

## SENATE—Friday, March 23, 2001

The Senate met at 8:45 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CRAIG THOMAS, a Senator from the State of Wyoming.

### PRAYER

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

Almighty God, on this twenty-third day of March, we gratefully remember that it was on this day in 1775 that Patrick Henry delivered his famous, "give me liberty or give me death" speech. Thank You for patriots like Henry who not only fought for political freedom but also for religious freedom for all people. We are deeply moved by what Patrick Henry championed in Article 16 of the Virginia Bill of Rights: that ". . . all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion and to practice . . . forbearance, love, and charity towards each other."

Father, may the many different ways we worship You result in righteousness in our character and in our leadership. May Your righteousness make us right with You, keep us right with each other, and distinguish our Nation for righteousness. Help us face and solve any problems in our society that deny people their freedom. So help us, Almighty God, for we do believe that righteousness exalts a Nation! Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CHRIS DODD, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, 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. THURMOND).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 23, 2001.

To the Senate:

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

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. THOMAS 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.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Acting Majority Leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today the Senate will immediately resume the consideration of the Helms campaign finance reform legislation with up to 15 minutes of debate with a vote to occur at approximately 9 a.m.

Additional amendments will be offered throughout the day.

Senators who have amendments are encouraged to come to the floor during today's session to ensure consideration of their amendment.

As a reminder, the Senate will consider the Hollings joint resolution regarding a constitutional amendment on Monday. A vote on that joint resolution will occur beginning at 6 p.m. Additional votes may occur Monday evening as well.

### BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF 2001

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 27, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 27) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

Pending:

Specter amendment No. 140, to provide findings regarding the current state of campaign finance laws and to clarify the definition of electioneering communication.

Helms amendment No. 141, to require labor organizations to provide notice to members concerning their rights with respect to the expenditure of funds for activities unrelated to collective bargaining.

AMENDMENT NO. 141, AS MODIFIED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, Senator HELMS desires to modify his amendment. I send that modification to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The amendment is so modified.

The amendment (No. 141), as modified, is as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

### SEC. . DISCLOSURE OF EXPENDITURES BY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

Section 8 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 158) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(i) NOTICE TO MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES.— A labor organization shall, on an annual basis, provide (by mail) to each employee who, during the year involved, pays dues, initiation fees, assessments, or other payments as a condition of membership in the labor organization or as a condition of employment (as provided for in subsection (a)(3)), a notice that includes the following statement: 'The United States Supreme Court has ruled that labor organizations cannot force fees-paying non-members to pay for activities that are unrelated to collective bargaining contract administration and grievance adjustment. You have the right to resign from the labor organization and, after such resignation, to pay reduced dues or fees in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court.'"

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will begin consideration of the Helms amendment, and there are 16 minutes of debate to be equally divided in the usual form.

Who yields time?

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, Senator HELMS is not able to be here at this moment.

With regard to labor unions in America, let me say, on behalf of his amendment, we have had amendments that would guarantee that union members had an opportunity to consent to their money being used on causes to which they might object. That was voted down. We have had amendments on disclosure so that union members and the public could learn how union money is being spent. That has been voted down.

Senator HELMS is now offering a very basic right to members, and that is notification. He hopes that if consent is a poison pill, and disclosure is a poison pill, maybe notification will not be. That is at the heart of the Helms amendment.

I certainly would urge all Members to support this very important amendment that provides basic fairness to members of organized labor.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, will the Chair notify me when I have used 3 minutes?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair will do so.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I obviously did not object to the Member's desire to modify the amendment. That is the courtesy we extend to each other in the Senate. I point out that this amendment was poorly drafted. There were actual misstatements of current law included in the amendment.

The modified amendment requires there be written notice. With all due respect to my friend from North Carolina, to begin with, this is an unnecessary amendment. Secondly, it is a type