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The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the Honorable JEFF SESSIONS, a Senator from the State of Alabama.

PRAYER

The Honorable JEFF SESSIONS offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we praise You for the constancy and consistency of Your faithfulness in blessing and guiding the Senate of the United States through the years of our Nation's history. We turn to You today again to know that You will be faithful, to give the women and men of this Senate exactly what is needed in each hour, each challenge, each decision. Give us light when our vision is dim, courage when we need to be bold, decisiveness when it would be easy to equivocate, and hope when others are tempted to be discouraged.

So we commit ourselves to be Your faithful servants, examples of patriotism to our people and crusaders of the best for our Nation. In Your holy name. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 21, 1997.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF SESSIONS, a Senator from the State of Alabama, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. SESSIONS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Arkansas.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m. The Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. We will be recessed for the weekly policy luncheons.

When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1173, the ISTEPA reauthorization bill. Members are encouraged to participate in debating this important legislation during today's session. In addition, the Senate may turn to any appropriations conference reports that become available. Therefore, roll-call votes are expected throughout today's session.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] is recognized to speak for up to 10 minutes.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. HUTCHINSON pertaining to the introduction of S. 1299 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. HUTCHINSON. I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Hawaii.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REVEREND DR. ABRAHAM AKAKA, PASTOR EMERITUS, KAWAIAHAO CHURCH

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of the Reverend Dr. Abraham Akaka, my brother

Abe, who passed away last month. Brother Abe, as our family knew him, was "kahu," meaning shepherd in Hawaiian, to people of faith in Hawaii. For 28 years, he was pastor of Kawaiahaeo Church, the Westminster Abbey of the Pacific, Christianity's mother church in Hawaii. A true man of God, he dedicated his life to serving our church and its congregation, while attending to the spiritual needs of our people and communities across our State, and Nation. In a life marked by numerous achievements, honors, awards, and titles, the appellation "kahu" best describes Brother Abe.

He was also a beloved husband and wonderful father to his five children, aided in his ministry by his wife Mary Lou Jeffrey Akaka. He was a source of comfort and inspiration, a bulwark of strength, and font of love for our family, and will be sorely missed.

Mr. President, I ask that a tribute I offered at my brother's memorial service at Kawaiahaeo Church be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATEMENT OF TRIBUTE BY SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA AT THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF THE REVEREND DR. ABRAHAM KAHIKINA AKAKA, KAWAIAHAO CHURCH, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1997

Aloha ke Akua!
Mama Kahu, Mary Lou, Fenner, Pua, Sally, Sandy, Jeff—the family of Abraham Akaka. Spiritual, Community, Governmental, Business Leaders of Hawai'i, our sister States and the World; and friends, all who were personally touched by the ministry of this Man of God, Rev. Dr. Abraham Kahikina Akaka.

Aloha! I rise on behalf of my family, the descendants of Simeon, Pulu and Kahikina Akaka to give honor and pay tribute to brother Abe. He was truly a distinguished human being who believed deeply in God, our Lord Jesus Christ and the "pono" (making things right) as the destiny for mankind—those with needs on every level of human existence. He was the Kahu, the Shepherd to all people.

Words and time do not permit me to tell you of his untold accomplishments. Brother

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was a mortal being like you and me and was gifted with many Blessings from the Lord that determined his life and mission. He was a channel to all for God's love. He was in the right place at the proper time and had a manner that brought about positive changes to personal lives and our diversified communities. He was constantly working to prescribe understandable goals, even through metaphors, that we might be guided to assuring a productive, useful and positive future for all rather than a future of futility and obsolescence. He held high hopes for the people of Hawai'i, the people of our country and the people of our world.

As you know, Abe was born in a family whose parents nurtured their children in the Christian faith and lived by the Christian faith. Ma and Pa began and ended each day with a family devotion known as ohana. We thanked God at each meal and had to be home to auau, take a bath, when the ice house whistle blew at 5 p.m. and shortly after dinner we retired for the night. School and church dominated our activities. Sunday was devoted to Sunday school at 9 a.m.; service at 10:30 a.m. Pauoa Apana service at 2 p.m.; Christian Endeavor at 6 p.m.; evening church service at 7:30 p.m.; we were back home at 9 p.m. We attended Pauoa School, Kawanakoa School, McKinley High School, University of Hawai'i during the week. As the baby in our family, I was the only one that attended the Kamehameha Schools and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Though our family was young and close-knit, brother Abe was the one that worked at developing a beautiful body and played the "Tarzan" role in the trees. He even caught, from the circular saw, flying ice flakes in his hands to eat like shaved ice. Brother John tells me of Abe, at Akaka Lane, falling into the taro patch on broken glass which cut his arm badly and caused him to bleed profusely. Brother Johnny and sister Susan called sister Phenbe for help because they didn't know what to do. And sister Pheobe nursed Abe through this and many other predicaments during his young life.

