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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 1996, at 12 noon.

Senate

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1996

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable SHEILA FRAHM, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

PRAYER

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

Gracious God, thank You for the serendipities You arrange, those unusual surprises in usual circumstances. You delight to surprise us with interventions and inspiration we do not expect. In a timely way, You guide our thoughts with wisdom and insight we could not have discovered on our own. You help us untie knotty problems and we are amazed, wondering why we had not thought of the solutions You provide. You use people to help us, to bolster our esteem, and to communicate Your love in remarkable ways. You have given us a life full of surprises.

Now as we begin a new day we want to live expectantly, open for what You will do or give. We are so thankful for Your goodness. May it give us a very positive attitude toward what's ahead today. Banish our grimness with Your grace. Dear God, it's great to be alive and have the privilege to serve you. We report in for duty with delight.

And yet, as we do our work in the relative safety and quiet of the Nation's Capitol, we are acutely aware that life today for many Americans living on the Southeastern seaboard of our Nation will be filled with danger and destruction in the wake of Hurricane Fran. We ask for Your protection and for Your intervention to bring this crisis to an end. Thank You that we can turn to You for help in all the storms

of life, whether they are in our hearts or in the winds of a hurricane. In the name of our Lord and Savior. 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. THURMOND].

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 6, 1996.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SHEILA FRAHM, a Senator from the State of Kansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Senator FRAHM thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Iowa.

SCHEDULE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, for the information of all Senators, this morning the Senate will be debating Senator KENNEDY's employment discrimination bill. In accordance with the agreements reached last night, there will be no rollcall votes during

today's session. Following the 3 hours of debate this morning, there will then be a period for morning business, with Senator COVERDELL in control of the time between 12:30 and 1:30 and Senator DASCHLE in control of the time between 1:30 and 2:30.

The Senate will then adjourn over until Monday, at which time the Senate will begin debate on the Defense authorization conference report. As a reminder, the vote on the adoption of that report is to occur on Tuesday. Therefore, there will be no rollcall votes during Monday's session of the Senate.

On Tuesday, prior to the policy conferences, the Senate will be debating the Defense of Marriage Act.

All Senators should be aware that at 2:15 on Tuesday, the Senate will begin several rollcall votes, the first vote being on the Defense authorization conference report, to be followed by a vote on the Defense of Marriage Act, and following 30 minutes of debate, a vote on Senator KENNEDY's bill.

At the conclusion of those votes, the Senate will begin consideration of the Treasury-Postal appropriations bill. Senators can expect additional votes throughout Tuesday in an attempt to complete action on that bill.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Leader time is reserved.

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