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PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, great is Your faithfulness. All that we have and are is Your gift to us. Gratitude is the memory of the heart. We remember Your goodness to us in the friends and fellow workers who enrich our lives.

Today we want to thank You for those who make it possible for this Senate to do its work so effectively. We praise You for the parliamentarians and clerks, the staff in the cloakrooms, the reporters of debate, the doorkeepers, Capitol Police, elevator operators, food service personnel, and those in environmental services. And Lord, the Senators would be the first to express gratitude for their own staffs who make it possible for them to accomplish their work.

As a Senate family we join in deep appreciation and affirmation of Elizabeth Letchworth as at the end of August she retires as Secretary for the Minority. We praise You for this distinguished leader, outstanding professional, loyal friend to so many, and faithful employee of the Senate for 26 years. From her years as a Senate page to the position of an officer of the Senate, and in all the significant positions she has held in between, she has displayed a consistent dedication to You and patriotism in her service to our Nation through her work in the Senate. Bless her and her husband, Ron, as they begin a new phase in the unfolding adventure of their lives. Lord, thank You for the privilege of work and good friends with whom we share the joy of working together.

You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L. J. Ogilvie".