

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 Senators 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 bid Thee, O Lord, who neither slumbers nor sleeps, 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. MAGNUSON).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, D.C., March 27, 1979.

To the Senate:
Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ADLAI E. STEVENSON, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
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 to date.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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, on yesterday it was my privilege to attend 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 official 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 commendations to President Carter for his dedicated, sustained, 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 the United States Senate to welcome you here today.

Two thousand years ago, the statesman-philosopher Seneca said, "It is in the interest of the commonwealth of mankind that there be some one who is unconquered, some one against whom fortune has no power."

In our modern age, Mr. President, you have shown yourself to be the man against whom fortune has no power.

The peace we celebrate today between the two great nations of Egypt and Israel simply could not have come to pass without the memorable demonstration of personal and political courage which your his-

toric journey to Jerusalem seventeen months ago represented.

In the splendor and comfort of this room, in an atmosphere so charged with good will and admiration, it is important for us here to remember the enormous risks you have taken in the cause of peace, and to make our own covenant with you that your courage will not have been in vain.

While this treaty represents a towering milestone in the search for peace in the Middle East, we recognize that it is really only the beginning, the first step toward stability and harmony in a region weary of war but wary of peace.

We know that to make the region truly secure, other nations must join this process which Egypt and Israel have begun, and must demonstrate the same extraordinary courage and the same revolution in thought which you and Prime Minister Begin, and our own President Carter, have nobly displayed.

We understand the anger, the prejudice, the mistrust which have ruled the Middle East for centuries, and we seek to expel rather than exploit those forces.

We seek to form an alliance for the common good of the region, to convert the burden of constant war into the blessings of lasting peace.

We stand ready, I believe, to encourage and nurture and, to the extent we can, reward every step toward peace which the nations of the Middle East are willing to make.

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 Washington and to the United States Senate on this great day of celebration.

It has been many years now since the beloved former Prime Minister of Israel, the late Golda Meir, predicted that when an Israeli and an Egyptian sat down face to face, there would be peace.

That day at last has come, and the prophecy is fulfilled. Yesterday at the White House, you and President Sadat of Egypt signed a covenant of peace, and the world has cause to rejoice.

These are days of exquisite personal triumph for you, for 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 gratitude of your countrymen and of people everywhere who cherish every foothold 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.

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