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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., a Senator from the State of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's opening prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Dr. Tim Smith, Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, AZ.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Shall we pray.

O Lord Most High and so near, before whom all the nations rise and fall, it is not mere custom that we begin with prayer, but our deep sense of need for You. On this April morning we cherish the memory of another April morning and the Minutemen of Lexington and Concord who answered the midnight cry of Paul Revere, and they took their stand and fired the shot heard round the world. We remember them and how bitterly our freedom has been won, and pray that same spirit for us today.

Spirit of the living God, breathe on this assembled body of free men and women, servants of the people. As You guided its sons and daughters of liberty in the past, so guide these here today for the sake of liberty everywhere, for America's sake, for conscience sake, for God's sake. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., 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 read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 19, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr., a Senator from the State of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I yield to the distinguished junior Senator from the State of Arizona, Mr. KYL.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Arizona is recognized.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I appreciate the majority leader yielding for the purpose of commenting for a moment about the guest Chaplain who just delivered the prayer, who happens to be the chaplain of my church in Paradise Valley. Let me speak a few words about Tim Smith and his service to our congregation.

He is the associate director of Congressional Ministries at Valley Church, and his expertise is ministries throughout the community. He has been a pastoral minister for over 25 years, serving as a hospice chaplain, a prison chaplain, and a bereavement counselor. In addition, he is a certified spiritual director and mentor and teacher to those who study spiritual direction. Tim and his wife Rita are members of Valley Presbyterian Church. They are parents of two sons, one of whom, incidentally, interned in my office in Phoenix, AZ.

It is also a special privilege for a guest Chaplain to be here, and I express my appreciation also to our Chaplain,

Dr. Barry Black, for his willingness and kindness in inviting Tim Smith to be with us today.

Mr. President, I welcome Tim Smith, Minister of Valley Presbyterian Church, to Washington and to the Senate.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

REMEMBERING THE WARSAW UPRISING

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the distinguished visiting Chaplain mentioned the Revolutionary War event, and that is memorable. Also, on this day I think it is important, to reflect on the Holocaust, that this day in 1943 was the beginning of the Warsaw Uprising at the Warsaw ghetto. As I recall, the Germans invaded Poland in 1939. They were, to say the least, brutal, especially against the Jews. In about 1941, as I recall, they cordoned off an area that was about 20 blocks by 6 blocks and ordered everyone out who was not Jewish and ordered all Jews from the whole large metropolitan area of Warsaw into that ghetto.

Word got out that the Jews had gathered some weapons, as they had done, minimal in number, and the German tanks came in on this day in 1943. Of course they were to wipe out the ghetto in 1 day, but these gallant Polish patriots, these Jews, held out for more than a month.

In the annals of history, it is one of the greatest acts of defiance against terrorism that exists. They did it with heroism and gallantry, and it is a day that we should recognize as being a day in the history of mankind where people stood up for what was right and against what was wrong.

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