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Senate

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

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

O God of hope, You have shown us that authentic hope always is rooted in Your faithfulness in keeping Your promises. We hear the psalmist's assurance, "And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You."—Psalm 39:7. We place our hope in Your problem-solving power, Your conflict-resolving presence, and Your anxiety-dissolving peace.

You inspire in us authentic hope in You. We thank You for the incredible happiness we feel when we trust You completely. The expectation of Your timely interventions give us stability and serenity. It makes us bold and courageous, fearless, and free. Again, we agree with the psalmist, "Happy are the people whose God is the Lord."—Psalm 144:15.

Today we thank You for the leadership You have given the Senate through TRENT LOTT and DON NICKLES. Now we ask for Your blessing on TOM DASCHLE and HARRY REID as they assume the demanding responsibilities of majority leadership. Grant all of the Senators the gift of loyalty and inspire the spirit of patriotism that overcomes party spirit and the humility that makes possible dynamic unity. You, dear God, are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable BARBARA BOXER, a Senator from the State of California, 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, June 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 HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

ELECTION OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BYRD AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows.

A resolution (S. Res. 100) to elect Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 100) reads as follows:

S. RES. 100

Resolved, That Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, be, and he is hereby, elected President of the Senate pro tempore, in accordance with rule I, paragraph 1, of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider and move to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion was agreed to.

NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 101) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 101) reads as follows:

S. RES. 101

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, as President pro tempore.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider and move to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion was agreed to.
(Applause, Senators rising.)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The President pro tempore advanced to the desk of the Acting President pro

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tempore; the oath was administered to him by the Acting President pro tempore.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 102) notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 102) reads as follows:

S. RES. 102

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of Robert C. Byrd, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, as President pro tempore.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider and move to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion was agreed to.

THANKING AND ELECTING STROM THURMOND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Mr. LOTT. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 103) expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Strom Thurmond for his service as President pro tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Thurmond as President pro tempore emeritus of the United States Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There being no objection to the consideration of the resolution, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 103) reads as follows:

S. RES. 103

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deepest gratitude to Senator Strom Thurmond for his dedication and commitment during his service to the Senate as the President pro tempore, further as a token of appreciation of the Senate for his long and faithful service Senator Strom Thurmond is hereby designated President pro tempore emeritus of the United States Senate.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider and move to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion was agreed to.

ELECTION OF MARTIN P. PAONE AS SECRETARY OF THE MAJORITY

Mr. DASCHLE. I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 104) electing Martin P. Paone as secretary for the majority of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to the immediate consideration of the resolution.

Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 104) reads as follows:

S. RES. 104

Resolved, That Martin P. Paone of Virginia, be, and he is hereby, elected Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, effective June 6, 2001.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move to reconsider and move to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The motion was agreed to.

ELECTION OF ELIZABETH B. LETCHWORTH AS SECRETARY OF THE MINORITY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send another resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 105) electing Elizabeth B. Letchworth as secretary for the minority of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to the immediate consideration of the resolution.

Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 105) reads as follows:

S. RES. 105

Resolved, That Elizabeth B. Letchworth, of Virginia, be, and she is hereby, elected Secretary for the Minority of the Senate, effective June 6, 2001.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider and move to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion was agreed to.

SERVING IN THE SENATE

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank the distinguished Senator from South Carolina, STROM THURMOND, for his service to our country and to this body as President pro tempore.

I offer my hearty congratulations to Senator ROBERT C. BYRD in returning to this high position this morning. Between these two men, the Senate enjoys 90 years of service. The wisdom they have given Members is beyond measure.

I thank my partner, my counterpart, Senator LOTT. This is the second time this year Senator LOTT and I have switched roles. To us, this is just another in a series of challenges he and I have faced already this year. Every time we have been presented with these challenges, we have come through with our working relationship and our friendship not only intact but, in my view, strengthened. It is my hope and my expectation that we will continue to be able to work together in this manner.

Finally, there is another person who deserves special recognition. That is Senator JEFFORDS. Last week, I was deeply touched by Senator JEFFORDS' courageous decision and his eloquent words. The Senator from Vermont has always commanded bipartisan respect because of the work he does. Regardless of where he sits in this Chamber, his work will continue, and America will be better for it.

This, indeed, is a humbling moment for me. I am honored to serve as majority leader, but I also recognize that the majority is slim. This is still one of the most closely divided Senates in history.

We have just witnessed something that has never happened in all of Senate history—the change of power during a session of Congress.

At the same time Americans are evenly divided about their choice of leaders, they are united in their demand for action. Polarized positions are an indulgence that the Senate cannot afford and our Nation will not tolerate.

Republicans and Democrats come to this floor with different philosophies and different agendas, but there are beliefs we share. Both Republicans and Democrats believe in the power of ideas. Both Republicans and Democrats believe in fashioning those ideas into sound public policy. The debate on that policy is what I like to call the noise of democracy. Sometimes it is not a very stereophonic sound. Sometimes there is too much sound from the right or from the left. But it is a sound that, in my view, is beautiful—especially in comparison to the noise of violence we hear in so many places all over the world today.

In this divided Government—in spite of the passion with which we hold these ideas, in spite of the fervor with which we come to the floor to represent them—we are required to find common ground and seek meaningful bipartisanship. As I have said before, real bipartisanship is not a mathematical formula; it is a spirit. It is not simply finding a way to reach 50 plus 1. It is a way of working together that tolerates debate. It means seeking principled compromise. It means respecting the right of each Senator to speak his or her mind and to vote his or her conscience.

In this Senate, at this time, on this historic occasion, each Member has something to prove. We need to prove