

**SENATE—Tuesday, April 3, 2001**

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Edward J. Arsenault, Diocese of Manchester, Manchester, NH.

**PRAYER**

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Edward J. Arsenault of the Diocese of Manchester, Manchester, NH, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, You give without measure. We offer You praise and honor for the gifts which You have bestowed upon our Nation: natural splendor, freedom from all forms of oppression, a national spirit of enterprise and achievement, and a desire to serve the less fortunate in whom we see Your face.

We ask that You bless those who serve our Nation in this hallowed Chamber. It is here that bold ideas are scrutinized, important decisions are reached, and the lofty vision of a nation is made new. May the exchange among our Senators be imbued with a profound sense of the responsibility which they bear to You, to one another, and to those whom they serve: the people of this great Nation.

Lord, when our faith is weak, make us strong. When our hope is dampened, make us bold. When our charity is measured, make us mindful that Your love knows no bounds. May all that is done here today have its origin in You and, by You, be brought to fulfillment. Amen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable BOB SMITH 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, April 3, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable BOB SMITH, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

**RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME**

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

**RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER**

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CHAFEE). The Senator from New Mexico.

**SCHEDULE**

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, the leader has asked me to announce that today the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the budget resolution. Senators who have amendments and opening statements should work with the bill managers on obtaining floor time. A few hours were used up during last night's session, and therefore there are under 50 hours remaining. Senators should be prepared for votes throughout each and every day this week in an effort to complete the budget resolution prior to the end of this week.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for up to 2 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**THE GUEST CHAPLAIN**

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Father Ed Arsenault for the moving prayer we just heard. Father Ed is a cabinet secretary for administration and chancellor of the Diocese of Manchester, NH. The Diocese of Manchester, of course, encompasses the entire State of New Hampshire. He is also the pastor of St. Pius X parish in Manchester where he shows great compassion for the poor and the needy.

As secretary for administration, Father Ed is responsible for the daily operation of the diocesan administration, and as chancellor he oversees the main-

tenance of all records in the diocesan archives and serves as executive assistant to Bishop John B. McCormack in the daily operations of the bishop's office.

Father Ed holds a masters in divinity from St. Mary's Seminary in nearby Emmitsburg, MD. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Leo O'Neil on June 1, 1991.

Father Ed is very special to me and my family because he is our spiritual adviser and has been for many years. He sponsored my wife Mary Jo as she actually converted to Catholicism. Father Ed also presided over the marriage of my daughter Jenny to her husband Eric in New Hampshire in 1998.

It is a privilege to have Father Ed join us in the Senate to share his words of prayer with our Nation. Father Ed's friendship and spiritual guidance have been a blessing to me and my family for many, many years. I am proud and honored to sponsor Father Ed as guest Chaplain.

I thank my friend, the Chaplain of the Senate, Lloyd Ogilvie, for allowing Father Ed to be here.

Also, I recognize Father Ed's brother, Michael, his aunt Jeri, and mother Ann who are here today to witness this wonderful occasion.

I yield the floor.

**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2001–2011**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 83) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011.

Pending:

Amendment No. 170, in the nature of a substitute.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I am working with the ranking member on a startup schedule this morning. I suggest the absence of a quorum to be charged to our side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.