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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's opening prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Claude Pomerleau, with the congregation of Holy Cross Priests, Portland, OR, and also a Vermonter.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.
Father whose presence is so immediate and mysterious, whose personal care brings this planet and the entire universe into existence by Your creative Word, may we not lose our capacity for wonder, to listen and care for Your creation. It is wisdom and contemplation that allow us to read the signs of the times. You put these signs

in our hearts through music and dance, poetry and prose, arts and sciences. We thank You as day begins, and the energies of Your daughters and sons are focused on the day's business. Inspire these here assembled with the gifts of peace and justice, as Your Word inspires them with courage and compassion for all.

Amen.

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

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