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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, October 16, 2000, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2000

(Legislative day of Friday, September 22, 2000)

The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, Sovereign of our beloved Nation, we thank You for the women and men who serve in the United States Navy. Today, we celebrate the 225th birthday of the Navy with them, veterans of naval service, and the Members of this Senate who hold cherished memories of their own service in the Navy. We remember the words of John Paul Jones, the father of the Navy, "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight." He defied defeat and surrender on that day in 1779 and gave the Navy not only a motto for heroism but an example of courage that has remained strong during war as well as in peacetime service to our Nation.

Yet, Lord, our celebration of this birthday of the Navy is mingled with grief for the sailors of the U.S.S. *Cole*

who were killed, injured, or are missing as a result of an explosion in the destroyer as it was pulling into Aden, Yemen. Dear Father, be with the sailors' families and friends at this time of loss.

Lord, our minds drift back to the gallantry of the Navy in American history. May the men and women of the Navy know of the profound gratitude and esteem this Senate has for them.

And Lord, we could not celebrate the Navy's birthday without a special expression of thanks to You for our own friend and doctor, Admiral John Eisold, the physician for the Members and officers of the Congress. Bless him and all of the Navy personnel on this special day. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TED STEVENS, a Senator from the State of Alaska, 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.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Mississippi.

SCHEDULE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, in behalf of the majority leader, I am pleased to announce that today the Senate will begin debate on the conference report to accompany the Agriculture appropriations bill.

Under a previous order, debate on the conference report is limited to today's session, the session on Tuesday, and a brief period on Wednesday morning.

The vote on the Agriculture appropriations conference report is scheduled to occur at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Although no votes are scheduled for Tuesday at this time, votes could occur on Tuesday, if necessary.

The Senate may also consider any legislative or Executive Calendar items available for action during today's session.

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