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## Senate

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

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God, who holds the wind in Your fist and wraps the ocean in Your cloak, we thank You for defending all who come to You for protection. We ask You to protect our military in its defense of our freedoms. Give our military people Your presence and peace. Lord, fill the God-shaped void that is in each of us that we may live abundantly. Remind us often that before honor is humility. Today, give our Senators the wisdom to meet the challenges of our time. May they not grow weary in their efforts to find common ground. Give them the strengthening joy of Your spirit, that they may have courage for hard times and determination for challenging tasks. We pray this in Your holy name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ROBERT F. BENNETT 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. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, October 1, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable ROBERT F. BENNETT, a Senator from the State of Utah, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

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

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 10:30. Under the agreement reached last night, at 10:30 the Senate will begin consideration of the supplemental appropriation for Iraq and Afghanistan security. The order provides for debate only until 12:30. We expect amendments to be offered during today's session and therefore rollcall votes will occur throughout the day.

Yesterday, after the Appropriations Committee finished its work on the legislation and reported the bill to the full Senate, the two leaders came to the floor to reach the agreement to begin consideration of the bill today. As stated last night in the colloquy, the Senate will consider amendments to the legislation this week. Following the recess, we will resume the bill with the expectation of completing all action by the end of that week.

As we begin the process, the leader is asking for the cooperation of all Members in advance and thanks everyone for their willingness to cooperate to try to push this bill through to completion the week after we return from the recess.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I simply ask that when the Chair announces morning business, the full hour be allocated to both sides evenly divided.

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

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. There will be a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 10:30 with the first half of the time under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the second half of the time under the control of the Senator from Texas, Mrs. HUTCHISON, or her designee.

Who yields time?

The Senator from Nevada.

### FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT OVERTIME RULES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this is a land of opportunity. Americans know if they are willing to work hard, they can realize their dreams. Hard work built this country and hard work is what has enabled generations of Americans to own a home, make a stronger community, and give their children a good education.

Americans have always been willing to work hard to reach their goals, and we are working longer hours today than ever before. Almost one-third of the labor force regularly works longer than a 40-hour week and 20 percent work longer than 50 hours. Fifty years

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