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The Senate met at 9:31 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. Thurmond].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, in these troublesome days of conflict and consternation, frustration and fatigue, stress and strain, we come to You seeking Your special tonic for tiredness. I intercede on behalf of the Senators and their staffs and all who are feeling the energy-sapping tension of this time. I claim Your promise, "As your days, so shall your strength be."—Deuteronomy 33:25. Your strength is perfectly matched for whatever life will dish out today. You promise us the stamina of ever-increasing fortitude. In the quiet of this moment, we open the flood gates of our souls and ask You to flood our minds with a refreshing renewal of hope in You, our emotions with a calm confidence in help from You, and our bodies with invigorating health through You.

Thank You, mighty God, Creator of the universe and Re-creator of those who trust You, for this most crucial appointment of the day with You. You have commanded us to be still and know that You are God. Lift our burdens, show us solutions to our problems, and give us the courage to press on. You are our Lord and Saviour.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa, 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr VOINOVICH). The majority leader.

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, Chairman.

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