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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Hon. JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray:

Our Father and our God, we come today seeking a deeper understanding of Your ways. Life often seems like a difficult riddle, but in spite of its challenges, You sustain us with Your majesty and Your indestructible love. Lord, forgive us when we think too often of ourselves and forget the pain of those around us. Thank You for hearing our prayers and for extending Your scepter of mercy. Make us willing to pay the price for freedom. May we remember that laudable goals usually require real effort and self-denial.

We bring to You the Members of this body. Empower them to bear the weight of responsibility. Give them the desire to honor You. Fill their hearts with gratitude for Your unfolding providence. Evaporate their fears like the morning mist. Help each of us to walk with our hand in Your hand. Remind us that only by doing Your will can we find true peace.

We pray this in Your Holy Name. 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 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, D.C., October 2, 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, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. Following that time, the Senate will resume consideration of the supplemental appropriations for Iraq security. Pending will be the McConnell amendment, which is a sense of the Senate supporting our troops. There will be 40 minutes remaining for debate on that amendment and therefore that vote will occur shortly after 11 a.m. this morning.

Following that vote, we will resume debate on the Biden amendment on tax rates. I understand there are a number of Members on both sides of the aisle who will want to speak to that amendment. Additional votes will occur throughout the day as we work through the pending amendments.

I thank the two managers for their efforts thus far. I believe there is an understanding to rotate back and forth on the amendments and that will help to keep an orderly process throughout.

I look forward to another day of constructive debate, and I encourage Mem-

bers to communicate with the chairman and ranking member if they desire to offer an amendment to the bill. We need to work through these amendments in a sequential way, one at a time, so it is helpful if Senators will work in advance to schedule consideration of their amendments.

In addition, there are four judges who are ready for consideration. I look forward to talking to the leadership on the other side of the aisle as to an appropriate time that we can schedule votes for them as well.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The assistant minority leader is recognized.

THE SENATE CHAPLAIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, while the majority leader is on the floor, I was thinking of the words spoken by the Chaplain this morning. It came to my mind that there haven't been enough accolades extended. There were others involved, but the two I know involved were you and Senator MIKULSKI, working to have this fine man brought here as the Senate Chaplain.

I have been able to visit with him on a couple of occasions and of course every morning to hear the wonderful prayers he utters on behalf of the Senate and the country. I simply want to extend thanks to Senator MIKULSKI and you and any others involved in this selection. Here is a man who is qualified to do so many different things. There aren't many people who can be referred to as "doctor," "chaplain," "admiral," but Dr. Black can be, because he is all three and probably a lot more.

So I think, even though so much goes unsaid around here, this is something that should be said. This is a great addition to the Senate family. I, on behalf of the entire Senate, extend my

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appreciation to you and Senator MIKULSKI, who was so enthused about this man when she told us who the chaplain was going to be.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I very much appreciate the comments by the assistant Democratic leader. I will just briefly add to that, because so many of our colleagues do have the opportunity to be with the Chaplain in many ways that America doesn't see. Just two nights ago we were at an event for adoption from foster homes. Our colleagues and others see the Chaplain open this body every day. That is something that is apparent. What they don't see is the fellowship, the contributions, the nights, like two nights ago, where the Chaplain represented, yes, the Senate; yes, the Congress; but indeed the United States at events at night, giving the invocation before 900 people, 6 blocks from here in the Reagan Building.

He is the 62nd Chaplain, a great heritage to follow. We are delighted to be able to have his fellowship, his leadership, and his counsel as we go forth each day.

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. Under the previous order, there will be a period for morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes of the time under the control of the Senator from Texas, Mrs. HUTCHISON, or her designee, the second 30 minutes of time under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee.

The Senator from Utah.

Mr. BENNETT. On behalf of the Senator from Texas, Mrs. HUTCHISON, I yield 5 minutes to the Senator from Oklahoma.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the Senator from Oklahoma is recognized for 5 minutes.

