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

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength whose compassion encompasses humanity and whose mercy never fails, empower our Senators to be partners with You in Your redeeming purposes for this Earth. Remind them that the only greatness they will ever know is linked to Your transforming might. As they strive to please You, make them seekers after peace, justice, and freedom. Transform this storied Chamber of our legislative branch into a place of vision, a lighthouse of hope, and a source of solace for those battered by the raging floods of life. May the Members of this body become architects of a new order of peace and justice for the people of our world.

We pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND 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. BYRD).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 16, 2009.

To the Senate:

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

appoint the Honorable KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND, a Senator from the State of New York, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mrs. GILLIBRAND 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. REID. Madam President, following leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business today for 1 hour. The Republicans will control the first 30 minutes, and the majority will control the second 30 minutes.

Following that morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Defense bill. Today we have two matters that are pending. One is the F-22. In the bill there is a provision to provide an extra \$1.75 billion for more F-22s. Senators LEVIN and MCCAIN, the two managers of the bill, have offered an amendment to strike that. I would hope we can have a vote on that today. That has been pending for several days. In addition to that amendment, we will have a vote in the next 14 hours on the hate crime amendment to this legislation. We can either do it earlier today or after midnight tonight, but we are going to do it before we adjourn here today.

### HONORING THE CAPITOL POLICE

Mr. REID. Madam President, I have five children. As they have grown, we have moved on a number of occasions. But I have been able to keep, as one of my prized possessions and bring back memories of my younger days, a number of things. If you have children, as

the Presiding Officer knows, it is hard to keep things from being broken or misplaced. But I have a number of things I have been able to keep. One is the badge I wore when I was a Capitol policeman here on Capitol Hill. I still have that. It is in my conference room, and occasionally I will look up and see it. It reminds me of my days here in a different capacity as a police officer.

I came to Washington, DC, as a young man to get my law degree. I had a wife and a little baby. I worked from 3 to 11 every night except Sunday. I went to law school full time. But my time as a Capitol policeman was something I will always remember. We did not have the training the police officers have today. That is a gross understatement. We had very little training. But I carried my six-shooter and my uniform, of which I still have some pictures. I am very proud of that. I did not do anything dangerous. I have said here on the Senate floor before, the most dangerous thing I did was direct traffic. I say that because the old streetcar tracks caused the cars to bounce around, and you sometimes would wonder if they would get you because they were going fast up Constitution.

So having had little experience as a police officer, in the sense that we now see these police officers protecting us, I have a deep and genuine appreciation for the sacrifice the men and women who are Capitol police officers make. When I was a Capitol policeman—all men, no women. But now, all over the Capitol complex, there are hundreds of women who help protect us.

The reason I make this brief introduction is yesterday afternoon, our Capitol police once again did their jobs with great bravery and skill. Fortunately, this came at such an interesting time. Next week, a week from tomorrow, we are going to have a ceremony here in the Capitol, as we do every year—I believe this is the 11th year—where we recognize the bravery

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