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Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Honorable JON S. CORZINE, a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, strong source of strength for those who stretch the human limits and go beyond, we praise You for courage to stand firm for truth as You have revealed it to us. Give us convictions that require Your courage. We know that courage is fear that has said its prayers. Here we are, Lord, relinquishing any fears that may cripple us in being bold leaders. We can take hold of courage because You have taken hold of us. You give us power to overcome rather than overreact. We accept the admonition of the psalmist: *Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord—(Psalm 27:14).*

Bless the women and men of this Senate as You solidify their convictions and then give them the gift of courage. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JON S. CORZINE 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. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, July 15, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON S. CORZINE, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CORZINE thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Chair will announce that the time until 1 o'clock will be evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats, with the Republicans having the first hour and Democrats having the second half hour.

At 1 o'clock, we will again go to the resumption of the accounting reform bill, with 5 hours remaining under postclosure proceedings.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 4954, H.R. 4635, H.R. 5017

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding there are three bills at the desk that have been read for the first time. They are H.R. 4954, H.R. 4635, and H.R. 5017.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that it be in order, en bloc, for these bills to receive a second reading, but I object to any further proceedings at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, the clerk will read the titles of the bills.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4954) to amend Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize and reform payments and the regulatory structure of the Medicare Program, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 4635) to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a program for Federal flight deck officers, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 5017) to amend the Temporary Emergency Wildlife Suppression Act to facilitate the ability of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into reciprocal agreements with foreign countries for the sharing of personnel to fight fires.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection to further proceedings having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the first half of the time shall be under the control of the Republican leader or his designee.

The Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

THE USE OF SNOW MACHINES IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I will take a few minutes to talk about an

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