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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President protempore (Mr. HATCH).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we place our trust in You. During this season, when we sing about good will toward humanity, many forces seek to turn that dream into a nightmare.

Make our lawmakers instruments of Your peace. Where there is discord, may they bring harmony. Where there is cynicism, may they bring faith. Where there is sadness, may they bring joy. And where there is despair, may they bring hope. Use these stewards of liberty to make the rough places smooth and the crooked places straight.

Lord, thank You for bringing hope to the helpless and for hearing and comforting the oppressed.

We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore 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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HELLER). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

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GREGG HARPER, Chairman.

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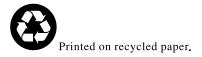
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 3

p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

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