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Senate

The Senate met at 9:31 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SAM BROWNBACK, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

O God, who redeems our lives and snatches us from the powers of death, help us to see that in spite of our best plans for today, Your purposes will prevail. Teach us to submit to Your unstoppable providence, knowing that You desire to prosper us and give us success. Remind us that when we help those on life's margins, we lend to You.

Accompany our lawmakers today in their challenging work. Give them the security of Your spirit, as You protect them from harm. Shine the warmth of Your presence upon them during their moments of uncertainty. Answer them from Your holy heaven, and rescue them by Your great might. We pray this in Your powerful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SAM BROWNBACK 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 bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 20, 2005.

To the Senate:

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

appoint the Honorable SAM BROWNBACK, a Senator from the State of Kansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Kentucky.

SCHEDULE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today, following a 1-hour period for morning business, we will resume consideration of the emergency supplemental appropriations bill. Yesterday, the Senate invoked cloture with a unanimous vote of 100 to 0. I hope that the vote is an indication that the Senate is prepared to finish this bill in short order. There are a number of pending germane amendments to the bill. We hope that not all of these will require votes; however, Senators should expect a busy day as we try to wrap up our business on this emergency funding bill. At this particular time, we do not have a set time for the first vote, and Senators will be notified when that vote is scheduled. Again, I would anticipate a late evening as we continue to try to complete our work on this bill.

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 the transaction of morning business for up to 60 minutes,

with the first half of the time under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee, the second half of the time under the control of the majority leader or his designee.

Who seeks time?

The Senator from North Dakota.

DRU'S LAW

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, last week I introduced legislation in the Senate dealing with a critically important subject. I am proud to say that the Senator from Pennsylvania, ARLEN SPECTER, joined me as cosponsor of this legislation. It deals particularly with the murder of young women in this country by sexual predators.

We all know the story recently about the murder of Jessica Lunsford. Jessica Lunsford was a 9-year-old young girl abducted in February from the bedroom of her home in Florida. Her body was found a month later. The crime was allegedly committed by a 46-year-old convicted sex offender with a 30-year criminal history.

More recently, we all remember the April 9 abduction of Sarah Michelle Lunde from her family's mobile home south of Tampa, FL. A convicted sex offender who had once had a relationship with the girl's mother has now confessed to killing her.

In March, Jetseta Gage of Cedar Rapids, IA, was abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered. A convicted sex offender on Iowa's sex offender registry was charged with that crime and arrested for that crime.

In August of last year, a 6-year-old Nebraska girl whose name has been withheld was sexually assaulted by a 39-year-old convicted sex offender.

We all remember the case of Polly Klaas, the 12-year-old who was kidnapped and murdered by a previously diagnosed sex offender.

There was a young woman in my State named Dru Sjodin who was murdered in late 2003. Walking out of the

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