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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ALAN ARMSTRONG, a Senator from the State of Oklahoma.

PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we praise Your holy Name. Forgive us for the times when our fear has been greater than our faith, when worries have overshadowed our trust, and when we have looked more at our circumstances than at Your promises. Strengthen our hearts and renew our confidence in You, knowing that You are able to do more than we can ask or imagine.

Lord, remind our lawmakers that You are the same God who has guided Your people through every step, the same God who makes a way when there seems to be no way, and the same God whose grace is sufficient for every trial they face. When burdens grow heavy, teach our Senators to cast their cares on You, trusting that You care for them.

We pray in Your wonderful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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. GRASSLEY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 10, 2026.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ALAN ARMSTRONG, a Senator from the State of Oklahoma, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. ARMSTRONG thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

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

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Anthony J. Powell, of Kansas, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

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

WORKING FAMILIES TAX CUT ACT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, it has been almost a year since Republicans passed the Working Families Tax Cut,

1 year since Republicans delivered permanent tax relief to the American people and put more money in their pockets.

I am proud to say that it is working. At the start of this year, hard-working Americans saw their take-home pay go up as the new tax law took effect. They saw its impact again in April when they filed their taxes. Many Americans saw a significant boost in their tax refunds.

The New York Times interviewed three dozen Americans, who reported that "many of the taxpayers said they had received their largest refund in years," allowing them to pay down debt, save more, or cover the cost of a vacation or a new bed.

Last week, we got yet more news that shows that the Working Families Tax Cut is working. The Treasury Department released data showing that 97 percent of Americans who filed taxes this last year actually got a tax cut. Take a look at that. That is a pretty stunning number, if you think about it—97 percent. Thanks to the Working Families Tax Cut, 97 percent of taxpayers got a tax cut this year, collectively saving about \$82 billion on their tax bills.

And who was it—who was it—that benefited from the Working Families Tax Cut? Well, I will give you a hint. It is in the name: working families. Almost every one of the 97 percent of American taxpayers who saw a tax cut this year earned less than \$200,000. Nearly 70 percent earned less than \$100,000.

So if you take a look at this chart, you will be able to see just exactly what I am talking about. If you look at the dark-blue line, those are the number of people who are making less than \$100,000 a year who benefited from the new tax deductions in this bill. And if you look at the light one, that is the number of people under \$200,000 who got a benefit. I will get into each of those specifics here in just a minute,

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