Since Pa and Ma led us, our family recited our memory bible verses, sang hymns, usually recited the 23rd Psalm in Hawaiian, kneeled and prayed and repeated the Lord's Prayer in Hawaiian together, at each ohana. As a result, Abe became a talented singer and musician, along with sister Annie and brother John. Sisters Phoebe and Susan, brother Joe and I trailed behind them. Such was our family life with Ma and Pa, Tutu Kahoa of Pearl City and Tutu Akaka and Tutu Hiwauli of Pauoa.

Following the Conference of World Christian Youth in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1939, Abe made his decision to educate himself to serve our Lord. How did brother affect people? How did people perceive him? He saved lives by helping people over crucial moments of despair and anxiety by spiritual counseling and financial assistance. He was accessible to help the needs of all—from CEOs to workers—from the rich to the poor—from those in their twilight years to those in the dawn of life. He was truly the Shepherd, a man of God; a visionary (rebel); believed and lived God first, others second, self last; related every utterance to God; extended and lived the Love of God (Aloha ke Akua); was a profound and deep thinker; extremely courteous, caring and generous; went the extra mile; good listener; had a keen sense of understanding situations; gave you 100% of his attention even though he was running to another appointment; prolific writer; expressive composer; a clarity man, made things clear; man of "pono"; good communicator through speaking, chatting, writing, promptness in writing and sending postcards; grate-

ful man; man of creative expressions in music, oratory, prayer; believed that something new should be blessed and started right in God's hands; very humble man; would not let grass "grow under his feet"; he moved to build bridges, bring harmony to people and functions and did not let the future lead toward obsolescence.

Do you know that (to mention a few):

He was the State Senate Chaplain in 1959 for 2 years.

His Statehood address was disseminated all over the world.

He was a UH Regent, 1961-63.

The Saturday Evening Post wrote of him as the "Hustling Shepherd", Aug. '62.

He received the NAACP Award, 1964 (Civil Rights).

He was Chair of the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

He conducted a Service of Thanksgiving for the safe return of the Apollo 13 Astronauts at Kawaiahao Church with President and Mrs. Nixon (Aug. 19, 1970).

Preached at the White House, April 19, 1970, by invitation from President Nixon.

He was a notable composer—Kristo ka Pohaku Kihi, 1989, Aloha Ke Akua, 1996, and others.

He was honored by being given the prestigious privilege of delivering the Prayer in both the U.S. House and Senate. Excerpts from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

[CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—House, Sept. 14, 1977]

PRAYER BY REV. DR. ABRAHAM KAHIKINA
AKAKA

Ma Ka Inoa O Ka Makua, Keiki, Kauhane Hemolele—Almighty God, under whose mercy and judgment all people rise and fall, let Thy guiding hand be upon our beloved Nation, like a loving carpenter's level, that President Carter, Speaker O'Neill, Members of this House, and all who bear responsibility for the peaceful future of our world, can be faithful in our common stewardship of power, justice, and aloha. As new storms gather about us and our world, help all Americans exercise our puritanical responsibility for the whole social order, fulfill that responsibility in our private and public arenas, and thus give vital moral and political direction to our Nation and the nations.

Hear O America and planet Earth, the Lord our God is one Lord. Amen.

[CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—Senate, Sept. 15, 1977]

PRAYER

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Our guest chaplain for today is the undisputed religious leader of Hawaii and, to the people of Hawaii, its social conscience, the Reverend Abraham Akaka, pastor of the oldest church in Hawaii, Kawaiahao Church.

The Reverend Dr. Abraham K. Akaka, pastor, Kawaiahao Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

One nation, one world under God, with liberty and justice for all.

Almighty God, our Father, under whose mercy and judgment all people rise or fall, let Thy guiding hand be upon our beloved Nation like a gentle carpenter's level, that President Carter, Vice President Mondale, the Members of this Senate, and all who bear responsibility for the peaceful future of our world may be clear and faithful in our common stewardship of power, justice, and aloha.

Whenever dark clouds may gather about us and our world, help us and all American remember our precious heritage of faith, to exercise our puritan responsibility for the whole social order, to fulfill that responsibility

in our private and public arenas and thus give vital moral and political direction to our Nation and the nations.

