CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — SENATE
SENATE—Tuesday, March 27, 1979
(Legislative day of Thursday, February 22, 1979)

The Senate met at 12 o'clock meridian, on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

PRAYER

The Rabbi Lester M. Miller, Congregation Beth Israel, New Orleans, La., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

He who giveth salvation unto kings and dominions and unto princes, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, may He bless the Senate of the United States of America and all their families.

Put in their hearts a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord that they may govern our country with love and mercy. Guard them from evil and guide their paths in righteousness for Thy name sake.

In this time of peace, we pray Thee, remind us that peace is the only vessel of Thy blessings and all who love peace and strive for it are surely doing Thy holy work.

O Lord of mercy, we call Thy special blessing today upon our country, the United States of America, for the dream of freedom it has given to the oppressed of the world for while the gates of America are open all people and all races can hope and dream for human rights and for the growth of the human spirit.

In this time of national challenge when we are striving to meet the growing needs of our people, we beseech Thee, O Lord, who neither slumber nor sleep, guard us from any trouble and distress, all pain and disease. Protect our President and Vice President and all the officers of the Government of our land.

Speedily and in Thy days, may Thy kingdom of brotherhood be established upon the Earth with all mankind dwelling in peace and serenity, harmony and love and let us say: Amen.

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. MANSUR).

The legislative clerk reads the following letter:

U.S. SENATE
President pro tempore

To the Senate:
Under the provisions of rule 1, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Adlai E. STEVENSON, Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of President pro tempore.

WARREN G. MANSUR
President pro tempore.

Mr. STEVENSON thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP

The ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE. Under the previous order, the acting majority leader is recognized.

THE JOURNAL

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Journal of the proceedings be approved as printed.

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Mr. President, I reserve the remainder of my time.

RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP

The ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE. Under the previous order, the minority leader is recognized.

Mr. BAKER. I thank the Chair.

A HISTORIC SERIES OF EVENTS

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, yesterday it was my privilege to witness the signing ceremonies for the treaty between Egypt and Israel, attested and sponsored by the United States of America. Last evening, it was my privilege to attend a state banquet, hosted by President and Mrs. Carter, for the President of Egypt and the Prime Minister of Israel and their respective parties.

Today, it has been my special privilege to join with the distinguished majority leader in welcoming Prime Minister Begin and his party and President Sadat and his party to the Senate of the United States to visit with our colleagues and friends.

This is a historic series of events. Mr. President, I have spoken earlier of my congratulations to President Carter for his dedication and personal efforts to bring about this situation. I spoke further on those points today, and I ask unanimous consent that my remarks in those respects may appear in the Record at this point.

There being no objection, the remarks were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

WELCOME TO PRESIDENT SADAT

Mr. President, it is an honor for me to join in welcoming you once again to Washington and to the United States Senate on this great day of celebration.

It has been many years now since the historic peace in the Middle East, the late Golda Meir, predicted that when an Israeli and an Egyptian sat down face to face, there would be peace.

It is my deepest hope that the triumph of peace this day may be only the prelude to lasting peace and prosperity for 125 million citizens of the Middle East, and that others will soon see the wisdom which you have seen, Mr. President, in choosing peace over war.

WELCOME TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN

Mr. Prime Minister, it is an honor for me to join in welcoming you once again to the White House, you and President Sadat, and for President Carter.

Each of you has gone beyond all reasonable expectation of personal effort to see this agreement reached.

Each of you has taken great risks in pursuing these negotiations against enormous odds.

Each of you has earned the praise and respect of your countrymen and of people everywhere who cherish every foot of peace in this hostile and dangerous world.

Your whole life, Mr. Prime Minister, has been one of trial and suffering and constant struggle. That the day of peace has come must give you a surpassing joy, which we are pleased to share with you.

You are a great leader of a great people, and we are honored by your presence with us today.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements of inferences which are not spoken by the Member on the floor.