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OF

# JAMES B. BECK,

(A SENATOR FROM KENTUCKY).

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The **PRESIDENT** *pro tempore*. The Chair will announce as the honorary pall bearers on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Morrill, Sherman, Allison, Hale, McPherson, Vest, Pugh, and Gibson.

At 12 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m. the members of the House of Representatives, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms and Clerk and headed by the Speaker, entered the Senate Chamber. The Speaker was escorted to a seat at the right of the President *pro tempore* of the Senate, the Clerk at the Secretary's desk, and the members of the House were escorted to the seats on the floor provided for them.

They were soon followed by the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the diplomatic corps, and the President and his Cabinet officers, who were respectively escorted to the seats assigned them on the floor of the Senate Chamber.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the casket containing the remains of the deceased Senator was brought into the Senate Chamber, preceded by the Chaplain of the Senate and Rev. J. J. Bullock, D. D., escorted by the committee of arrangements of the two Houses and the pall bearers, and followed by members of the family and friends of the deceased, the Chaplain reading appropriate Scriptural selections.

Rev. J. J. Bullock, D. D., read the ninetieth Psalm, after which he offered the following prayer:

Almighty and most merciful God, our Heavenly Father, we come before Thee this morning with our hearts filled with sorrow to perform the last sad offices of piety and affec-

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tion towards a beloved friend, whose body lies incoffined and is soon to be borne for burial to his own beloved State of Kentucky. We mingle our tears and sympathies with his sorrowing and bereaved family. We rejoice that we have a great High Priest to be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, to sympathize with us in every time of affliction, and who invites all the suffering ones to cast their sorrows upon Him, for He careth for us.

We thank Thee, O God, for all the goodness and mercy which have attended our friend during his long and eventful life, and that he has left a rich legacy to his family and friends, a legacy of an honorable and useful life; that such was his character and such his manner of life that a nation mourns his loss and the State which he long and faithfully represented will never forget to honor his memory.

Most gracious God, we beseech Thee to console, with the consolation which Thou alone canst bestow, his bereaved family. May they bow in humble submission to this dispensation of Thy providence which so afflicts the heart, knowing that thou doest all things well.

We pray that this event, this solemn and sudden death, may make a lasting impression upon his brother Senators and upon all others high in authority, teaching them the shortness and uncertainty of life and the importance of being prepared for departure; for we know neither the day nor the hour when we shall be called hence.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom: God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and give us pardon, peace, and eternal life: Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.