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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable LINDSEY GRAHAM, a Senator from the State of South Carolina.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be given by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Campbell Gillon, pastor emeritus of Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we thank Thee for this cornucopia of a continent, blessed not only by natural beauty and resources but by the courage, endurance, inventive skill, and robust faith of those who came, and by the vision and wisdom of the Founders who lived with the awareness that their deeds were done under Thy Providence. We are heirs to a freedom, itself not free, but bought by others' sacrifice. We think even now of those who suffered and died to pass on this legacy.

Remind us, Lord, that the everyday panoramic picture of life in this land is only possible when maintained within the framework of a strong defense. Since the only guarantee of the rights enunciated by the Constitution lies in the will of people prepared to die for them, then multiply, O God, our gratitude to all those who have done so in the past and those who continue to lay their lives on the line for the long-term safety and protection of this Nation and the cause of liberty across the globe. In these testing times give guidance and steadfastness to freedom's defenders: the President and his advisors, the Armed Forces, our allies, and the representatives of the people who gather under this roof.

O God, although the future is unknown, yet grant to this Senate to see clearly the eternal beacons by which the Founders were led. So bless them with vision informed by wisdom; wisdom instructed by truth; truth revealed to integrity and integrity

touched by love—all learned in humility before Thee, O God, whose children we are called to be. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LINDSEY GRAHAM 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. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, March 26, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable LINDSEY GRAHAM, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. LINDSEY GRAHAM thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. For the information of all Senators, this morning there will be a period for morning business until 11:30 a.m. A number of Members have requested time to make remarks regarding our courageous men and

women of the Armed Forces, and this morning will be an opportunity for them to do that.

At 11:30, we will resume consideration of the budget resolution. We made substantial progress yesterday. Of the 22 amendments remaining on the list, far fewer will be offered and require votes. We will resume voting on the offered amendments at 11:30 a.m. and will continue voting over the course of the afternoon until we reach passage of the resolution.

Under the consent agreement reached last week, we will vote on adoption of the budget resolution at 4 p.m. today. It may be possible to complete action on the resolution earlier than that, but we will have to wait and see how many amendments will actually necessitate votes over the course of the late morning and early afternoon. To this point, we have had 45 rollcall votes on this budget resolution.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the chairman and ranking member for their orderly consideration of this very important measure. I will have more to say about their good work as we approach passage over the course of the afternoon.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. While the majority leader is in the Chamber, on behalf of the Senate, I commend him and the minority leader for the arrangement that was made. This legislation upon which we work is almost impossible to go through each year, but we have done it. This year has been about as orderly as I have seen. I know the leader wanted to finish this bill last week, but it was just impossible to do, no matter what his wishes were. The work that the majority leader and Senator DASCHLE have done to allow us to get to this point has made it possible that the two managers could do the great work they have done to move this legislation along.

As I heard one Senator say last night, this is the Senate at its best. I

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believe we have had good, short debate and we have had some spirited voting. I hope we can continue that today, which I am confident we will, and make this one of the most productive weeks we have had in a long time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. I thank the assistant minority leader for his comments. Indeed, I believe that by 4 p.m. today the product we end up with will reflect the will of the Senate after adequate time for debate, discussion, and time for people to express both their feelings and their convictions. We will have a product of which we will all be proud, where neither side will agree with it in its entirety.

We have a lot of work to do. I appreciate the comments and look forward to a productive day.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Virginia.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. WARNER. Will the leader suggest perhaps what the order of the first few speakers might be? I see the Senator from Texas is in the Chamber. I understand the Senator from North Dakota is due to arrive shortly and then the Senator from Virginia could follow. Could that be a tentative arrangement?

Mr. REID. That would be certainly appropriate, if the Senator from Texas wishes to speak, and then if Senator DORGAN is on time, which I am confident he will be, then the Senator from Virginia could follow him. I put that in the form of a unanimous consent request.

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

#### 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 extend beyond the hour of 11:30 a.m., with the time to be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The Senator from Texas.

#### SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I thank the majority and minority leaders for setting aside this time for Senators to talk about events in the battlefield. While our troops are in the field in the Iraqi conflict, I certainly hope we will set aside an hour every morning for Senators to talk about happenings in the field, tributes to the troops, and other related incidents. I can think of no better way to start the

Senate every morning than to pay tribute to those who are in the field as we speak.

