

SENATE—Wednesday, November 28, 2001

The Senate met at 10:30 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:

Generous God, we praise You that it is Your desire to give good gifts to those who ask You. Forgive us when we are stingy receivers. You give strength to the tense and tired, courage and boldness to those who are fearful, guidance to the humble who ask You to guide their decisions. We say with the psalmist, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices."—Psalm 28:7 KJV.

Bless the Senators today. Astound them with new insight and fresh vision they could not conceive without Your blessing. May they truly seek You and really desire Your will in their responsibilities and relationships today. You are waiting to infuse their minds and hearts with wisdom and guidance. Help them to trust You to guide and provide. Fill each Senator with Your inspiration and this Chamber with Your presence and power. 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 (Mrs. CLINTON). The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 28, 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. This morning, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 10. Cloture was filed on the motion to proceed. The Senate will therefore vote on cloture on the motion to proceed tomorrow morning. The Senate will be in recess today, by virtue of a unanimous consent agreement previously entered, from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

COMPREHENSIVE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND PENSION REFORM ACT OF 2001—MOTION TO PROCEED

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 10, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to the bill (H.R. 10) to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 1732

Mr. REID. Madam President, I understand that S. 1732 is at the desk and is now due for its second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. I ask that S. 1732 be read for the second time, and when that reading takes place, I will object to any further proceedings on this bill at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the title of the bill.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1732) to provide incentives for an economic recovery and relief for victims of terrorism, and for other purposes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 1214

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from South Carolina is recognized.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the majority leader, following consultation with the Republican leader, may proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 161, S. 1214, the Port, Maritime, and Rail Security Act; that when the measure is considered, it be under the following limitations:

That a managers' substitute amendment be in order; that the substitute amendment be considered and agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the bill, as thus amended, be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, with no points of order waived by this agreement; that all first-degree amendments must be transportation-related; that the second-degree amendments must be relevant to the first-degree amendment to which it is offered; that upon the disposition of all amendments, the bill be read the third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, with this action occurring with no further intervening action or debate.

Mr. REID. Madam President, reserving the right to object, will the Senator explain the purpose of this legislation?

Mr. HOLLINGS. The purpose of this legislation, as we have now provided for airport and airline security, is to provide for port security and rail security. I want to make some comments about it. If that is permitted, we will go into debate, and if the Chair will recognize me, if they will allow it, I will explain in detail. This is what I want to do.

Mr. REID. I withdraw any reservation.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. THOMAS. I object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Madam President, as requested by our leader, this matter of port security is really a very serious concern. Very few people realize this. The Financial Times and the Times of London, reported back in early October, almost 2 months ago, and I quote:

Intelligence actions across the world are examining Osama bin Laden's multimillion dollar shipping interests. He maintains a secret fleet, under a variety of flags of convenience, allowing him to hide his ownership and transport goods, arms, drugs, and recruits with little official scrutiny.

Three years ago, nobody paid much attention to a crew unloading cargo from a rusting freighter tied up on the quayside in Mombasa, Kenya. The freighter was part of Osama bin Laden's merchant fleet and the crew were delivering supplies for the team of suicide bombers who weeks later would blow up the United States embassies in Kenya and