Help us to walk with integrity in Thy righteousness that we may fear no man or media. Let no evil have claim upon us and our Nation. Destroy, O God what is evil. Establish what is good. Let the beauty and glory, the prosperity and peace, joy and aloha of the Lord our God be upon us and our Nation. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Hear, O America. Hear, O planet Earth, the Lord our God is one Lord. Amen.

[CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—Senate, May 9, 1991]

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The prayer will be offered by the guest chaplain; Rev. Dr. Abraham Akaka, pastor emeritus of Kawaiahao Church, Honolulu, HI.

My brother.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

God has made of many national and ethnic, political and economic, religious and social diversities, but of one blood—all His children to dwell on the face of one Earth. Almighty God, our Father, as our ancient Hawaiian ancestors found new islands of life and order, sailing their brave voyaging canoes even in the face of deadly storms, by making and maintaining connection with their right guiding star, so let it be with our beloved Nation and with all peoples of our planet.

Bless our President, our Senate, and House, all who bear authority in government, nationally and locally, that by following the starlight of Your truth, justice, and love, we may help our Nation and all nations gain our right bearings with Thee.

Let no one play games with the light of Your truth and justice—and thus place our canoe in harm's way. Help us lead our Nation and all nation in turning clenched fists into open hands of friendship and family, in finding together the best ways for sailing our common canoe surely and safely to our promised new space island.

Let our connection with thy light turn MC2—massive cremation squared, into CM2—creative mutuality squared, that we and all mankind may become one winning crew-sailing our space canoe faithfully with Thee to our New World Order.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord—Adonai Elohaynu Adonai Echod—for the Lord our God is one Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. President, I ask the Senate to pause for a moment and note a rare and inspiring event which has just occurred when the prayer was read by the Reverend Akaka, brother of Senator AKAKA, now the Presiding Officer, and a Member of the U.S. Senate from Hawaii.

The people of Hawaii and the Akaka family can take justifiable pride in the service of two sons to the people of their State in two different but honorable ways.

The Reverend Akaka serves the spiritual needs of the people of Hawaii. Senator AKAKA serves with great distinction the material needs of the people of Hawaii.

We are honored to have Senator AKAKA as a valued and beloved Member of this body, and we are very pleased and honored to welcome his brother today and thank him for his very fine prayer.

THE REVEREND DR. ABRAHAM AKAKA, GUEST
CHAPLAIN

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I thank the leader for his generous remarks, and I appreciate his remarks, because our relationship in our family is very close.

It is indeed a signal honor and a privilege for me to be permitted by the U.S. Senate to convene this honorable body today as its Acting President pro tempore, and a genuine personal pleasure to introduce my brother, the Reverend Dr. Abraham Akaka, to give the opening prayer.

Brother Abe, as our family knows him; or "kahu," meaning "shepherd" in Hawaiian, as many in our community in Hawaii know him, was born in Honolulu 74 years ago. He began his service to the Lord and our people after graduating from the Chicago Theological Seminary of the University of Chicago, with a bachelor of divinity degree.

He was the pastor of our Kawaiahao Church, the mother church of Hawaii, for 28 years. With brotherly love and family pride, I think I can fairly say that Brother Abe was Kawaiahao Church, and Kawaiahao Church was Brother Abe. He dedicated his life to serving our church and its parishioners and the greater Hawaii, and forgave me for my brotherly pride, but the church will not be the same again without him. In 1964, he lobbied here in Washington, DC, for the Civil Rights Act, was the first chairman of the civil rights commission for the State of Hawaii, and sent leis that were worn by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and his supporters in the Selma, AL, march. He began to organize the Congress of Hawaiian People, Friends of Kamehameha Schools, and Council of Hawaiian Organizations. He served as regent of the University of Hawaii.

Among the honors bestowed on my brother are honorary doctoral degrees from the Chicago Theological Seminary of the University of Chicago, the University of Hawaii, Illinois Wesleyan University, the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, and Salem College in West Virginia. He served as the chaplain in our territorial senate, and subsequently, our State senate. He gave our statehood sermon on May 13, 1959, and inspired our Hawaii State Legislature to name our State, "the Aloha State." Following Henry J. Kaiser, he received the Hawaii Salesman of the Year in 1952.

Brother Abe has been most ably assisted in his calling by his bride of 47 years, Mary Louise Jeffrey Akaka. They share their love with five children and seven grandchildren.