All of us have seen the graphic pictures on television of the sandstorm and our troops continuing to make their way forward toward Baghdad, even though the pictures show that it is so dark that even in the daytime they have been hampered by these horrendous sandstorms.

I am particularly moved by the prisoners of war and the missing in action. All of us were riveted this weekend to the television that showed our first prisoners taken. There have been quite graphic pictures of these prisoners taken by the Iraqis and published on television stations overseas. They have not, mostly, been published over here. Certain parts have not been published at all.

I say, first, that every single one of the missing or prisoners are from Texas bases, they are from Fort Bliss or Fort Hood—every single one of them.

I have talked to some of the families. I have tried to reach some but I have not been able to. But it really brings it home when you hear that this has happened and you feel as if you know these people because they are so close to home.

I want to reiterate what the President of the United States has said—all of our leaders. We hope the Iraqis will treat the prisoners of war as Americans are treating the Iraqi prisoners of war. Americans are giving the Iraqis medical treatment. They are giving them food and water. I think one of the most poignant early pictures from the field was a marine giving water from his canteen to an Iraqi soldier who had surrendered.

It is my fervent hope that the Iraqis will show a good side in complying with the Geneva Convention so they will not harm these prisoners or in any way treat them improperly, certainly not humiliate them in any way.

There will be more stories of heroism as we go through the coming days and weeks. Today I wish to share some remarks from British Army LTC Tim Collins, who spoke to his troops just before they moved into their first battle against Saddam's forces. These words are stirring and they give us a glimpse into the hearts of those who are carrying out the job in Iraq, who are doing the job so well, part of a coalition of freedom-loving people.

I don't think anyone in America will ever forget the incredible support of the British Government and the British Army. There are many other governments and armies that have come forward. We are up to 45 countries in support of this action, the last I heard. But I particularly was touched by Lieutenant Colonel Collins's speech to his men. He said:

There are some who are alive at this moment who will not be alive shortly. It is my foremost intention to bring every single one of you out alive, but there may be some

among us who will not see the end of this campaign. We will put them in their sleeping bags and send them back. There will be no time for sorrow. . . .

Those who do not wish to go on that journey, we will not send. As for the others, I expect you to rock their world. Wipe them out if that is what they choose. But if you are ferocious in battle, remember to be magnanimous in victory. It is a big step to take another human life. It is not to be done lightly. . . .

I know of men who have taken life needlessly in other conflicts. I can assure you they live with the mark of Cain upon them. If someone surrenders to you, then remember they have that right in international law and ensure that one day they can go home to their family. The ones who wish to fight, well, we aim to please. . . .

We go to liberate, not to conquer. We will not fly our flags in their country. Iraq is steeped in history. It is the site of the Garden of Eden, of the Great Flood and the birthplace of Abraham. Tread lightly there. . . .

You will see things that no man could pay to see and you will have to go a long way to find a more decent, generous and upright people than the Iraqis. You will be embarrassed by their hospitality even though they have nothing. . . .

Colonel Collins and his men formed the first battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment. Colonel Collins is from Belfast and most of his men are from Northern Ireland. We are very proud to have them among our coalition.

I think I speak for every American in saying we support our troops, we support our allies, and we support everything they are doing in the field as we are here, enjoying the freedom they are fighting to keep for us, for our children and our grandchildren.

We will never be able to fully repay the debt to those who have lost their lives, but we will always remember them. We will respect them. We will duly honor them as time goes by, as one of those brave souls in the history of our country who have allowed us to keep the freedom that is the beacon to the world.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from North Dakota.

#### THE BUDGET

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, 100 years from now, none of us will be here. I guess that is the bad news. We will all be dead a century from now. But those who are interested in who we were, what we were, what our value systems were about, could take a look at what we are doing here and determine a little something about what we thought was important.

Someone once asked the question, if you were charged with writing an obituary for someone else and knew nothing about them but had to write it from their check register—the only information you had about someone was their check register—how would you write their obituary? I suppose you would find out what they spent their money on, what they thought was important, what was their value system.