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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN CORNYN, a Senator from the State of Texas.

### PRAYER

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

Let us pray.

Lord, today, teach us the wisdom of humility. Remind us that all of our abilities come from You. Help us to see that we need one another and that no person is sufficient unto himself or herself.

May we follow Your example of sacrificial service to humanity, as we strive to commit ourselves to causes

that will continue beyond our lifetime. Teach us also the power of silence that gives weight to our words when it is time to speak. Empower us with the lowliness of kindness that people will see Your image in us.

Bless our Senators. Make them instruments of Your will on Earth. Place Your truth in their minds, Your love in their hearts, and Your compassion on their lips. We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN CORNYN 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. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

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ROBERT W. NEY, *Chairman.*

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