

SENATE—Thursday, May 10, 2001

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MIKE CRAPO, a Senator from the State of Idaho.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, the Reverend John Johnson, First Presbyterian Church, Merrillville, IN.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. John Johnson, offered the following prayer:

God Almighty, Creator of all that is, our Maker, Redeemer and Sustainer, and Lord of this great Nation, we give You thanks for and ask Your blessings upon these men and women whom You have called as Senators to serve You and us, Your people.

We ask that You be with them in that role, inspire them to seek to do not what is popular and easy but what is just and right in Your eyes. May Your Spirit inspire them to do as You would have them do in jobs that ask so much of mere mortals. In all they do, may we be privileged to see their love for truth, justice, compassion, liberty, and peace.

Lord God, we are mindful of the human cost that each bears by being a Senator. Each is first and foremost a child of God, and to be true to You, we offer sincere and honest prayers for the personal well-being of each Senator. Bless each in home and family; help each to know that when pummeled by critics or pressure, by turning to You, all may know the peace, tranquility, and comfort of a loving God.

We pray all this to You whose love is not limited but is for all Your children. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MIKE CRAPO 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, May 10, 2001.

To the Senate:

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

appoint the Honorable MIKE CRAPO, a Senator from the State of Idaho, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CRAPO 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.

The Senator from Indiana is recognized.

WELCOMING REV. JOHN JOHNSON

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I have the privilege of welcoming our guest Chaplain, the Reverend John Johnson. We are indeed fortunate to have Reverend Johnson with us today. He is a true Renaissance man and public servant. He brings to us his vast experience, not only in the ministry, but also in academia, business, law, and volunteerism.

Reverend Johnson has a master's degree in physics. He studied as a Churchill Scholar at Cambridge University in England. He has a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago. And he has had a successful business career, creating a leading technology company.

Not content to stop there, Reverend Johnson earned his Master's of Divinity degree in 1997 and now is ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church. Reverend Johnson currently serves as interim minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Merrillville, Indiana.

Amidst these multiple careers he even found time to run for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1990 from Indiana's Fifth District and for the Indiana Republican gubernatorial nomination in 1992.

Reverend Johnson has remained active in the academic community, and he has generously volunteered his time to many organizations including the United Way Campaign, the YMCA, the Indiana Corporation for Science and Technology, and the Public Broadcasting System.

He is a dear personal friend. It is a privilege to thank him for joining us and for his inspiring words of prayer for us this morning.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I join the Senator from Indiana in welcoming to the Senate the Reverend Mr. Johnson. We are grateful for his presence and for his prayer.

Tennyson said that more things are wrought by prayer than this world

dreams of. And the Bible tells us that blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord. Thank God for our forefathers who built this Nation on religious principles, who had faith in a higher power. If Providence had designs for this country and its people, may we never get away from the offering of prayer in the opening of the two bodies of the legislative branch of government.

There are those in this country who would have us do away with that. May there always be men and women in this body and the other body who will stand for prayer, stand up for the Creator.

I haven't seen Him, nor have I seen electricity. But I dare not put my finger in an open socket because I know it is there.

I thank the Senator for having his minister in our midst this morning. May God add his blessings to the word that has been spoken for us.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, has the Senator indicated what the leader wants to do today?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished acting majority leader.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I respond to the distinguished whip by saying that this morning there will be 1 hour and 50 minutes remaining for closing remarks on the budget resolution conference report. Senators can expect a vote on the conference report between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Following that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1, the education bill. Votes on amendments are expected throughout the day in an effort to make significant progress on the bill.

I encourage those Senators with filed amendments to work with the chairman and the ranking member in order to schedule consideration of those amendments.

I thank my colleagues for their attention and for their cooperation.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we had a cutoff time last night of 5 o'clock for filing amendments on the education bill. We have almost 300 amendments that have been filed on S. 1. It is going to take a lot of work, and people are going to have to work this afternoon on that. It is going to take a couple more weeks to finish that legislation. I think everyone who has an amendment