In retirement, Kahu continues to serve through the Akaka Foundation.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE FROM PRESIDENT AND MRS. CLINTON TO MRS. ABRAHAM AKAKA

DEAR MRS. AKAKA: Hillary and I were saddened to learn of your husband's death, and we extend our deepest sympathy. We hope that the love and support of your family and friends will sustain and comfort you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON.

We weep with sorrow because he will no longer talk, walk, eat and play with us. We rejoice knowing that he is with God, with Ma, with Pa, and with members of our family in that Beautiful City of God in heaven—pearls, goldlined streets, river of life. He has left each of us a legacy of his life, his light and ministry to carry and bear here on earth. I can hear him speak in his velvety, soft voice. John 13:34, "A commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

A POEM FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE REV. ABRAHAM AKAKA

Abe, you are not dead;
Christ has but set you free.
Your years of life were like a lovely song;
The last poignant notes held strong.
Then you passed into silence, and,

We who love you feel that grief
For you would surely be wrong—
You have but passed beyond
Where we can see.
For us who knew you,
Dread of life is past;
You took life in its fullest to the last.
It never lost for you it's lovely look;
You kept your commitment to God's book.
To you death came no conqueror in the end;
You merely rose to greet Christ, your friend.

—Anonymous.

His Master said unto him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been good and faithful . . . now enter into the joy of your Master."

I will miss him. He was my inspiration. I will miss his mana' and loving spirit.

Aloha ke Akua!

Mr. AKAKA. I thank the Chair very much. I yield the floor.

Mr. President, 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. ASHCROFT. 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.

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be able to proceed as in morning business for up to 8 minutes.

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

UNITED STATES-CHINA NUCLEAR COOPERATION

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today to address the disturbing prospect that President Clinton will make the necessary certification to Congress that would permit so-called nuclear cooperation between the United States and China. I really believe we should be honest with each other. This is a political decision, driven by the United States-China October summit rather than the facts of China's weapons proliferation record.

The prospect of nuclear cooperation with China is perhaps the clearest illustration yet of the trust but don't verify approach behind the administration's China policy. The administration does not want Chinese President Jiang Zemin to return to Beijing empty-handed. But I question the need to make concessions to China in the first place.

China has a weapons proliferation record that is unrivaled in the world. Chinese trade barriers continue to block U.S. goods and companies. In the last several years, Beijing has had a human rights record that has resulted in the most intense religious persecution in several decades, and of course it has also resulted in the silencing of all political dissidents in China, according to our State Department reports.

In spite of such behavior, nuclear cooperation with China could become a reality. Beijing has made a host of non-

proliferation promises to acquire United States nuclear technology, and the administration is applauding China's efforts. Sadly, China's promises of all new export controls and assurance that no nuclear technology will be sent to unsafeguarded nuclear facilities will do little to stem China's proliferation activity.

China has made and broken nuclear nonproliferation commitments for over a decade, and they have broken them with great regularity. Little confidence can be placed in China's new nonproliferation promises until Beijing backs up such commitments with action. Disregarding the issue of whether or not China can be trusted, each of China's nonproliferation commitments is deficient in important areas.

China's new export controls are untested, and will be administered by agencies with close ties to the China National Nuclear Corporation—that is the organization which has helped Iran prospect for uranium and that is the organization which transferred ring magnets used for uranium enrichment to an unsafeguarded nuclear facility in Pakistan. So we are alleging that we are going to have nonproliferation. Then we are going to put it in the hands of the organization which has been a massive proliferator of nuclear weapons technology and capacity.

The ring magnet transfer was in apparent violation of United States law, although the Clinton administration did not impose sanctions as a violation of China's commitments—so we had a violation of our law—it was a violation of China's commitments under the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and our administration refused to impose sanctions. I just don't think we can continue to turn our head away from the violations and then turn our head toward this country and say, well, in spite of all that we'll wink and establish a new level of cooperation.

With regard to China, China has had great cooperation with Iran on nuclear issues. The administration is allowing China to use nuclear blackmail to obtain United States nuclear technology as it relates to Iran. China will consider forswearing new nuclear cooperation, it says, with Iran, such as the sale of a nuclear reactor and a plant for uranium conversion, if the administration will allow United States-China nuclear cooperation to proceed. They are threatening to proliferate more nuclear weapons and proliferate more nuclear technology if we don't give them additional nuclear information and additional nuclear technology with which they could violate agreements like they have regularly. China's pledge to join the Zangger committee says more about what China is unwilling to do rather than signaling a new commitment to nonproliferation. China has joined the Zangger committee and not the Nuclear Suppliers Group because Zangger members can continue to export nuclear technology to countries which keep some nuclear facilities