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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, Lord and Sovereign of the United States, we come to you in prayer with two things gripping our minds. We have a new realization of the force of evil in our world. We are stunned by the continued evil acts of the cowardly, but cunning sniper who has taken the lives of nine people in our area. Dear God, intervene and bring this person or persons to justice. Comfort and sustain the victims' families. Reading the news and watching on television the aftermath of the massive attack of terrorism in Bali, further convinces us of our battle against an evil, world-wide terrorist movement. Lord, help us to deal with this insidious treachery. At the same time, Pakistan boils with anti-American sentiment. And we seem to have made little progress in negotiation with Iraq.

All this brings us to a deeper reliance on You. Quiet our turbulent hearts; renew our dependence on You. Thank You for the great women and men of this Senate. Strengthen them, give them courage, inspire their discernment, guide their decisions. With them we fall on the knees of our hearts and commit our lives to You. Reign supreme in this chamber and in the mind and soul of every Senator. You are our Lord and Saviour and are greater than evil. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID 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, October 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 HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now begin a period of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11 a.m., with Senators allowed to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The order for the quorum call is rescinded. In my capacity as a Senator from Nevada, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. In my capacity as the Senator from Nevada, I ask consent that the order with respect to the consideration of H.R. 3295, the Election Reform legislation, be modified to reflect consideration of the conference report beginning at 3 p.m., Tuesday, October, today, under the same conditions as the previous order, with all other aspects of this order remaining in effect.

There being no objection, that is the order.

I also ask consent, in my capacity as a Senator from Nevada, the Senate stand in recess until 1 p.m. today; and at 1 p.m. the Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, and at 2 p.m. the Senate stand in recess until 3 p.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:34 a.m., recessed until 1:05 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. BENNETT).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from Utah, I suggest the absence of a quorum. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW). Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Madam President, it is my understanding that there is an order for the Senate to stand in recess between 2 o'clock and 3 o'clock today. Is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order be vitiated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business until 3 o'clock, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

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