THE CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR GOVERNOR LEAVITT

Mr. INHOFE. It is my intention, Mr. President, to come down here and share something that happened last Tuesday that has never happened before in the history of this institution. I chair the Environment and Public Works Committee. We had a confirmation hearing for Governor Leavitt from Utah, a highly qualified nominee by the President to be administrator of the EPA. The Democrats boycotted the meeting. They obstructed the meeting just by boycotting it, not showing up. I am going to be talking later on today about that, but it is my intention now to talk about the subject the Senator from Utah and the Senator from Texas

have before us, because it has such great ramifications to our Nation's security.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR IRAQ SECURITY

Mr. INHOFE. The whole issue of the \$87 billion is so misunderstood by most of the American people, I would like to try to put it in a context that is more understandable. First of all, you are talking about \$87 billion, of which \$66 billion is going back into the military. Most of that is rebuilding the military for what happened to the military during the 1990s, and to rebuild it, to get us up to be able to meet the challenges that are very serious today. I would like to go into more detail on that, but there is not time in this 5 minutes.

But I would say this, of the \$87 billion—and you take away the \$66 billion—we are talking about \$20 billion, less \$5 billion. It is very important we understand this; \$5 billion of this will be going toward border security, having nothing to do with rebuilding infrastructure, rebuilding any of the water systems, electrical systems, the highways, the other infrastructure systems we are going to have to get done.

It leaves \$15 billion.

The big discussion here is—and I know it sounds good to the American people and it sounds good to my wife—with all of the potential oil revenues, why don't we restructure this as a loan as opposed to a grant? There is very good reason for that.

CSIS has come up with an analysis of the debt that is owed currently by Iraq. It is not just \$140 billion or the \$200 billion figure you have heard. When you put the claims in there that would have to be subordinate to the \$383 billion, if we do restructure this as a loan, it would come in only after \$383 billion has been repaid by some source. We all know logically that would never ever happen. But the rewards of expending this \$15 billion and doing it quickly, as the President is requesting, are immense. To have a friend in that country of Iraq in the Middle East would have a great benefit for us.

When you stop to think about just the cost of petroleum for the no-fly zone, that amounts to \$15 billion each decade. If we don't do this, we are going to be right back in that box where we didn't finish the job we should have finished in 1991 and 1996. Now is the time to finish the job.

I suggest to you that the greatest disservice we could do to our troops on the ground over in Iraq would be to stall this thing, to not get over there and put the necessary money in to fix the infrastructure.

I am not sure how many people in this body know how much our troops are doing. They are actually putting roofs on buildings, they are actually constructing houses, and they are doing things on their own with their own labor. They desperately need to have us come in and make the necessary fixes.

We have had a success story. My gosh, we have had over 5,000 businesses started. The hospitals and clinics are now open. The schools opened 2 days ago, and 56,000 Iraqis are now working in the security control system.

All of this can continue only if we get the \$15 billion over there for the reparations and to take care of the infrastructure. If we don't do that, we are leaving our troops out there in a very dangerous situation.

I would like for everyone to remember their history a little bit.

The Treaty of Versailles was in 1919, at the end of World War I. France insisted on leaving \$32 billion in debt for the Germans to pay. As a result of being covered up with debt and knowing there was no possible way out, they became ripe for Hitler to come along. And we know the rest of the story.

That is the same situation we are facing in Iraq right now. If we don't come to the table with the \$15 billion and get in there and start repairing the infrastructure and continue the success we have had so far, and do it immediately, then we are going to leave our troops hanging out there to dry.

For the sake of national security, the most significant thing we probably will be dealing with—certainly in this year and maybe during our entire careers—is to get the money in there and get the job done, and this time not do what we did in 1991 or 1996 but finish the job and bring this country back up so it can be our ally in the Middle East.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, one of the anecdotes about politics I enjoy the most and that I think is most illustrative of some of the situation that is going on now with respect to Iraq relates to the late Pauline Kael. She was the movie editor for the New Yorker magazine. In 1972, when Richard Nixon won an overwhelming and historic victory in the Presidential election, carrying every single State except Massachusetts and the District of Columbia, Pauline Kael was terribly surprised. She said when commenting on this: Nixon can't possibly have won. I don't know a single person who voted for him.

There might be some who will say that speaks well of her circle of friends, but it demonstrates that she lived in a very tight intellectual circle and had no real contact with what was happening in the country as a whole.

I cite that because I think that is what is happening with respect to reporting in Iraq right now. I had an experience over the weekend which I will share briefly before I yield the remainder of our morning business time to the Senator from Texas.

An old friend from Utah and his wife came to Washington on a tourist visit, and I took them around to the various monuments. This man and his wife expressed great concern about Iraq. The wife said: We have real problems in