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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by the guest Chaplain, Monsignor Robert Fuhrman, the Church of St. Gabriel, in Saddle River, NJ.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God, our Father, the shadow of the Cross falls upon our world as the forces of freedom and tyranny collide. In a free world, human potential, human dignity, and the sanctity of life can be recognized. In tyranny, life is cheap and living is misery. The tears of people of good will mingle with the blood of those who died or are wounded in the pursuit of freedom and security.

Therefore, we look to You, our Lord, to show us the way. Those who live by the sword—or by the chemical weapon—have no future in You. Banish from our midst the threats of those who make themselves enemies of the United States.

In this great deliberative body of the Senate of the United States of America, we beg You for Your peace and wisdom. Bless the Senators, their spouses, their children, and their staffs. Let them see the supreme privilege of their service, each in their own way, to the people and the Constitution of this great land. May this day be productive, and may we all be pleasing to You in what we think and say and do.

Protect us from evil. Give us Your peace and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic 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. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 31, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business for the next 3 hours, until 6 p.m. The first hour of morning business will be devoted to statements regarding our brave men and women in the Armed Forces. Following those statements, there will be additional time for Senators to give tributes to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Under a previous order, at 6 o'clock the Senate will proceed to a vote on the confirmation of Theresa Springman to be a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. That will be the only rollcall vote during today's session.

Tomorrow morning, by previous agreement, the Senate will consider

the Tymkovich nomination to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. The vote on that nomination will occur sometime on Tuesday upon the use or yielding back of the 6 hours of debate.

Throughout the week, we will continue to schedule votes on nominations, as necessary. I would also expect another cloture vote in relation to the Estrada nomination this week. In addition, we are working on time agreements for the consideration of several other important bills, including the CARE Act, the FISA bill—the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act—several bills relating to our Armed Forces personnel such as the “Troops Phone Home” bill, a bill regarding the delay in reservist pay, and a bill relating to the Survivor Benefit Plan annuities for surviving spouses.

Later in the week, when it becomes available, the Senate will begin consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill. We need to pass that bill as soon as possible to ensure that the appropriate resources are made available for the war in Iraq. Members should therefore expect a busy week with rollcall votes each day.

101ST AIRBORNE, CLARKSVILLE, TN

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, a little later today or tomorrow, I want to share with my colleagues at the appropriate time a visit I had with the 101st Airborne families in Clarksville, TN, yesterday. I had the opportunity to go by and visit with those families, attend church, and to spend the early afternoon with them and have lunch with them. It was a remarkable experience for me, Karen my wife, and our son Jonathan.

Over 17,000 women and men have been deployed from that particular post over the last several weeks. Those 17,000 are now in Iraq and Kuwait as part of the 101st Airborne air assault team. The

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