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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2002

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HERB KOHL, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin.

PRAYER

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

Gracious God, You have promised, *"It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."*—(Isaiah 65:24).

Gently, but persistently, Your Spirit stirs our spirits, creating a hunger and thirst for You. Prayer is not our search for You. You are in search of us! We remember Pascal's words, "I would not be searching for Thee, hast Thou not already found me." You always instigate the conversation we call prayer. The stirring in our souls creating a desire to pray is Your wake-up call. Long before we think of praying, You are thinking of us. Thank You for reminding us,

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, . . . thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."—(Jeremiah 29:11).

The burdens of leadership are great, but Your faithfulness is always greater. Blessed burden lifter, strengthen the Senators for the challenges of this day. You, Dear God, are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HERB KOHL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 1, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HERB KOHL, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I do not want to get everyone's hopes up because it is up to the majority leader and the Republican leader, but I think there is a very good chance we can finish business sometime today or tonight and not have to work tomorrow.

The Senate at 10:30 this morning will vote. Prior to that vote at 10:30 a.m., the time will be equally divided and controlled between the proponents and opponents of the trade conference report.

At 2 p.m., by previous order, we will interrupt debate postcloture on the conference report to return to the DOD appropriations bill to wrap up action on that important measure. The only issue remaining then is the McCain amendment regarding the leasing of aircraft. After a brief period of debate, the Senate will then conclude action on that bill. The motion to table the McCain amendment has already been made.

Once those who oppose and support the trade conference report have had their opportunity to air their positions, the leader has indicated he is hopeful we can arrange a time certain for a vote on adoption of the conference report.

Senators are also alerted to the possibility that rollcall votes could occur on confirmation of judges later today. Senator LEAHY is indisposed this morning. He is attending a funeral.

Also, discussions are underway on how we will proceed to the homeland security legislation. While cloture was filed on the motion to proceed to the bill last night, the cloture vote on Friday may not be necessary.

I indicate the majority leader and I have been in contact at some length with the President pro tempore of the Senate, Senator BYRD, regarding that matter. We hope to have that resolved with a unanimous consent request sometime this morning.

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