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Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by Chaplain Charles H. Richmond, national chaplain of the American Legion, Edmond, OK. Pleased to have you with us.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Dr. Charles H. Richmond, national chaplain of the American Legion, offered the following prayer.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to You our Creator, Supreme Judge, and God of all nature we pray. As we pledge allegiance to our God and the flag of our country, may it not be a mere salute to custom or tradition, but a sincere desire to know and to follow Thy will. We need not ask for Thy presence, because You are always near. Instead we pray that we might have receptive hearts and minds, in tune with Thy will, so that we may listen to Your voice. The weight of responsibility is heavy. The Holy Scripture speaking of government says, "There is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God * * * for the authorities are God's servants who give their full time to governing." We give thanks for men and women who are willing, able, and committed to government service. Give our leaders the continued strength, integrity, courage, and wisdom not only to govern, make laws and policies, and direct our Government, but also to lead the American people in right living and patriotism. Give us the wisdom and conscience to know what is right, and the strength to do what is right, that we may truly pray "God bless America."

Mr. NICKLES addressed the Chair.

RECOGNITION OF THE ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able assistant majority leader, Senator NICKLES, is recognized.

Mr. NICKLES. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

DR. CHARLES H. RICHMOND, GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I thank the guest Chaplain, Dr. Charles Richmond from Edmond, OK, for a beautiful prayer. I also thank him for his service to our country as national chaplain of the American Legion, but also for his lifetime of dedication and service to God and country in his capacity as a leader.

He has given his time to the American Legion, first serving as chaplain of the Oklahoma American Legion Boys State for the past 5 years and, more recently, becoming the national chaplain of the American Legion in September 1996.

Dr. Richmond is an ordained Southern Baptist minister. He has touched the lives of the members of many churches throughout Oklahoma and across our country. Although now retired, he continues to be active in many church and religious activities.

Dr. Richmond has been an educator. He has also served as a public schoolteacher, a coach, a counselor, and a principal. In addition, he served as dean of men and later dean of student affairs at the University of Central Oklahoma for over a quarter of a century.

Dr. Richmond began his lifelong dedication to God and our country as a young man. In 1942, he entered World War II, the youngest person ever to enter the Chaplain Service. Only 30 days after entering the Army, he was sent overseas to Asia, where he devoted 2½ years to serving United States troops during the China, Burma, and India campaign. In 1950, he was reac-

tivated with the Oklahoma National Guard and served in Korea and Japan. While in Japan, he led the building of a Christian church which spawned 22 churches and missions over the next 10 years. Dr. Richmond later served 20 years as division chaplain of the Oklahoma National Guard.

Dr. Richmond has served the community of Edmond as president of the Edmond, OK, club of Rotary International. In March 1996, he was chosen to serve as the Oklahoma State Senate chaplain.

Today, I am honored to recognize Dr. Charles Richmond, a great American and Oklahoman, as guest Chaplain in the U.S. Senate.

Dr. Richmond, again, I thank you for an outstanding prayer, words of encouragement—one that I hope all of us will certainly pay attention to.

SCHEDULE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I announce that following morning business today, the Senate will begin consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 5, the waiver resolution for the Barshefsky nomination, at 1 p.m. Under a previous order, there will be 3 hours of debate on the Hollings amendment and 1 hour of debate following the resolution itself. Following disposition of the amendment and the resolution, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the nomination of Charlene Barshefsky, to be U.S. Trade Representative. Therefore, Senators can expect several rollcall votes throughout Wednesday's session of the Senate.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

CHANGE OF ALLOCATION OF MORNING BUSINESS TIME

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the morning

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business time allotted to Senator GRAM of Florida be allocated to Senator DORGAN.

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

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I understand there is a resolution at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 22) to express the sense of the Congress concerning the application by the Attorney General for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 Presidential election campaign.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, on behalf of other colleagues, I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution will be placed on the calendar.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business, not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein not to exceed 5 minutes each.

The Senator from Pennsylvania is recognized.

Mr. SANTORUM. Thank you, Mr. President.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, this morning, I attended a press conference with Representative CHARLES CANADY from Florida, as well as Senator HATCH and Congressman HYDE, the chairmen of the respective bodies' Judiciary Committees, to introduce the House bill, which is companion to the bill I introduced last month, on the issue of partial-birth abortions.

