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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

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

Gracious Father, we join Americans across the Nation in celebrating the 90th birthday of President Ronald Reagan. On this day, Democrats and Republicans unite in thanking You for Ronald Reagan's life and leadership, his patriotism and character, and his wisdom and vision. Our prayers for our former President and friend lift us above politics as we pray that You will tenderly care for him in these days of illness and recovery from surgery. In Your wondrous grace, penetrate to the depths of his soul with Your comfort and assurance of our admiration. Through Your Spirit, may he somehow feel the love that overflows from the hearts of people here in the Senate and throughout the land.

Dear Lord, bless Nancy Reagan as she continues to care for the President with indefatigable devotion and courageous love. Be with the family as they celebrate this day with the joy of wonderful memories and deep affection. We renew our commitment to pray for and support the research seeking a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Now we invite You to fill this Chamber with Your presence and each Senator with Your power for the work of this day. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE 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 (Mr. THURMOND).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 6, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. L. CHAFEE thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators DURBIN, DASCHLE, and HUTCHISON in control of the time. By previous consent, at 12:30 p.m. the Senate will recess for the weekly party conference meetings. Upon reconvening at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Robert Zoellick to be U.S. Trade Representative. There will be up to 2 hours debate on the nomination, with a vote scheduled to occur at 4:15 p.m.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 235

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 235) to provide enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this bill at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. REID. 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. WELLSTONE. 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. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, could I ask, what are the terms of morning business?

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

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 exceed beyond the hour of 12:30 p.m.

Under the previous order, the time until 10:30 a.m. shall be under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I yield myself 10 minutes.

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

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