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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

PRAYER

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

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise, the kingdom, the power, and the glory belong to You. Make us to lie down in green pastures and lead us beside still waters.

Lord, forgive us for peaceful talk and belligerent attitudes. In their quest for the best for all people, sensitize our lawmakers' consciences to hear Your voice, obey Your precepts, and to embrace justice, righteousness, and peace. Deliver them from that pride that refuses to acknowledge Your rule among the nations. Let integrity be the hallmark of their character. Help them to see that real security is found only in You.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN 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. INOUYE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U. S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

Washington, DC, September 28, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEANNE SHAHEEN, a

Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUYE,
President pro tempore.

Mrs. SHAHEEN 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. REID. Following any leader remarks, there will be a period of morning business until 11:10 this morning, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, during which Senators may make tributes to the late Senator Ted Stevens.

At 11:10 a.m., there will be 20 minutes for debate prior to a rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3816, the Creating American Jobs and Ending Offshoring Act, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees. At 11:30 a.m., the Senate will proceed to a rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the offshoring bill. If cloture is not invoked, there would be a second vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 3081, the legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution.

As a reminder, former Senator Ted Stevens will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery at 1 p.m. today. Buses will depart the Senate steps at 12:15 p.m. today.

HONORING ARLEN SPECTER

Mr. REID. Madam President, as I came into the Chamber, I saw my friend ARLEN SPECTER standing behind

me. There will be other times I will say more about ARLEN SPECTER, but I think it is appropriate to say a few words today about ARLEN SPECTER. After the beginning of the year, he will no longer be with us as a Senator.

I have followed very closely his career. I have read his book—he has written a number, but I read the book about his life—and it was fascinating, about his prosecutorial skills in Pennsylvania.

We all know of his academic approach to the law in the Senate. When he comes to the floor, he is someone who speaks after having given serious, long thought to what he was going to talk about, as I am sure he will today. I have spoken in recent days with him at great length about something he strongly believes in; that is, making the Supreme Court something the American people can identify with by having cameras in and watching the arguments before the Supreme Court, not having to read a stale transcript but listen to the give-and-take of the lawyers and the Court.

As I said, I will have a lot more to say about ARLEN SPECTER at some time in the future, but I have appreciated his astute awareness of the law and his being so good to me. It doesn't matter whether he is a Democrat or a Republican, he is a Senator who I think is exemplary.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

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

A POLITICAL EXERCISE

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, the American people have been speaking out for a year and a half. They have wanted Democrats in Washington to focus on the economy and on jobs. What they got instead was a budget

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