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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. We have a guest Chaplain this morning, the Reverend George W. Evans, Jr., of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in McLean, VA.

We are pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. George W. Evans, Jr., the Redeemer Lutheran Church, McLean, VA, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Holy Father, ever mindful of us, ever with us, of that we have been assured. It is true. We spend our days in Your sight. So teach us and so guide us that we may be mindful of Your presence.

In this honored Chamber for debate and decision, where the weight of government rests on the minds and hearts of these chosen women and men who contend here in the name of all our people, cause Your presence to mold what occurs. Intrude, O God, lest these

Senators carrying our Nation's burdens and responsibilities lose Your voice amid all the voices that plead for their attention. If Your voice is still and small, give them quiet hearts, peace-filled minds, and receptive souls so they may discern Your presence and be drawn to Your ways. Never are they apart from You. It is urgent that they have the strength of this knowledge. Likewise, protect their homes and loved ones with the security of Your presence. Let no press of events, no calendar, no clamor for attention, no tumult of the day detract from the plain task of pursuing what You call needful, right, and just.

O God, blessed are You. O God, bless these Senators in this day's labors and through them the people of our land. In Your name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I yield to the Senator from North Dakota. The guest Chaplain this morning is from his church.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I appreciate the courtesy of the Senator from Mississippi. The prayer this morning was offered by the Reverend George Evans, who is pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in McLean, VA.

When I remain in Washington, DC, on the weekends, I attend Pastor Evans' church. He is truly an inspiring Christian leader. He comes from Pennsylvania. He was a Chaplain in the Marine Corps for this country. Has served America and now serves his Christian duties in McLean, VA, at Redeemer Lutheran Church. I am very pleased he was able to be with us here in the U.S. Senate today to offer the opening prayer. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

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