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Senate

(Legislative day of Monday, July 21, 2003)

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This morning, the Senate will be led in prayer by the Reverend Campbell Gillon, Pastor Emeritus of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, before Whom the children of humanity rise and pass away, the living who seek Thee find a faithfulness that knows no end. Thy love transcends not only time and space, but human evil in its arrogance and cruelty, prejudice and pride. Teach us that we do not exist by ourselves, in ourselves and for ourselves, but only learn what life means when in a true relationship with others and with Thee. Teach us that our context is not an accidental cosmos but a purposeful Creator; our destiny no cosmic accident but a love-fashioned creation, and Thy self-revelation, O God, the key to our knowledge of the dust and the divine.

We mortals are made in Thine image, which is certainly not dust. If we deny or ignore the revelation of Thy Word, then we make the dust our final goal and our way to it paved, at best, with ephemeral success, or, at worst, with evil done and its sad harvest multiplied. Lord, we know that this need not be so. When we acknowledge that our destiny is in Thee then the past can be forgiven, the present empowered and the future unchecked by death. Increase this faith in all homes whose loved ones have died and in particular those whose beloved have been serving this Nation's present and future safety. Death is pointless especially to those for whom life is ultimately pointless,

but when any life, long or short, is faithfully spent for the good of others and Thou, O God, art its goal, then powerless death is swallowed up in the victory of life eternal.

Grant to these Senators of this 108th Congress a daily awareness of this larger context, as they use talents entrusted and opportunities sent. Help them to match the one with the other as they strive for this peoples' long-term good and the human family's gain. And upon them individually and together we ask Thy blessing. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore 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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Idaho is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of S. 14, the Energy bill. Three fuel standard amendments were offered last night. Senators are encouraged to come to the floor during today's session to debate these pending amendments. Other amendments are expected during today's session with the hope of making further progress on the bill.

There will be no rollcall votes today. But it is still the expectation that Members will be available to debate the amendments.

Also, today it is expected that the Senate will debate the Free Trade Agreement relative to Chile and Singapore. Some Members have indicated that they desire to speak on these agreements today, and they will have that opportunity following the Energy bill.

Under an order from last night, the next rollcall vote will occur on Monday at 5 p.m. That vote will be the nomination of Earl Yeakel to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Following the 5 p.m. vote on Monday, the Senate will also vote in relation to any available amendments to the Energy bill, as well as the Chile and Singapore trade agreements.

Finally, a cloture motion will be filed today on Priscilla Owen's nomination to the United States Circuit for the Fifth Circuit. This will be the third cloture motion on this nomination. That vote will occur on Tuesday.

I thank Members for their attention.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed in morning business for no longer than 2 minutes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

A TRIBUTE TO THE IDAHO FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, the reason I ask for this privilege is to speak to my colleagues in the Senate about two families in Idaho who have just lost their sons fighting wildfires. My sympathy to the families of Jeff Allen of

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