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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 12 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank You for the life and legacy of former Senator Bob Bennett. Lord, we praise You for his diligence, integrity, intellect, and courage, for he has left exemplary footprints for us to follow. Be with his beloved widow Joyce, comforting her, his loved ones, and friends in their grief.

Lord, we also remember Sergeant Christopher Eney, Officer Jacob Chestnut, Detective John Gibson, and Sergeant Clinton Holtz of the U.S. Capitol Police, who gave the last full measure of devotion. Remind us that Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Today, give our lawmakers the singularity of heart to seek, find, and follow Your will so that their legacy will also be exemplary.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, we will return to the consideration of the energy security and water infrastructure funding bill today. As we do so, I wish to remind colleagues of the importance of returning to regular order and working through the appropriations process.

A return to regular order means empowering Senators from both sides to make more responsible judgments as to how taxpayer dollars are spent. It means allowing Senators to better represent the voices of their constituents throughout the legislative process. Beginning the process early means giving Senators from both sides more opportunity to debate and offer ideas they think might make these bills even better.

This is the way the appropriations process is supposed to work, and with a little cooperation, we can keep it moving forward this week.

The bill before us will support energy innovation and waterway infrastructure. It will promote commerce and public safety. It will help maintain our nuclear deterrence posture.

These are priorities that should be important to all of us. So let's continue to work today and move this bill forward.

REMEMBERING BOB BENNETT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow the Democratic leader and I will have the honor of celebrating Senator Bennett's life at a memorial service, but I also wish to say a few words about this dear friend and colleague now.

Bob Bennett said there are two kinds of Senators in Washington—workhorses and show horses. It is clear to anyone who knew him which path Senator Bennett followed. This former chaplain, entrepreneur, and CEO came to the Senate with a long resume and a formidable work effort. Over his 18 years of service, Bob typified the constructive player with the steady hand, the kind of Senator who preferred the low-key work of legislating to the bright lights of the media.

Bob worked hard to develop relationships in both parties, and he approached everything he did with creativity, with substance, and with honor.

Senator Bennett served as a member of our conference leadership team, sat on important committees, and pressed forward on a range of different issues.

He also shared my interest in the First Amendment. Bob would be the first to tell you that he viewed his most important job as being a husband. I think his wife Joyce felt the same way. In more than 50 years of marriage, the Bennetts worked together to raise six children. They were blessed with 20 grandchildren as well.

Many of us remember the active role Joyce played in the life of the Senate family over the years, and so we are

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thinking of her today. We are thinking of the entire Bennett family too.

The Senate honors the memory of Senator Bob Bennett. We will miss him greatly.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BARASSO). The Democratic leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING BOB BENNETT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, last Wednesday, the Senate lost one of its Members, our friend and colleague Bob Bennett. He passed away at his home in Arlington, VA.

There is a whole lot I can say about Bob Bennett. He was my friend. Landra and I were close to him and his lovely wife Joyce. As Senator MCCONNELL said, he was a three-term Senator. He was a scholar, author, and celebrated businessman. He took over this company, Franklin Quest—those little books that were so popular a number of years ago. It had four employees. Within 7 years, that company had 1,000 employees, and its income was \$100 million a year. Some of you will remember the little Franklin day planner we all had because of Senator Bennett.

When I think of Senator Bennett, courage comes to mind. He was one of the most courageous Senators with whom I served. He was a conservative Republican from a conservative State, Utah. A majority of the time he voted that way.

But Bob also firmly believed neither political party nor their differing ideologies had a monopoly on good governance, and he spoke about this openly. This is what he said during his farewell speech on the Senate floor:

The Democrats are the party of government. Going back to their roots with Franklin Roosevelt, they come to the conclusion that if there is a problem, government should solve that problem. The Republicans are the party of free markets, and they come to the conclusion that if there is a problem, it should be left to the markets to solve it. And they are both right. That is the thing I have come to understand here. There are some problems where government is the solution—but not always. There are some problems where free markets do provide the solution—but not always.

Bob Bennett practiced what he preached. In the fall of 2008, the global markets were in a free fall. The American economy was reeling. Something needed to be done.

President George W. Bush turned to Congress for help. Where else could he turn? We, the Congress, passed the Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, which prevented the collapse of our Nation's largest financial institutions. Despite the pressure from his own party, Senator Bennett voted for TARP. He voted to save our country and our economy. It was perhaps the most courageous vote ever cast in the Senate.

