your hope. True hope is faith in action and the constancy of faith in all contradictory circumstances. You have told us that there is no danger of developing eyestrain from looking at the bright side of things. There is a great need for this quality of hope in our Nation this morning. May the attitude of the American people toward our present challenges be uplifted by their trust in You, the positive assurance of Your victory over the tyranny of terrorism, and the inspiring attitude of this Senate and all of us who work in the Senate family. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ZELL MILLER 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, November 1, 2001.

To the Senate:

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

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

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

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this morning there will be two amendments that will be debated for a maximum time of 1 hour each. These amendments are the Gregg school construction amendment and the Landrieu title I targeting amendment.

For the information of all Senators, there will be two votes on these amendments that will occur a little after noon today. Therefore, there will be two back-to-back votes at that time.

As we move forward to complete action on this important appropriations bill—and we are going to complete it today; if not today, we will complete it tomorrow, but we are going to complete action on this bill—Senators should expect other votes throughout the day. We have had no recorded votes the last 2 days, even though the managers have worked through a number of important issues.

In addition, the Senate could also act on several appropriations conference reports as they become available. The first one is going to be voted on in the House about noon today.

As the majority leader announced yesterday, should we complete action on the Labor-HHS Appropriations Act today, and any available conference reports, then it is likely that there would not be any rollcall votes on Friday, November 2. The managers of the bill have been encouraging Senators with amendments on this finite list that has been filed to come to the floor and work with them on these amendments.

When we finish the votes at noon today, Senator BROWNBACK has a number of amendments that the managers have been unable to resolve. I ask he make himself available at that time to offer these amendments.

If there are other Senators wishing to offer amendments, they should come forward and make their amendments known to the rest of us. We have a finite list, but a number of Senators have indicated to the managers and to me that they are not going to offer those amendments. We need to complete action on this bill so we can move forward to other very pressing matters.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I join the Senator from Nevada in urging our

colleagues to come forward. It has been very slow making progress. There were some 62 possible amendments listed. Most of those are place-holders, we know. But anybody who has an amendment to offer ought to come to the floor now. Senator HARKIN and I will be in a position to discuss the matters with you, to see what is acceptable, see what will require rollcall votes, to try to work out time agreements, and try to move ahead to finish this bill as early today as possible.

It is no secret, Senators have a lot of commitments on Friday, and Thursday is the heavy workday. But the sooner we get this bill completed, the sooner we can move ahead and try to get it conferenced and resolved.

Mr. REID. Will the Senator yield for a brief comment? I want to make sure everyone understands what the majority leader said. We are going to complete this bill and conference reports before we leave this week.

Also, if we complete work on the bill, we could move to the D.C. appropriations bill, but at the very least we are going to complete the conference reports and complete this bill before we leave, no matter how long it takes today or tomorrow.

Mr. SPECTER. Or Saturday.  
Mr. REID. Or Saturday.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1601

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand S. 1601 is at the desk and is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1601) to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, NV, for use as a shooting range.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, S. 1601 having been read for a second time, then I object to any further proceedings at this time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

### DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the