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## Senate

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rabbi Gary Zola, Jacob Rader Marcus Center, Cincinnati, OH.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Eternal One, Rock of all ages, help us to hear the voices of our forebears that still linger in the silent places of this historic Chamber of debate and decision. Let us draw devotional inspiration this morning from the life of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, founder of the Hebrew Union College, who led this Senate in prayer 135 years ago to this very week. May one brief moment from the life of this famed American clergyman renew in us a commitment to the core of righteous living.

For we have been taught that once, when this rabbi took ill amidst a class and was compelled to descend from his teaching platform, a young, eager student jumped up, grabbed his arm, and said: "May I help you down, Doctor?"

In response to this question, the rabbi uttered words that remind us anew of what is good and what God does require of us all: "Never help a person down," the rabbi told his student. "Try always to help people up."

In this year, marking 350 years of Jewish life in America, we offer up our prayerful and reverential gratitude to the source of life for implanting within our hearts the vision of our noble Republic, ever striving to help people up.

O may all who labor in this House—and in every house—be inspired anew by the prophet Micah's exhortation, a charge that the father of this Nation deeply cherished and repeatedly cited: Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God.

Fervently we pray that the vision we hallow will animate all of us to live

"with malice toward none, with charity for all . . . [so we can finish] the work we are in."

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, DC, May 26, 2005.

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, today, following the leader time, we will resume debate on the nomination of John Bolton to be ambassador to the Security Council of the United Nations. The debate will be divided until the cloture

vote which is scheduled for 6 o'clock tonight. If we are able to invoke cloture at 6, then we would immediately vote up or down on the nomination of John Bolton. We will also receive from the House a short-term extension of the highway bill. We will need to pass that measure before we finish our work for the week as well. We hope to finish our business this evening, and if so, we would not be in session on Friday. That implies a full day today, a lot of discussion and cooperation among our colleagues to accomplish that. We will be making further announcements regarding our schedule when we return at the close of business today.

Finally, I ask unanimous consent that at 5:30, Senator STEVENS be recognized for up to 10 minutes, to be followed by the Democratic leader for 10 minutes, to be followed by the majority leader for up to 10 minutes.

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

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, so we have an orderly process on our side, I would ask unanimous consent that of the time that has been allotted this side, Senator BOXER be given 45 minutes; Senator DODD, 60 minutes; Senator SARBANES, 15 minutes; Senator VOINOVICH, 30 minutes; Senator KERRY, 30 minutes; Senator FEINGOLD, 20 minutes; Senator NELSON of Florida, 10 minutes; Senator OBAMA, 15 minutes; Senator REID, 15 minutes; and Senator BIDEN to control the remaining time for 15 minutes. I am quite certain that the staff has worked it out so our time

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