The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Judd Gregg, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

PRAYER

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

Gracious Father, as this workweek comes to a close, we praise You for Your love that embraces us and gives us security, Your joy that uplifts us and gives us resiliency, Your peace that floods our hearts and gives us serenity, and the presence of Your Spirit that fills us and gives us strength and endurance.

Help the Senators to remember that debate and voting in the Senate is like members of a family playing on opposite teams in scrub football. After the wins and losses, they still are all brothers and sisters in the same family.

We dedicate this day to You. Help us to realize that it is by Your permission that we breathe our next breath and by Your grace that we are privileged to use all the gifts of intellect and judgment You provide. Give the Senators and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility and all of us who are privileged to work with them a perfect blend of humility.

Our choice is to respond and commit ourselves to You. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Judd Gregg 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 THE ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. Thúmond).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Judd Gregg, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THÚMOND
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. McConnell. Mr. President, today the Senate will resume consideration of the campaign finance reform legislation.

There will be numerous amendments offered with a time limitation of 30 minutes. Senators should be aware that all amendments must be offered prior to 11 a.m. By previous consent, any votes ordered will be stacked to occur at 11 o’clock this morning.

A vote on final passage, as everyone I think now knows, will occur on Monday at 5:30.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

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:

Mr. Thúmond. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the pending amendment be dispensed with.

Mr. DODD. Mr. 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. Thúmond. I send an amendment to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCain) proposes an amendment numbered 165.

Mr. Thúmond. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment reads as follows:

On page 25, beginning with line 23, strike through line 2 on page 31 and insert the following:

SEC. 214. COORDINATION WITH CANDIDATES OR POLITICAL PARTIES. (a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) COORDINATED EXPENDITURE OR DISBURSEMENT TREATED AS CONTRIBUTION.—Section 901(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441(b)) is amended—

(A) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph (A)(i)—

(B) by striking “purpose” in subparagraph (A)(ii) and inserting “purpose”;

(C) by amending the end of subparagraph (A) the following:—

“(iii) any coordinated expenditure or other disbursement made by any person in connection with a candidate’s election, regardless of whether the expenditure or disbursement is for a communication that contains express advocacy—

“(D) any expenditure or other disbursement made in coordination with a National committee, State committee, or other political committee of a political party by a person (other than a candidate or a candidate’s