At that press conference, Senator HATCH and Chairman HYDE announced a joint House-Senate Judiciary Committee, calling witnesses before the joint committee hearing to talk about previous testimony given by those organizations to Congress in light of the disclosure of Ron Fitzsimmons, who heads an organization of abortion clinics, that he "lied through his teeth," and others, likewise, I will add—this is me speaking, not him—lied through their teeth in telling Congress and the American public the situations in

which the partial-birth abortion procedure was used and the number of times that procedure was used.

I said at that press conference, and I will say to my colleagues in the Senate today, as I did last year when we debated this bill, I am hopeful that as a result of the new information having been brought to light, not just with Mr. Fitzsimmons but, frankly, over the past year or so, with this new information that has been brought to light not just by him, but by newspaper reports, magazine reports from the mainstream media, that we will have Members of the Senate on both sides—I ask everyone to relook at this issue and base your decisions on the facts as we now know them, not the misinformation or disinformation given out by organizations like the National Abortion Rights Action League or Planned Parenthood or others who deliberately lied to the American public, misled the American public on a variety of issues.

First, they came to the Congress and said—in fact, look at Members of Congress on the House side, going to the well, saying this was true because these organizations said it was true, that the procedure was done under anesthesia and the anesthesia killed the baby.

We had an anesthesiologist come forward and say, "Wait a minute, we have women now who won't get anesthesia to deliver children," which is normal in this country, of course, "because they are afraid they are going to kill their baby," and so they had to back off. "Well, we didn't really mean that." Well, of course they meant it. They testified to it.

Then the next great lie was that this was a procedure done, you know, with only a few hundred a year, only with women whose health was in danger or whose children were fatally deformed, and, as a result of that, we need to have this option available. "There's only a few hundred a year."

In fact, you know, tap into NARAL's home page. You will find the information still there. At least it was a couple days ago until some people found it. Now they may have pulled it. But they still say there are only a couple hundred being performed and only in the third trimester. That was their argument all along. It is a lie. That is what Mr. Fitzsimmons says—he lied through his teeth.

How would he know? He is the president of an organization of abortion clinics. He called up the doctors of the clinics, and the doctors said, "No. We perform this fairly routinely," not just on third trimester babies—and some are—but the vast majority—95 percent is my guess, or even more—are on healthy mothers with healthy babies in the fifth and sixth months of pregnancy. Those are the facts.

If Members of this body will look at those facts and vote based on the facts as we know them—this procedure, which involves taking a baby, late term, fifth, sixth, in rare cases seventh,

eighth, maybe even ninth month, but in rare cases in that situation, taking this baby, delivering the baby feet first, delivering the entire baby except for the head, then taking a pair of scissors and puncturing the base of the skull, sticking a suction tube in there and suctioning the brains out, killing the baby and then delivering this now dead baby.

If the Members of the U.S. Senate know, as we do know now, that that happens, not a few hundred times—in my opinion, a few hundred times is pretty horrible—now several thousand times, at least according to Mr. Fitzsimmons, 3,000 to 5,000—given the industry track record on what they report, probably multiples of that, but at least that many—whether we are going to condone healthy moms, healthy babies, some of them viable, being allowed to have this abortion done in this just most gruesome manner.

So I ask the Members of the Senate to not just fall into your camp that you are comfortable with, you know, if you are pro-choice, "I've got to be pro-choice." This is not pro-life, not pro-choice, certainly not Democrat or Republican. There were Democrats at the press conference. Democrats have been some of the most vocal supporters of this bill. This is an issue of who we are as a country and who this body is as a Senate.

We have a life-of-the-mother exception. I know Members continue to get up and say, "Well, we need to do this to protect the life of the mother." There is a life-of-the-mother exception. It is clear. It is solid. No one who reads it would say it is anything but a life-of-the-mother exception.

So, if this procedure needs to be done to save the life of the mother, which I have not found anybody who says it is necessary, but if it is, you can do it. But after that, this procedure must be made illegal, given the facts as we now know them.

So I am asking Members, new Members who have not voted on this issue, and Members who have voted the other way in particular, to take a look at this information.

Let me challenge folks here in the other gallery, in the news media, to start doing your homework. This information was readily available. All you had to do was report it. All you had to do was look. All you had to do is ask. I know you folks love to believe people who agree with you, and you take that as gospel. Well, do your work. Investigate. Find out the truth.

The American public just does not want to hear what your friends in these organizations say is the truth. They want to know the real truth. It is your job to tell them. We tried to tell them. We were here giving you the facts. You just decided not to report them. Tell the truth. Let the American public know what is really going on out there. When they continue, as they will, to lie on television, these organizations, to try to hide their dirty secrets, call