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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, You have already endowed our Senators with abilities they can use in faithful service to You and country. Make them faithful stewards of Your gifts, as they live to bring glory to Your Name. Lord, undergird them with Your enabling might so that their labors will produce a rich harvest of meaningful accomplishments. May they be Your candles, illuminating the world around them with the light of Your grace and peace. Empower them to persevere and to fight the good fight of faith. Help them to be open and honest with each other, to mean what they say and to say what they mean.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN 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 legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 11, 2010.

To the Senate:

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

appoint the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. SHAHEEN 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, today the Senate will resume consideration of the Wall Street reform legislation. There will be up to 80 minutes for debate with respect to the Sanders and Vitter amendments. We will vote on those matters at around 11:30 a.m. today. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR JIM BUNNING

Mr. REID. Madam President, this past Sunday, a young pitcher for the Oakland Athletics threw a perfect game. For those of you who do not know baseball, the Oakland Athletics is a baseball team, and throwing a perfect game is truly a big deal. It is such a big deal, it is only the 19th time this has ever happened—and baseball started keeping records in 1880—something—and this is the first time it happened on Mother's Day.

Someone did throw a perfect game on Father's Day. On that Sunday, more than 45 years ago, one of our colleagues made history by accomplishing one of the most remarkable, most elusive, and most coveted accomplishments in all of athletics, throwing a perfect game in Major League Baseball. That pitcher

was the junior Senator from Kentucky, JIM BUNNING. He threw the second no-hitter of his Hall of Fame career, and I repeat: this time, a perfect game.

To show how stupendous this game Senator BUNNING pitched was, understand this young man who pitched a perfect game last Sunday did so, I think, throwing 108 pitches, something like that. JIM BUNNING threw 90 pitches. This is unbelievable, that in 9 innings someone could pitch a whole baseball game and throw only 90 pitches. It is a rare occurrence in modern day baseball for someone to complete a game, but to complete a game—and a perfect game—in 90 pitches is truly amazing.

Sometimes in this body, this Senate, our political passions or legislative objectives get in the way of our personal relationships and the respect we show for one another. When that happens, we do a disservice to the citizens we serve. The Senate was created as a place for leaders to work for the American people, and the only way to do that work is to work together, not against each other.

We surely have our differences, just as those we represent do not see eye to eye on every issue. That is inherent in a representative democracy, and none of us is perfect. As Senator JIM BUNNING once said:

Everybody makes mistakes. The only time I've ever been perfect was for about two hours and 10 minutes on June 21, 1964.

But we should also be able to appreciate those differences and appreciate the distinguished men and women who make up this body, the Senate. We have combat veterans. We have a man who has won the Congressional Medal of Honor for his valor in combat. We have doctors. We have teachers, farmers, entrepreneurs, Governors, Cabinet Secretaries. We have an astronaut, the Senator from Florida, and we have a Hall of Fame pitcher, whom I just talked about.

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