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Senate

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Gracious God, most Holy, the source of our hope, our Senators need Your presence and help for the journey ahead. You have promised that You will never fail or forsake them. So strengthen them to trust You, come what may. Give them patience, faithfulness, and integrity as they wait in faith for the harvest of their stewardship. Allow them to minister to those who daily face the tragedy of war.

Lord, give our lawmakers wisdom, courage, and perseverance to serve their generation in a way that honors You. Give us all such faith that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives with godliness and integrity.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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 (Mrs. MURRAY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 20, 2024.

To the Senate:

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

appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER MURPHY, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MURPHY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED—RESUMED

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3935, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 211, H.R. 3935, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
The majority leader is recognized.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, the Senate gavels in on Saturday with a singular goal in mind: to prepare to act when the House sends us a national security supplemental.

We hope to reach an agreement very soon on clearing the path for the Senate to take up the supplemental after the House acts. We came to a tentative agreement last night, and if the hotline clears this morning, we expect to announce an agreement allowing the next vote to be on Tuesday, early afternoon. I hope we can make an announcement later this morning.

I thank my colleagues for their good work on getting this momentous piece of legislation near the finish line.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHATZ). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The majority whip.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:05 a.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 3:28 p.m. when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. HICKENLOOPER).

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LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN
AVIATION ACT—MOTION TO PRO-
CEED—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 815

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate receives a message from the House to accompany H.R. 815 and if Senator SCHUMER or his designee requests that the Chair lay the message before the Senate, the Chair lay the message before the Senate without further intervening action; further, that if cloture is filed with respect to the message, it ripen upon disposition of a Lee or designee motion to table a pending amendment or motion, if a motion to table is made, or 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that if cloture is

filed on the House message to accompany H.R. 815, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments be at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 23.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4389. An act to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23,
2024

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 211, H.R. 3935.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,
APRIL 23, 2024, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:30 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 10 a.m.