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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Most loving God, the source of our hope, abide with our lawmakers today. Fill their minds with thoughts of Your love, wisdom, and strength.

Lord, use them to be a voice for the voiceless. Keep them from all evil, purifying their hearts to be instruments for Your use. Take away from our Senators anything that hinders them from hearing and obeying Your voice. Teach them this day to see You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly.

Now and always we pray, in Your sacred 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. HOEVEN). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

DESIGNATING THE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 300 SOUTH FOURTH STREET IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AS THE "DIANA E. MURPHY UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the House message to accompany S. 3021, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

House message to accompany S. 3021, an Act to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 South Fourth Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse".

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendments of the House to the bill.

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell amendment No. 4048 (to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill), to change the enactment date.

McConnell amendment No. 4049 (to amendment No. 4048), of a perfecting nature.

McConnell motion to refer the House message to accompany the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions, McConnell amendment No. 4050, to change the enactment date.

McConnell amendment No. 4051 (to the instructions (amendment No. 4050) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature.

McConnell amendment No. 4052 (to amendment No. 4051), of a perfecting nature.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

RESIGNATION OF NIKKI HALEY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, first, I want to convey a few words of thanks to our dedicated Ambassador to the United Nations, who we just learned will be stepping down at the end of the year.

Our Nation has benefited greatly from the tough, skilled leadership that Nikki Haley brought to the U.N. Her tenure will be remembered for her proud reassertion of American moral leadership and her fearless willingness to turn a bright spotlight on critical

challenges, from Israeli's sovereignty to Iran's sponsorship of regional violence.

Ambassador Haley has been a key part of the administration's team that has faced down a wide variety of critical challenges, and she has done so with distinction.

She took on this role after an impressive 6 years as Governor of South Carolina and quickly proved to be both be a skillful advocate for our national interest and a forceful spokeswoman for our principles.

I hope this is not the end of Ambassador Haley's distinguished career in public service. I thank her for her significant contributions to our country.

CONFIRMATION OF BRETT KAVANAUGH

Mr. President, on another matter, yesterday, I was pleased to attend the ceremonial swearing-in for the newest member of our Supreme Court—Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Justice Kavanaugh's remarks yesterday affirmed yet again what his record and his testimony clearly told us: He will be a thoughtful, fairminded Justice who is committed to applying our laws and our Constitution as they are actually written.

His confirmation last week was a victory for the very same principles of fairness and justice we can now count on with him—along with his fellow Justices—to uphold.

Saturday's vote was also a victory for the Senate—for this institution—and for the integrity of this institution. Reason and deliberation triumphed over what was literally—literally—an attempt to sway the Senate using mob tactics. I wish this were an exaggeration, but it isn't.

While many came to Washington peacefully to share their stories, the loudest voices proved to be those of the politically motivated far left—the same far left special interests that had pledged total opposition to any Supreme Court nominee before the ink

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