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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN F. KERRY, a Senator from the State of Massachusetts.

### PRAYER

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

Gracious God, our prayer is not to overcome Your reluctance to help us to know You and to do Your will, for You have created us to love, and serve, and obey Your guidance. Rather, our prayer is to lay hold of Your willingness to accomplish Your plans through us. You have told us to call on You, to trust You completely, to put You first in our priorities, and to express our devotion to You in our patriotism. Sometimes, pride blocks our response, and we find it difficult to turn the control of our lives over to You. When we are self-sufficient, we do not pray; when we are self-satisfied, we will not pray; and when we are self-righteous, we cannot pray. And yet, Father, when we are honest with ourselves, we know that, by ourselves, we are insufficient. We admit our profound need for Your presence, Your wisdom, and Your solutions to our problems. Continue to guide the discussion of the crucial issue of affordable prescription drugs for America. May this be a great day, lived to the fullest, trusting You each step of the way. Through our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN F. KERRY 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 18, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN F. KERRY, a Senator from the State of Massachusetts, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. KERRY thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished assistant majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. I thank the Chair. The Chair will announce very briefly that there will be a period for morning business until 10:30 a.m., at which time we will take up the military construction bill with 15 minutes of debate. All Members are advised this should be a busy day. We have many things we need to accomplish on legislation now before the Senate.

We have a number of other issues we need to have resolved. I have notified staff for the minority that I am going to again propound a unanimous consent request to appoint conferees on the terrorism insurance bill. We have been held up doing this for weeks and weeks. The business community is going deeper and deeper into trouble because of our not coming forward with legislation. We cannot do that until the minority allows us to appoint conferees.

Mr. President, the first half of the time under the order of last evening is under the control of the majority. Sen-

ator STABENOW is here, but also Senator SPECTER is here. Senator SPECTER has a conference at 10 o'clock. We are entitled to the time. If Senator STABENOW has a time situation, she should proceed. I do not know if she would have time to give the Senator from Pennsylvania 10 minutes or so. I know he asked for 15 minutes. Maybe that is a little too much.

Mr. President, will Senator STABENOW tell me how she feels?

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I will be pleased to yield some time to my friend from Pennsylvania. I am not sure what he is asking for at this point. I need to preside at 10 a.m., and I know we have other colleagues coming, but I will be happy to yield.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order be changed and that the Republican time begin with Senator SPECTER now taking 15 minutes. Is that what he wants?

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I will try to abbreviate my remarks.

Mr. REID. If the Senator can do it in 10 minutes, that will allow Senator STABENOW time to speak before she takes the chair.

Mr. SPECTER. I thank my distinguished colleague from Nevada, and I will endeavor to limit myself to 10 minutes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business according to the unanimous consent agreement just entered into, and time shall not extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. The control will be as the distinguished acting majority leader just described.

The Senator from Pennsylvania is recognized.

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