It didn't sit well with the tea party, which was very strong in Utah. They used the State's Republican primary to remove Senator Bennett from office. It is a very unusual procedure there. If it had been any other State in the Union, Bob Bennett would still be in the Senate.

But in spite of all of that, Bob was blessed with an unshakeable moral compass. He knew what he did was right, and he had no regrets. Time and a resurgent American economy had vindicated Senator Bennett's vote on TARP and other things.

I count myself very fortunate to have served with this good man. I will forever be grateful for him—this honorable, decent person who was my friend.

Today my thoughts are with his family, his wife Joyce, who is an accomplished flutist. She is a professional flute player.

On codels I took with Senator Bennett—I remember one where we left here and went to Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador—over the great lands that we passed and over the waters that we passed, often she would come and entertain us with her flute. She is a marvelous woman. I want her to know that Senator Bennett will be missed by the Senate, the people of Utah, our country, and me.

MAYORAL ELECTION IN LONDON, ENGLAND

Mr. REID. Mr. President, a notable thing happened this weekend across the Atlantic. The people of London, England, elected Sadiq Khan as the first Muslim mayor of their city. The mayor of the city of London is a Muslim, a proud Muslim. That election speaks to the openness and tolerance exhibited by England.

Let us not forget that England is a Protestant nation. According to the Nation's most recent census, the people of London are predominantly Christian. When London voters went to the polls, they refused to allow Mr. Khan's religion to be the deciding factor. They refused to give in to the bigotry and Islamic rhetoric that is plaguing American politics. Instead, Londoners voted for the candidate whom they thought would best represent their interests and who happened to be a Muslim.

The election of Sadiq Khan is an example of how a democracy should operate—independent of fear and prejudice. This is what he said yesterday:

I have spent my entire life encouraging minority communities to get involved in civil society, in mainstream politics. I've been fighting extremism and radicalization all my life. You should conduct politics in a positive way to enthruse people to get involved.

Many of us in the United States would do well to learn from Mayor Khan's example.

DONALD TRUMP AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Donald Trump is the Republican Presidential

nominee. Let's think about that—the party of Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and many other Republicans, such as Ronald Reagan and Dwight Eisenhower. The party of these great people nominated a misogynistic, anti-Latino, anti-Muslim, and anti-immigrant xenophobe. The party of Teddy Roosevelt nominated a billionaire con man who scams working people.

Donald Trump represents everything that Americans detest about a system that is rigged for the super-rich. Here is a person who was born into immense wealth, but he uses his father's fortune to rip people off and intimidate those who speak out against his shady business practices.

Here is a person who was gifted with the resources to make a difference in the world. He could be doing many things to improve the lives of working Americans. Instead, he has only worked to build his own celebrity, his own brand. He uses that fame as a bully pulpit to sow hatred and intolerance.

Yet, in spite of all of this, Donald Trump is now the Republican Party's Presidential nominee. He is no accident. His nomination is not some mistake. Donald Trump is the natural evolution of a party that spent 8 years honing a platform that is anti-immigrant, anti-woman, anti-Obama, and anti-working people.

It wasn't all that long ago that Republicans used to engage Democrats on policy. There was a time when we could work together on substantive legislation. I saw it. I felt it. It was wonderful.

But all that ended when President Obama was elected. Senator MCCONNELL ordered a total blockade of any policy proposed by President Obama and any Democrats. Led by Senator MCCONNELL, Republicans have abandoned the marketplace of ideas. They abandoned thoughtful policy for fear and resentment politics.

It didn't matter where these ideas came from. It didn't matter if they came from Republicans. Republican leaders repeated their one big line over and over: "Whatever President Obama proposes, even if it's a Republican idea, it cannot help you and will hurt you."

These are not my ideas. They have been written about and confirmed for years.

For Republicans, it wasn't about helping the American people anymore. It was all about embarrassing and humiliating President Obama and frustrating his agenda no matter the cost.

All the while, Donald Trump was watching as the Republican Party lost its identity and its moral compass. Trump watched as Republican leaders embraced the darkest elements of their party.

Now Trump is doing what he learned from Senator MCCONNELL and every other Republican leader for the past 8 years. Trump watched how Republicans in Congress treat American women. He saw Republicans block equal pay for