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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.

Unto You, O Lord, do we lift our hearts this day in praise and thanksgiving. You are our God and we put our trust in You. Lead us away from shame, for You are our rock and refuge.

Today, give Your grace and strength to our lawmakers. Empower them to live worthy of every trust this Nation commits to their hands. Make them champions of liberty, messengers of peace, and servants of Your kingdom.

We pray in Your great 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. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 15, 2011.

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.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
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, following any leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business until 11 a.m. Senators will be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each during that period of time. At 11 a.m. the Senate will resume consideration of the FAA authorization bill.

At 11:40 a.m. the Senate will resume consideration of the Nelson of Nebraska amendment. There will be up to 20 minutes of debate equally divided prior to a vote in relation to the amendment, as amended. The Nelson amendment relates to criminal penalties for the unauthorized distribution of advanced imaging technology. At about noon, the Senate will proceed to vote in relation to the Nelson amendment, as amended.

The Senate will then recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. for our weekly caucus meetings. After caucus, there will be 10 minutes for debate equally divided prior to a vote in relation to the Wicker amendment, as modified. The Wicker amendment relates to the collective bargaining rights of TSA employees. Senators should expect a vote in relation to the Wicker amendment to begin at about 2:30, 2:25 p.m.

Both of these amendments are subject to 60-vote thresholds. Additional rollcall votes in relation to FAA amendments are expected to occur throughout the day.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 359

Mr. REID. Madam President, H.R. 359 is at the desk and due for a second reading, I am told.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 359) to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions.

Mr. REID. I object to any further proceedings at this time, Madam President.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar under rule XIV.

TRIBUTE TO MANNY PACQUIAO

Mr. REID. Madam President, I am going to take a few minutes today to talk about a friend of Nevada's and a friend of mine. This man is from the other side of the world. His name is Manny Pacquiao. He is in Washington today. Every time I visit with him, I come away more impressed than the last time.

Although those of us who serve here are close with our colleagues in the U.S. Congress—and some even achieve celebrity status inside the beltway itself, the so-called beltway bubble—few of our names and faces are recognizable beyond our shores.

Senator Ted Kennedy was an exception to that rule with fame he earned through the decades he and his family dedicated to public service. So was Senator Clinton—and in her current role as Secretary of State, even more of the world recognizes and respects her. I traveled to Europe with Senator John Glenn. He was a rock star all over Europe. He was a global hero because he orbited the globe.

But no one in our national legislature comes close to the level of worldwide fame of the Congressman from the

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