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## Senate

The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SAXBY CHAMBLISS, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray:

Almighty and Everlasting God, with Your words You divide night from day. Thank You for Your glory that brightens our path to the future and for the brilliance of Your hope that beckons us to new beginnings. Forgive us when we are unfaithful, when we desire to sing solo and disrupt the harmony of Your will.

Bless the Members of this body. Guard them from the evil one. Give them hearts large enough to take the honesty of their skepticism and transform it with the confidence of faith. Imbue them with reverence for life and guide them toward unity.

As they find peace with You, give them peace with each other. Give each of us gentleness fashioned after the pattern of Your mercy.

We pray in Your compassionate name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SAXBY CHAMBLISS 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 assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 19, 2004.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SAXBY CHAMBLISS, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. CHAMBLISS 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. Today the Senate will consider the nomination of Williams Myers III to be a U.S. circuit judge for the Ninth Circuit. Last week we attempted to reach a time agreement on the Myers nomination; however, there was an objection from the Democratic side of the aisle. I filed a cloture motion on the nomination and that vote will occur at 2:15 on Tuesday. We will debate that nomination throughout today's session, and I expect a number of Members will come to the floor and speak on this nomination.

As I announced on Friday, there will be no rollcall votes during today's session.

This week we also expect the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense conference report. This is a very important piece of legislation that we will need to address before we adjourn for the scheduled recess. In addition, there is a conference report regarding some expiring tax provisions. We will consider that measure if and when it becomes available.

This is the final legislative week prior to the August recess. With the co-

operation of all Senators, we should be able to complete our work and begin the recess on time.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

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

### THANKING THE SENATE CHAPLAIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a couple of questions I would like to ask through the Chair to the majority leader.

First, we tend to dwell on the negative around here quite a bit. But one of the good things that happens to me every day that I come is to hear the prayer. Today, for example, I wish I were good enough to live up to the expectations of the prayer offered by Admiral Black. Really, he does a wonderful job, setting the tone for how we should work in the Senate. A lot of times I think we don't listen very closely to him. But, even though he is not in the Chamber now, I want to have the RECORD spread with my appreciation of the thoughtfulness he goes through every day in preparing his very meaningful prayers.

### CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN MEASURES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am wondering if the majority leader could give us an idea of whether we might get to the Morocco Free Trade Agreement this week, and also do we have any word on the childcare conference report? It is my understanding that the Appropriations Committee is going to report out of the committee the military construction and legislative branch bills this week. I would ask about Moroccan free trade, the

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